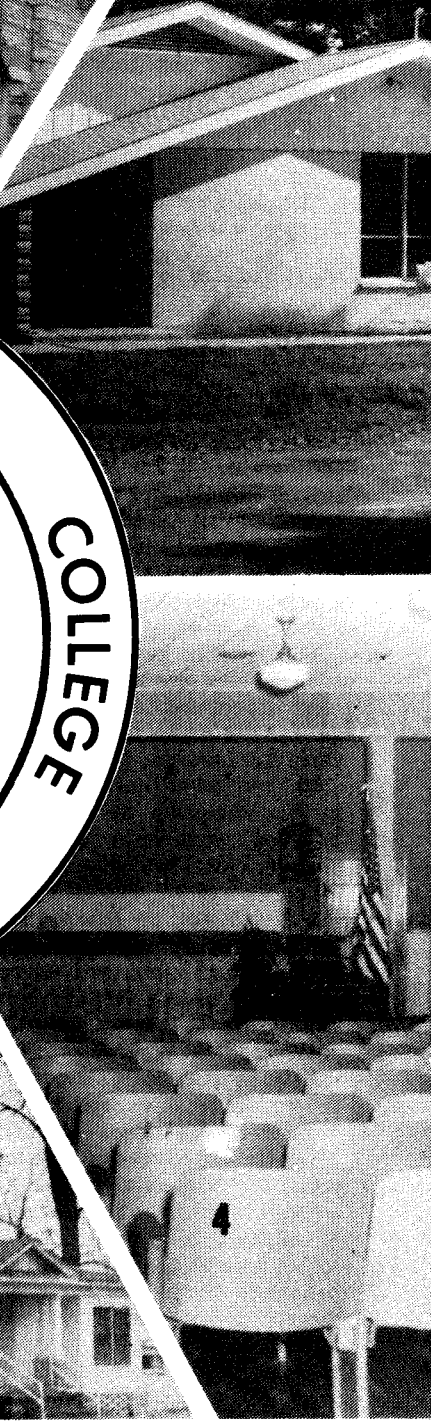
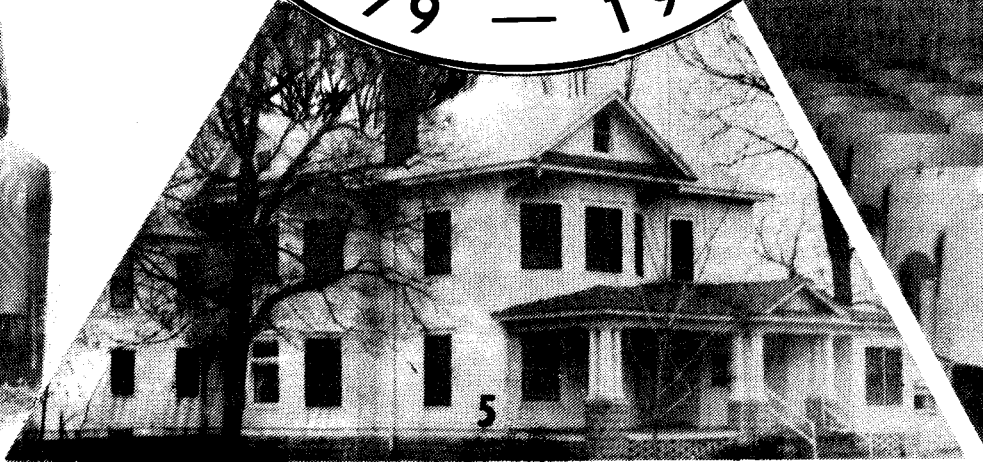
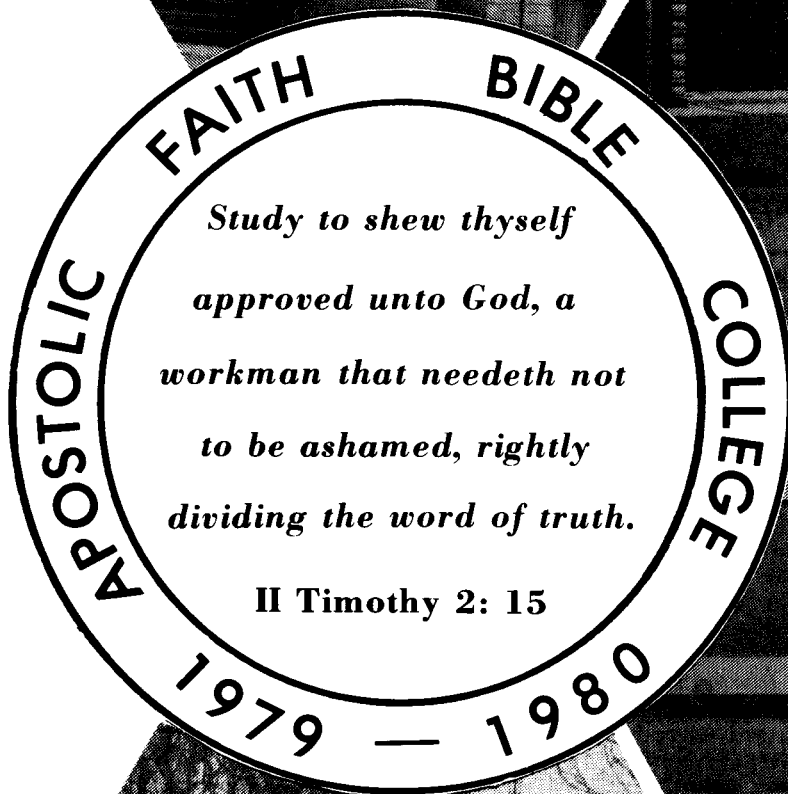


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2. Chapel

3. Girls Dorm

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5. Bible School Home

EDITORIAL VOICE

This month I would simply like to present unto you some of the precious Word of God. Living in these last days we need to "buy the truth and sell it not" and "hide it's word in our hearts that we might not sin against God." It is my prayer that these wonderful words will be a lamp unto your feet and a light unto your pathway. God bless each of you as you labor for the Master.

JAMES
Chapter 1

(1) James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting. (2) My brethren count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; (3) Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. (4) But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing (5) If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. (6) But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. (7) For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. (8) A double minded man is unstable in all his ways. (9) Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted: (10) But the rich, in that he is made low: because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away. (11) For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth: so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways. (12) Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. (13) Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: (14) But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. (15) Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. (16) Do not err, my beloved brethren. (17) Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. (18) Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. (19) Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: (20) For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. (21) Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. (22) But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. (23) For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: (24) For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. (25) But whose looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. (26) If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. (27) Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

Doctrinal Teachings Of The Apostolic Faith

Trinity of the God—Head

1 John 5:7

Repentance [Act of Man]

Mark 1: 14*-15

2 Peter 3:9

Acts 3:19

Conversion [Justification] [Act of God]

Matt. 18:3

Acts 13:38, 39

II Cor. 5:17

Consecration [Act of Man]

Romans 12: 1,2

Sanctification [Act of God]

[A second definite work of grace]

Heb. 13: 12,13

Ephesians 5: 25*-27

I Thess. 5:23

Baptism of the Holy Ghost

Luke 3:16

Acts 1:5

Acts 2:4

Acts 10:45, 46

Divine Healing

Matt. 4:23

I Peter 2:24

James 5: 14-16

Ordinances

Water Baptism [by immersion]

Matt. 28:19

Romans 6: 3,4

The Lords Supper

Matt. 26: 26-28

I Cor. 11: 23-30

Feet Washing

John 13: 4-5, 14

NO Divorce and Remarriage

Luke 16:18

I Cor. 7:39

Second Coming of Christ

John 14:3

Acts 2:11

Matt. 24:30

Thousand Year Reign of Christ

Rev. 20:6

Rev. 20:4

Conditional Immortality

[Life through Christ]

John 10:10

I John 5:11, 12

Romans 2:7

Destruction of the Wicked

Matt. 7:13

II Thes. 1:7-9

Romans 6:23

Mal. 4:1

Tithes and Offerings

Mal. 3:8, 10

Luke 11:42

APOSTOLIC FAITH BIBLE COLLEGE *announces its*

FALL SEMESTER
August 13—December 14, 1979

SPRING SEMESTER
January 7—May 8, 1980

GENERAL INFORMATION

This is a Faith School, made available to all who want an opportunity to study God's word in a spiritual atmosphere.

A high academic, college level standard is maintained through 9 months of concentrated study.

FALL SEMESTER 1979

Prophecy I
Doctrine I
Old Testament History
Major Prophets
Youth and Child Evangelism
Acts
Evangelism I
Music Appreciation I
Church History
Choir
Piano
Organ
Art

SPRING SEMESTER 1980

Prophecy II
Doctrine II
New Testament
Minor Prophets
Sunday School Methods
Pauline Epistles
Music Appreciation II
Evangelism II

Christian Ministeries
Choir
Piano
Organ
Art

We desire to maintain a high level of spirituality—prayer must be a great part of the school.

ACCOMMODATIONS

This school is supported entirely by free will offerings and gifts, without solicitation or collections.

Meals are served to all as the Lord provides.

Students furnish personal effects including linens.

Dormitories for single students provided.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

1. In harmony with the Spirit and purpose of the school.
2. Be willing to accept detailed work.
3. Abide by school regulations.
4. Each student will be required to take at least four subjects. Two of these must be Bible subjects.

All students are required to maintain a passing grade.

Thus, shall the gospel go forth

BOX 110
BAXTER SPRINGS, KANSAS 66713
Lyndel Arnall, Superintendent

Dear Friends of the Movement,

We are anxiously looking forward to another nine month term of Bible School, beginning August 13th. We felt like the Lord has been so gracious to us and has given the movement some fine young men and women to labor in the churches.

Our facilities are always open to those who are interested in studying the Bible. We encourage all of the graduates to consider a term of school, in order to establish a firm foundation in their Christian life.

Please support the school with your prayers. Remember, work week will precede the opening of school.

In Christian Service,
Lyndel Arnall
Superintendent



Kingman, Kansas

We appreciated the Bible College Choir coming to sing for us and share their testimony with us in the spring. May God continue to bless and use each one to His glory. We welcome Jack and Jane Wimer back into our community. We enjoyed a church picnic and time of fellowship and games in the city park in the early summer. Three of our teen-age young ladies attended youth camp in Laverne. They returned with good reports. Bill Largen ministered to us June 10th while our pastor and family were away on vacation. Sister Delmer Cox has been bringing us rich lessons on the gifts of the Holy Spirit. It behooves each one who is filled with the Holy Spirit to press on to the deeper things of God.

Melvin and Lavone Shepherd, Pastors
Nyla Myers, Reporter

Pampa, Texas

We are still on the map and still praising God for all the Good things He does for us. We have had illness in the Church but God has delivered and we still have two prayer requests and that is for Jimmie Gilliam and Mrs. Crow. Our Pastor is at Youth Camp and will be next week also. But we have able men in the Board of Trustees who take care of the services while he is away.

We have our new sign and it is up and we are thankful for that. We have not had any out of town visitors lately. We will have our regular yearly meeting of the Church on June 20, 1979. So pray that we stay in the very center of God's will.

Keith Barker, Pastor
Anabel Simmons, Reporter

West Purcell Apostolic Faith Mission

Greetings from Purcell in the name of the wonderful Jesus. We are so very thankful for the good Revival services Brother and Sister Jake Regier held for us May 27-June 3. The Lord was present to bless all in each service. We appreciated the good help of some of the Bible School students also, which was a blessing to all. We are happy to have some new folks coming to the services and trust we will be a blessing to one another. Please continue to pray for Mr. Wilkins and Janie Hostler who are in need for spirit, soul, and body. We are thankful that God is able to meet the every need. Remember us all in your prayers, we are all needy creatures in His sight. May God help us to see ourselves as he sees us, which will make us realize just how needy we are. So let us all draw nigh to God that he might draw nigh to us.

George Hintergardt—Pastor

Dickinson, Texas

It was a revival. Many were invited. Few attended. As always there were many who Promised to attend but never made it, and many who had no time to spare. It continues to amaze me how everyone can find time daily for natural feedings, but cannot find time once a week for a Spiritual feeding. Some could say the revival was unsuccessful, but for those in attendance, it was a great success. The Lord's blessings were bountiful. Topics discussed were salvation, sanctification and healing. The word was annointed by the Holy Spirit and made beautiful and meaningful to all.

Our guest speaker was Savoy Grimmer. In attendance with him was Steve Arnall, who led the singing and brought some wonderful special singings. These two young men were sent of the Lord and were a real blessing to all our lives. We enjoyed the fellowship we had with them and look forward to their return on June 6th on a singing tour.

We thank the Lord for their lives and pray their continuance in the Lord's service.

Dee Boles, Reporter

Joplin, Missouri

Again we are praising the Lord for His bountiful blessings. We closed a vacation Bible School with a program and ice cream supper on Friday, June 8. There were 40 children enrolled with several coming to visit. The theme was "Jesus, I'm His, He's Mine." There was such a good spirit in the school and the Lord blessed every effort that was made. We especially want to thank Sister Mary Oakes who did a terrific job in conducting the school this year. We could never have done it without her. We are made to realize the importance of daily prayer and Bible study for the coming of the Lord is so very near.

Neil Ragan—Pastor

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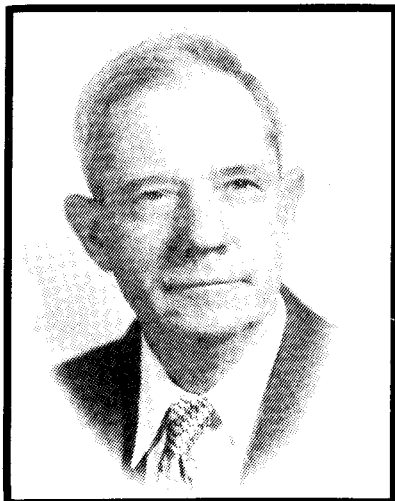


Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Bard of Seneca, Missouri announce the birth of a son, Michael Justin, on May 13, 1979 in Joplin, Missouri. He weighed 8 pounds 2 ounces, and was 21 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Emery Oakes of Seneca, Missouri. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James Bard of Joplin, Missouri.

Rev. and Mrs. Alvin Buschman announce the birth of their second son, Keith Allen. Keith was born May 22, 1979, weighing 9 pounds and was 21 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Benny Buschman of Stinnett, Texas. Great-grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. George Hintergardt, Baxter Springs, Kansas, Mrs. J. W. Buschman, Stinnett, Texas and Mrs. Parker Dixon, Booker, Texas. Keith's brother is 2 year old Paul.



SOL A. GETZ



A kind Daddy and husband
 A fellow worth while
 He carried a message
 In that tiny smile
 We will miss him we know
 But he is resting there
 Away from all heart ache
 Free from all care
 We won't ask him back
 This Dad we know
 But we will remember his nod
 As onward we go.

Evangelist Sol A. Getz was born to William and Catherine Miller Getz, December 13, 1892, at Beecher City, Illinois. He went to meet his Master at the Laird Memorial Hospital at Kilgore, Texas May 15, 1979, at the age of 86 years, 5 months, and 2 days. He accepted Christ as his Savior and ministered for his Lord for 45 years.

When he was a young child he moved with his parents to Hunter, Oklahoma. Later they moved to Ellis County where he grew to manhood. On December 25, 1913, he was married to Alma McKee. They observed their 65th wedding anniversary December 25, 1978.

In 1916, they moved to Colorado in a covered wagon. They lived there 9 years before moving back to Oklahoma.

To this union was born 6 children. Preceding him in death were 4 children; his parents and 3 brothers and 2 sisters. Also, two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Leaving to mourn his death is his wife of Overton, Texas; two daughters, Bertha Hamilton of Gage, Oklahoma, and Mildred Day of Overton, Texas; eight grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren. Two sisters, Ruth Chambers of Hutchinson, Kansas and Byrdie Hamilton of Shattuch, Oklahoma; several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Funeral services were held Friday, May 18, 1979 at 2 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Booker, Texas. Rev. Elmer Christensen and Rev. M. D. Methvin officiated with interment at Sophia Cemetery, Beaver, Oklahoma.

BE A SOLDIER OF THE CROSS

Endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. We are living a military age and most of the young men and many of the older have seen duty in one way or another and have honored their country and flag courageously.

In the first place a soldier must forget the things of home and occupation. He cannot sit quietly at his beloved home and fireside, and yet go to battle. Leaving all to follow Jesus is acceptable in God's sight and will make you a blessing to the thousands to whom God sends you. Following Jesus can be a happy surprise. It far out sets the pleasures of sin, of the dance and of hard drinks. As you enter the drafting age there is a compulsion of registration. Then the call, a few days to set things in order and you are gone. not if it is your desire or convenience, but your country has called. Homes are thus uprooted and a new life or way of living must come to those involved. Can we not therefore rise above the nummering, complaining stage and walk as a good soldier and work in his vineyard. Toil if you must—God knows the way he has chosen for you and will not over tax you. Work and serve religiously and righteously while you may. While the bloom of youth and the strength of younger years can be at your command. Do not try to put other things first, but put God and his plan for you first. You'll have no regrets.

God does not conscript, force nor compel. All of his soldiers are volunteers. Of their own valition. Rebellion often works a hardship on a person and his loved ones as well, yet each of us are free to do that which seems good in his eyes.

Consecration calls for our service, our talents and our testimonies. A good soldier answers his country's call to go any place under the shining sun. One requirement of a good soldier is top physical condition. Now the Lord has called every baby to himself—every age, younger and older from all walks of life. Many remain at home, a witness to old friends, neighbors and relations. Others go afar.

By the late Gail W. Schultz

Pearls Of Promise

Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.

Phillipians 1:6

Not everyone saying Lord, Lord, in Heaven will be seen,
 Just those that have repented and have garments white and clean.

There are rules that one must follow and by God's laws abide,
 The words of the Holy Bible points the way to the inside.

He will obey his commandments with love in our heart,
 In our mouth no guile be found and from evil depart.
 When walking in the footsteps of Jesus our soon coming King.
 Heaven will be cheap at any price when around the throne we sing.

by Jeanie Mullins

THE HARVEST by Pearl Menke

In Galatians 6:7-8 we are told, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap Corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." The farmer while sowing his wheat looks forward to a big harvest. Many times we wonder why so many things come in our lives as they do; when some of it is what we have carelessly sown.

A friend was telling me one time of her experience when she was a small girl. Her father had prepared a large patch for some beans. He then asked her and her brother to plant the beans. He gave them a line to go by and a hoe to make straight rows. He told them just how he wanted it done, promising them if they made straight rows he could plow them with the team.

They started out just fine, intending to do just like he said, being very careful to use the line just like he said. Until they grew tired. They decided they did not need the line, thinking they could make the rows straight enough without the line to go by. Which they did until they decided they had to quit. So digging a big hole they buried the rest of the beans. Never thinking there would be a time of harvest which their father could see their labor. One morning after a good rain their Father went to see his bean patch. Of course there were beans in many ways. In correcting the children, he told them if only they had obeyed him he could have kept them clean with the team: But now they must hoe them themselves. My friend said many were the hours of toil and tears because of disobedience.

Is it not so with our heavenly Father? He has given us his word, and told us if we be obedient and love and cleave unto him, he desires to give us the days of Heaven on earth (Deut. 11:21). But how easy it is for Man to become self-confident and feel we can make our own plans only to reap many sad harvests without our wonderful land.

May the Lord help us to sow good seed unto life eternal to his glory and our rich harvest! The word says: "And let us not be weary in well doing: For in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of Faith.....Amen.

WARN THEM

by Bertha Stimson

Oh! Preachers of today, What are you doing? Your will: or God's will: To live: or Die:

If you plan to live, you have a great work, but not long to work. For the night cometh when no man can work. What are you doing? Are you using your time for God? Or yourself? The Shepard is the door of the fold. Are you in that door? Trust for the peoples' soul. The people are lost. What you do must be done quickly. Age and time are passing fast. Lord use me for your glory and honor. Can you stand for him O! if you could see your child, ready to go into hell, see the flames—feel the heat—see them by the light of the flames. If you knew it was yours, Oh! what then? We would forget ourselves, what man says about us or does. We would call on God, not man. When born of man we have the mind of men, we need help. God only can help through you who love Jesus.

When born of God, we are to have the mind of God. We are changed. We are the new born children of God. Are we going to work for him or not? He is still looking for a man he can trust to help him. He has all power and strength and knowledge. All we need! Man cannot grow. So a watchman is your best business, "So thou, O, son of man, I have set thee a watch man unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth and warn them from me. When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; If he does not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul." Ezekiel 33:7,8,9, and Ezekiel 34:12. Work to keep your flock from being scattered. Feed them in a good pasture and they will know your voice. Help them to have treasures in heaven. Be a watchman on the wall. We can hear and in God's spirit listen for a voice inside for the Lord giveth wisdom. Out of understanding he that waiteth on his master shall be honored, be thou diligent, to know the state of thy flocks and look well to thy herds every word of his is pure. He is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. If you neglect and don't stand up for Jesus, their blood will be on you. Then said I send me, and I sought for a man among them that should make up the hege and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it but I found none.

JESUS

The Cornerstone

by Lisa Kline

Jesus the mighty Son of God is the Corner Stone of the church, on which we are to build our Foundation. In 1 Timothy 6:19 it says, "Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come that they may lay hold on eternal life." As Christians we should always be striving to set forth a good firm foundation, one in which we will be able to stand on in that end time. In Matthew 16:18 it says, "And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this Rock I will build my church: and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it." This rock is Christ Jesus, he has built his church upon it. And as long as we claim the blood of Jesus over our lives and our church Satan can not tear us down. The blood of Jesus is the only thing that makes us conquerors over Satan. As a church we are to be without spot or wrinkle. This is the kind of church Christ wants, one that will stand upon the true gospel of Jesus and not leave anything out. In Matthew 28, we are told to go unto all nations teaching and baptising them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I command you. Here we are told to go unto all and teach them all things Christ commanded, not just what men think he should say but the truth of God. As a church body we should be open and receptive to the truth of God and not harden our hearts. If the gospel has been declared unto us then we should accept it or we will be held accountable for it at the time of Judgment. So let's examine our hearts and see if we are that church Christ wants having no spots or wrinkles, and thoroughly washed in the blood of Jesus.

Crusaders

For Christ

QUESTION: How can I overcome the daily temptations of Satan?

ANSWER: Many times teen-agers say, "It's no use! I'll just call it quits and throw in the towel! I have no success in overcoming temptations—even though I want to."

Temptations are many in many forms today as sex idols, glamorized Hollywood scandals, publicized corruption in public offices, dramatized fraud of TV personnel, trashy literature, suggestive film and TV diet, plus the old sinful nature handed down from Adam.

Only Christian teen-agers who have built CONSECRATED CALCIUM into their spiritual backbones can overcome this constant deluge of temptation. The formula for this is understanding the source of temptation, themselves as the ones tempted, and what God's Word says about overcoming temptation. In other words submit yourself wholly to God.

The source of all temptation is Satan. Repentance is necessary for an overcoming life because a person cannot live victoriously as long as he allows himself to be ruled by sin and Satan. It is by being an overcomer that a person reveals that he is saved. When a Christian commits an act of which God convicts him, he should repent, confess, and forsake that sin. If one fails to do this immediately and continues to trifle with sin, he suddenly finds himself a slave to sin once again.

Even though it may be a close friend, classmate, or teacher who presents the temptation Satan is the source of it . . . only using people as tools.

You—as a teen-ager—are the one being tempted by Satan. He is a tricky enemy. Knowing that most Christians will shun obvious sins, Satan chooses indirect and subtle methods of temptation. He sometimes masquerades as an angel of light (II Cor. 11:14); he blinds the mind as stated in II Cor. 4:4, "In whom the god of the world (satan) hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them"; he lies as John 8:44 tells us he is the father of lies.

Human strength is not sufficient to overcome Satan and sin. You must have superhuman assistance for this superhuman enemy. Christ is the source of power you need. Though the power of Satan is strong, Christ's power is stronger as stated in I John 4:4, "because greater is he (Christ) that is in you, than he (Satan) that is in the world.

An overcomer cannot be a person who merely understands with his mind what is right. An overcomer is a person who actively engages sin in battle and defeats it in his life.

When a person becomes a Christian, he does not give up his freedom of choice. Therefore, if you choose an alternative that is sinful or in the direction of sin, you cannot expect to be an overcomer nor to remain a Christian if you continue with wrong choices. After several such choices, spiritual life is choked out. We must realize that ONE act of rebellion against God may be the first step in a path which leads us away from God forever.

It is not a sin to be tempted unless we purposely seek temptation. It is not sin to have an impure suggestion come

to one's mind (unless it is purposely sought.) *It is sin not to reject the suggestion when it comes to mind.*

The Christian young person must avoid those things which lead to impurity either of the mind or body. Magazine stands and book-stores often peddle material rightfully called "dirty." To fill your mind with such trash is to ask the Holy Spirit to leave, for He cannot stay in such surroundings.

You say, "how can I have courage when I'm among a crowd?" Joshua 1:8 tells us, "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success". Then Matthew 10:18-20 tells us not to take thought what to say as the Lord or Holy Spirit will give the words to speak. However, it must be clear to you concerning these scriptures, that you must have His Word in your heart from daily Bible reading and study so it (the Word of God) is there for the Holy Spirit to use.

To have this courage, you must die daily to sin, placing your life in God's hand for the day. As you awaken, commit the entire day to Him. Invite His gracious presence to be your day-long companion. Learn to rely on him when Satan tempts you, quietly breathing a prayer asking God for strength and courage. He will give it to you quickly as you call on Him. Put on the whole armour of God as found in Ephesians 6 that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. This is just as important for you to do as for the adults that you know. I found in my teenage life that when I prayed at church during the altar services, that I found strength when I had trials at school. Don't become careless about praying at church as well as home as when you go to the altar to pray, you are again testifying to your stand for Christ and thereby you receive additional strength from God.

Satan likes to urge people to act without thinking about the results. He knows the damage a harsh criticism can do, and he would like to spoil your Christian witness by getting you to make some chance remark that you would never have made if you had taken time to think about it.

Teen-agers in a crowd are sometimes tempted to act against their better judgment too. So if you find yourself in such a situation, where your conscience tells you to refrain, *make yourself stop* and think about the consequences. Is a moment of excitement worth the regret that will follow? *No!!!* And it is just such impetuous acts that cause teen-agers to transgress the will of God. You will be a thousand times better off if you will discipline yourself to stop and think about the outcome of your plans. Hasty actions will bring a great many more heartaches than carefully decided steps.

Each time you say "No" to a temptation to attend a movie, dance, or do something you know hinders your Christian testimony, it is that much easier to say "No" the next time. As a young high school girl said, "it's much easier now as they are beginning to realize that I meant what I said and what I will do and won't do. They don't ask anymore and they don't tell me dirty jokes now so I don't have to say "no" on the same things".



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. Romans 12:2

BETWEEN THE TESTAMENTS

by Dora Beydler

This period is often called the 400 silent years. From the prophecies of Malachi to the birth of Christ were approximately 400 years and since there were no prophets during that time it is referred to as silent years.

The Jews enjoyed considerable liberty under the Persian rule which lasted until Alexander the Great, from Greece, invaded Palestine in 332 B.C. By 331 B.C. he was master of all the east. In June 323 B.C., while in Babylon, Alexander became ill and died there before he was 33 years old. Almost at once his great kingdom was divided between his four leading generals. Ptolemy had Egypt and Seleucus had Syria. Palestine, which was between these two areas, was first under Syrian rule. About 20 years later, 301 B.C., she was passed to Egypt and remained under Egypt's control until 198 B.C. Under the kings of Egypt, the Jews had a rather happy and peaceful life.

Antiochus the Great (also called Antiochus III) took Palestine from the Egyptians in 198 B.C. and the Jews were again under the rule of the Seleucids in Syria.

Antiochus IV, or Antiochus Epiphanes, who ruled from 175 B.C. to 164 B.C. was bitter against the Jews and made every effort to exterminate them and their religion. He devastated Jerusalem, 168 B.C., offered a sow on the altar in the temple and prohibited temple worship. Anyone found with copies of the scriptures was killed. Thousands of the Jews were sold into slavery. Every conceivable torture was used to force them to renounce their religion. All this led to the Maccabean revolt.

The Maccabean period is also called the Asmonean or Hasmonean period. A patriotic priest, named Mattathias Hasmonean, who was infuriated at Antiochus Epiphanes desecration and attempts at utter destruction of the Jews religion, gathered a band of loyal Jews and raised the standard of revolt in 167 B.C. The name Maccabee, given to one of their leaders, probably came from a Hebrew word meaning "Hammerer."

Mattathias died in 166 B.C. and his son, Judas, took his place in leadership. Judas was a great military leader and reconquered Jerusalem in 165 B.C. and purified and rededicated the temple. This was the beginning of the feast of dedication. Four years later, 161 B.C., the Seleucids again took Jerusalem, destroyed the temple and rebuilt it on a Greek plan on the same site.

When Judas was killed in battle his brother, Jonathan, took his place. Jonathan again took Jerusalem and the new Seleucid king lightened the taxation and granted more area to the Jews. Then trouble in Antioch brought a change in Seleucid policy and Jonathan was imprisoned.

The Jewish leadership then passed to Simon, or Simeon, another son of Mattathias; and under his leadership the Jews again emerged into independence in 142 B.C.

During all these years of Pagan rule many priests who were not Levites were appointed by the pagan rulers. This is probably how Mattathias, who was a Jew became a priest. Due to the accomplishments of Simon and especially the independence gained by his leadership, the Jews formally accepted him as High Priest: even though he was not a Levite. The Hasmonean family was now not only the ruling family but also the High Priestly family.

Simon was slain in 135 B.C. at the instigation of his son-in-law. Simon's son, John (also called Hyrcanus), then came from Gezer where he was governor, and took control of the government of Judah. During his reign he extended the boundaries of Judah and among the lands subdued were Idumea (Edom) and Samaria. However, he was careless in the High Priestly office and offended many. It was during his reign, 134 B.C. to 104 B.C., the tension started between two new groups known as the sadduces and the Pharisees.

John Hyrcanus' son, Aristobulus 1, was his successor. He and his sons were unworthy of the Maccabean name. The Jews, however, retained their independence until 63 B.C. when Rome took control of the government of Judea and all her territories.

Caesar made generous concessions to the Jews and to a great extent their High priests continued to rule.

During a conflict among the Hasmonians for power the wily Antipater, an Edomite who was governor of Idumea, became a Roman citizen and was appointed procurator of Judea. He then appointed his son, Phasael, to be Perfect of Jerusalem and another son, Herod, as governor of Galilee.

Soon after the assassination of Caesar, in 44 B.C., the proconsul of Syria pressed the Jews for more money. Antipater and his sons submitted to Syria's demand which resulted in a Jewish conspirator, Malichus, arranging for Antipater to be poisoned.

Herod and Phasael usurped the authority of Hyrcanus, the High Priest, and step by step the Hasmonian's dynasty lost its power. Confusion reigned in Judea. In time the nephew of Hyrcanus, Antigonus, called upon the Parthian invaders from Persia for help and paid them money to invade Judah. They captured Hyrcanus and Phasael but Herod escaped to Rome. Antigonus was made king of the Jews in 40 B.C. and reigned 3 years (until 37 B.C.). He had his name put on the Jewish coins while in office but he was finally taken prisoner and beheaded by Herod; who Rome had now appointed king of Palestine. This was the end of the Hasmonian Priesthood.

The Jews despised Herod even more than his father, Antipater, and his reign was a tragic one. He did much building, including to rebuild the temple, and the tower of Antonia which was later used for Pilate's Praetorium. It contained the pavement which formed Pilate's hall of judgment where Jesus was taken. Herod was a brutal and cruel man and overcame most of his domestic troubles by executions, which even included his wife Miriamme and several of his sons. This is the Herod who ruled Judea at the time of Jesus birth. He was also the one who had all the little boys, under the age of 2 years, in Bethlehem slain. Finally, he contracted a disease and died in 2 B.C. (some give April 1).

After the death of Herod the Great, Rome divided the domain between 3 of his remaining sons. Judea, Samaria and the northern part of Idumea were given to Herod Archelaus; Herod Antipas was given Galilee and Peraea; and Herod Phillip was given the area east and northeast of the Jordan from the Yarmuk River to Mount Hermon.

Jesus The Cornerstone

by Joyce Mathis

The Mighty Son of God revealed by the Father, and the Rock or Cornerstone, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Jesus Christ is the Master of us all. Without Christ there would be no hope of eternal life, no purpose to strive for. So many people turn to things of the world to try and make them happy. But Jesus is the only way they can find real happiness and contentment. In Rev. 22:16, it says that Jesus is the bright and morning star. He is the Lily of the valley.

In John 14:6,7, Jesus tells us that "He is the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." It goes on to say that if we know Jesus, we also know his father. It's a wonderful privilege to serve the Lord. We have to go to Christ with our problems, he takes them to his Father. If we could just put our complete trust in Christ, and make him the way, the truth, and the light of our life we could have fellowship one with another.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. He is what we as Christians build our faith upon. Jesus Christ is the chief cornerstone on which we build our foundation. We have to have a firm foundation to stand steadfast for the Lord.

Through Christ we receive power to conquer anything we wish to conquer. Through his shedding of his blood on Calvary we are able to do anything in his name. We can stand against the wiles of the devil, the principalities and the darkness of the earth. Jesus can make all things new. In Eph. 6:16, it says, "Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to stand against and quench all the fiery darts of the wicked."

We are getting close to the end times. All signs are pointing this way. But as Christians we have a hope of eternal life. We have something to live for. Jesus said that if he goes away, he will come again. He's gone to prepare us a mansion and when he comes again he is going to take his children with him and they will live and have everlasting life with Jesus Christ our Saviour. Praise the Lord, I want to be ready. It's going to be worth it all when we see Jesus and hear him say, "Enter in unto the joys of the Lord," and Satan will be destroyed.

Jesus The Cornerstone

by Karen Trowbridge

Everyone has probably grown up hearing the story of how Job lost everything but would not turn away from God. But to me the greatest lesson for all saints to remain steadfast, is Job's statement, 'though he slay me, yet will I trust in him;.....' (Job 13:15)

In Mark 16:17-18, Christ gave us some of the signs of the believers, "And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

Rev. 12:11 tells us, 'And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.' We must be willing to suffer persecution or even death for the name of Christ and for the furthering of the gospel of Christ. James 4:7-8 says,

'Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.' We are to be a part of the church, Christ is the chief corner stone and the foundation of his church is the apostles and prophets. (Eph. 2:20) Yet in I Peter 2:4-5 we are exhorted to be 'lively stones', 'To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.'

And in I Peter 2:9-10 we are given just a glimpse of the responsibility we hold toward God, 'But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light: Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.' Jesus tells us to, 'Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.' (Matt.5:48) But we must realize our perfection comes only through Christ. If we love God and strive to do his good and perfect will for our lives and keep his commandments, we will reign as Kings and Priests unto God and we will enter the New Jerusalem where there will no longer be tears, death, sorrow, nor pain for the former things are passed away and all things are made new. (Rev. 21:4-7) "He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son."

Sinners are slaves to Satan.
Christians are servants to Christ.

IF HE CAME TO YOUR HOUSE

Would you meet Him at the door with arms outstretched in welcome?
Or would you have to change your clothes before you let Him in?
Or hide some magazines, and put the Bible where they'd been?
Would you hide your worldly music and put some hymn books out?
Could you let Jesus walk right in, or would you rush about?
And I wonder—if the Saviour spent a day or two with you,
Would you go right on doing the things you always do?
Would you go right on saying the things you always say?
Would life for you continue as it does from day to day?
Would you take Jesus with you everywhere you'd planned to go?
Or would you maybe change your plans for just a day or so?
Would you be glad to have Him meet your very closest friends?
Or would you hope they stay away until His visit ends?
Would you be glad to have Him stay forever on and on?
Or would you sigh with great relief when he at last was gone?
It might be interesting to know the things that you would do,
If Jesus came in person to spend some time with you.

THE BLOOD

The Blood is the life. There is the Blood of Christ, given for the salvation of the lost and sanctifying of Believers. There is the Blood of the Covenant, the promised redemption. Praise the Lord for his shed Blood. Without the Blood we are lost. A Bloodless religion is worthless. This is all my plea, nothing but the Blood of Jesus.

Gen. 9:4. The Blood is the life. We must have blood in the natural to live, and there is no spiritual life only by acknowledging the Blood of Jesus.

Lev. 17:11. It is the Blood that makes an atonement. Not good works or deeds, but the Blood.

Ex. 12:13. When I see the Blood, was a pass for Israel, and through the Blood we enter in today.

Matt. 26:28. The Blood of Jesus is shed for the remissions of the sins of the world.

Luke 22:20. There is the Cup, there is the Blood. Let us honor the Blood as the only saving and keeping power.

I Cor. The New Testament, or new covenant of the Blood must be kept til Jesus comes again.

John 6:54. Drink the Blood of Christ, and live. Because he lives, we shall live also.

John 6:56. Drink, by faith, the Blood and have the Christ life within.

John 19:34. Jesus gave every drop of His Blood on the Cross. It is His death that set all sinners free.

Col. 1:20. We are reconciled and have peace through the Blood. It is the Blood that makes us worthy of His Name.

Heb. 9:12. This is our eternal redemption—the Blood of Christ.

Heb 9:22. Without the shedding of Blood there is no forgiveness.

Heb. 10:19. There is a new and living way, that is we enter into holiness by the Blood of Jesus.

Heb. 10:29. Be careful about the Blood. It is holy, it has power. Death and destruction lay in the path of disrespect of the precious Blood of Jesus.

Heb. 13:12. Jesus suffered and shed His Blood without the gate. Let us gladly bear the approach of a holy life.

Heb. 13:20. Let us be made perfect through the Blood of the everlasting Covenant. For victory over the forces of evil plead the Blood, Faith in the Blood is a shield.

Hebrews is the book that testifies of the Blood in a special way.

Exodus 12:7. Where the Blood was sprinkled, there was a refuge.

Exodus 24:8. Moses gave approval of the Blood, by sprinkling. A covenant is a contract, or promise, of God in this case.

Heb. 11:28. Sprinkling stands for the Blood, and should not be imitated by water.

Heb. 12:24. Abel being dead yet speaketh, but Jesus is the living way, as the sprinkling of Blood testifies.

I Pet. 1:2. By obedience to the Father, the Blood of Jesus was sprinkled for all nations.

I John 1:7. Read correctly. If we walk in the light, as Jesus is in the light, we do have fellowship one with the other, then the Blood of Jesus does cleanse us from sin. To have fellowship proves disciple-ship.

I John 5:6-9. There is a spirit of truth, and the Father and Son and Holy Ghost bear witness. There is a testimony from man, but also a spirit given witness within that is greater. Let us have that witness from above.

Rev. 5:9-10. It is by the precious Blood of Christ that people are saved, and made ready for the ages to come.

Rev. 7:14. The standing grace of man, even to come through a great time of trouble is the Blood of Christ, and the word of their testimony. Be a witness of victory.

Rev. 12:11. The devil and the powers thereof, now, and always, will be overcome by the Blood. Get under the Blood for safe keeping.

Eph. 2:13. The open door, the pledge of security is found in the Blood, all people are made one through the atonement.

I Pet. 18:19. False doctrines, dead form and the like pass away, as we honor the Blood. Let your mind and heart, your thoughts and actions be covered by the Blood.

Matt. 27:25. Be not as the Jew that invited His Blood upon themselves. The curse and disapproval of God will lead to ruin.

Acts 20:28. The people that are washed in the Blood make up the Church of God, not one denomination, but all the saved of all the earth.

Rom. 3:25. The Blood of Jesus Christ was shed for the remission of sins. We are justified by His grace through faith.

Rom 5:8-9. Sinners are redeemed and saved from the wrath of God by repentance, and honoring the Blood.

Eph. 1:7. Our redemption is through the Blood, the only open door. Our hope and firm foundation.

Col. 1:14. The idea of the Redeeming Blood, is still continued; it is the Scarlet thread of the Bible.

Matt. 27:4. Judas knew that the Blood of Jesus was pure, and innocent. The entire world should acknowledge the atoning Blood.

Mark 14:24. The Blood of the New Testament given at Calvary is still in force, to save and keep.

Sinner, come God's way, except His plan of salvation and the Blood will cover your soul, so that you are free. Christian, walk in the light, and honor the Blood to keep you and give you victory in every trial. Under the Blood-stained banner of Christ, we go marching on, until the crown is won.

Ministers & Gospel Workers

We will be working on the new minister's directory soon. We need to know your address, phone number and if you are currently pastoring or in another type of work. The sooner we receive this information the sooner we can update our records. These addresses will be turned in to the board of trustees so that they also may update their records for the mailing of the ballots for the Bible College. Thank you so much for your cooperation in this matter.

TRUE PRAYER CONSUMETH ALL PRIDE.

There Is Power

by Deana Fish

There is power in that precious name of Jesus! And the true believers, that follow Christ, that build on His solid foundation, that belong to His church are given all power over the enemy. (Luke 10:19-20) Behold I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you, but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven. Rejoice, child of God, because our names being written in the Lamb's Book of Life gives us protection from the enemy and power, in Jesus name, over the enemy.

Let's examine an incident where an apostle cast out a demon spirit in Jesus name. It was Paul in Acts 16:16-18. A damsel possessed with a spirit of divination was following Paul. She was saying "These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation". The things she said were right enough, yet Paul being grieved realized the spirit was wrong and turned and said to the SPIRIT, "I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." Paul was able to discern the spirit. How important it is for us to be able also to discern the spirits as Paul did. There are many today going here and there and working under the name of religion and Jesus Christ but are false. Let us be able as Paul was, to examine and try the spirits to know if they be of God. We have that power and privilege.

I John 4:4 - "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world." Because we are children of God and he dwells within us we can deal directly with Satan. The authority comes in the name of Jesus. We must come though, honoring the atonement of Christ over our lives when we deal with Satan. We must also know in truth and reality the name of Jesus. We must be sure.

Acts 19:13-16 - "Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus saying, "We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth." And there were seven evil sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so. And the evil spirit answered and said, 'Jesus I know and Paul I know, but who are ye?' And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded." Here Satan was successful and he brought danger, for these men didn't really "know" the name of Jesus. It is so vitally important that we be firmly grounded in the word and know Jesus and be yielded to him before we come before Satan and his evil spirits. We can easily cause more harm than good.

We also have power over illness. There are many, many incidents of healing in Jesus ministry, but also in the early apostle's ministry healings happened, in the name of Jesus. Acts 3:6 - Peter and John at the gate of the temple, called Beautiful, found a lame man and Peter 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." And the man leaped up and walked.

A command is given in James 5:14,15. "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the

Lord. And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him."

Do we realize today that health and healing are ours! In the name of Jesus we are healed TODAY. These were purchased for us on Calvary. Isaiah 53:5 "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we *are* healed." I Peter 3:24b "...by whose stripes ye *were* healed." If we aren't honoring the healing side, the broken body side of the crucifixion then we aren't honoring the full atonement.

It's important we not be ignorant of Satan's devices. We should be aware lest Satan should get an advantage of us. II Corinthians 2:11. But I believe it is also important that we as believers and members of Christ's true church stop and realize the power Jesus has given to us. We need to stop being pushed around by Satan. It's time we as Christians on this earth, in the name of Jesus, begin to reign. We have Jesus as an example, the Holy Spirit as leader and guide and the Holy Word of God to go before us. We shouldn't be a defeated people. We are given the power by Jesus to overcome.

Throughout the first three chapters of Revelation promises are given to the ones who endure or overcome till the end. Such as...Rev. 2:7b"...To him that overcometh will I give of the tree of life." (vs.11) "He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death." (vs.17) "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name." (vs. 26, 27a, 28) "And he that overcometh and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: And he shall rule them with a rod of iron...And I will give him the morning star." (Chapter 3:11) "He that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God." On and on they go. Perhaps the most precious is in Revelations 21:7, "He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son." This is all future reigning power yet I believe that there is today reigning power over Satan. It's in our hands. If we "know" that name above all other names then we are possessors of that power.

Romans 8:37, "Nay in all these things we are *more than* conquerors through him that loved us." II Corinthians 2:14 "Now thanks be unto God which always causeth us to triumph in Christ..." I John 5:4, "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world; and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." Psalms 44:5, "Through thee will we push down our enemies; through thy name will we tread them under that rise up against us."

Let us believe with all our hearts the wonderful promise of Mark 16:17,18, "And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils, they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them, they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

"In my name they shall..."

In Jesus name we can..."

And believing we will..."

And "When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him." Isaiah 59:19b.

In closing I would like to share with you the words of Jesus found in John 14:12 "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also, and *greater works* than these shall he do, because I go unto my Father."

**PRAYERS CAN'T BE ANSWERED
UNLESS THEY ARE PRAYED**

Life without purpose is barren indeed
there can't be a harvest, unless you plant seed,
there can't be attainment, unless there's a goal
And man's but a robot unless there's a soul.

If we send no ships out, no ship will come in
And unless there's a contest, nobody can win,
For games can't be won unless they are played
And prayers Can't be answered unless they are prayed.

So whatever is wrong with your life today
You'll find a solution if you kneel down and pray
Not just for honors and prestige and wealth
but pray for a purpose to make life worth living
and pray for the joy of unselfish giving.

For great is your gladness and rich your reward
When you make your life's purpose the choice of the Lord.

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The Church Triumphant

by Steve Arnall

"This church given power over the power of the enemy in Luke 10. The true believers in the name of Jesus to cast out devils. (Mark 16) Giving healing in the name of Jesus."

Jesus Christ gave himself for the church because He had an abounding, overwhelming love for it. He is the head of the church: (Eph. 5:23) "For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church; and he is the Saviour of the body. We make up the body of Christ with our Lord at the head. He is our saviour and without him we could do nothing. In the New Testament we are told repeatedly how great a love that Jesus had for the church. No greater love is this that a man should lay down his life for his friend. This is exactly what Jesus did that we could be members of His body. He did everything possible that the church might be a glorious, victorious church—one that could be without spot or blemish. Jesus Christ sanctified Himself that we as members of this glorious church could be sanctified—holy, blameless before the Father. In (Luke 10) Jesus sent out seventy disciples to go and spread the word. As he looked upon the situation of the world and men's hearts He said, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few, Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth labourers into his harvest. These disciples of Jesus Christ went out strictly by faith and were strong in the power of the Lord's might. These disciples were to go out and heal the sick and to proclaim that the kingdom of God was at hand. Jesus Christ today is looking for some labourers to proclaim that He is coming back and also that He is our Divine Healer. The labourers are few that go out and stand for and preach on Divine Healing today. Many pastors, teachers, and evangelist's are not preaching about honoring the precious atonement of Jesus Christ where by

His stripes we are healed. If we have any hopes of being in that number of the 144,000, of the elect of God's saints, our total trust is going to have to be put in God and not man. The seventy that Jesus sent out came back rejoicing saying, "Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name." In the name of Jesus these disciples were able to do many mighty works and even those that had been bound by Satan were loosed. In Luke 10:19-20, the Lord has given some promises to those who follow Him. "Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall by any means hurt you. (vs. 20) Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven. The church of Jesus Christ has power, by the name of Jesus, over all the power of the enemy. This is a great promise that we as members of this great body of Christ can stand upon. The question is asked: how do we know the true believers of the church of Jesus Christ? In Mark 16 we are told: "And these signs shall follow them that believe: In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." True believers of Jesus Christ will have these signs following them. Jesus said, "Ye shall know them by their fruits." People will know that we are children of God not only by miraculous things that are done but also by the daily walk with our Lord. Living a sanctified and holy life before the Lord. The church of Our Lord Jesus Christ is a triumphant one and as members of this glorious church we can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth us. "Let the church be the church—Let the people rejoice!"

God's chosen people, His true church is triumphant, and will be triumphant. We are a chosen people, chosen by Jesus Christ. De 14:2 "For thou art a holy people unto the Lord thy God, and the Lord hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all nations that are upon the earth." Jesus said that the way of salvation and the fellowship of the true church was open to anyone John 1:12, "But as many as received Him to them gave he the power to become the sons of God, even to those who believe on His name."

That great God, our Father in Heaven sent His only Son that he might save us from our sins, and adopt us as his sons and daughters. Rom. 8:15 "For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father." Rom 8:16 "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God." (17) "and if children, then heirs; heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together."

Jesus has called us out of the world we live in to become one with those who are united by the Spirit of Truth. Ph 2:15 "That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world." We are chosen of Christ John 15,16, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you." Jesus loved us while we were yet sinners, He came to build his church on the Rock. In Eph 2:20 we are told that the church is built "upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the cornerstone." Jude 3 tells us to earnestly contend for faith that was once delivered to the saints.

On this foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ as the most important stone we must build our lives upon. The church is made up of many members, all of which are important, (1 Cor 12:14-31), even the weakest member is needed, and the church can't function properly unless all are working in their fullest and trusting God completely for their needs. We as members are called lively stones, I Peter 2:4&5 "To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, (5) Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ."

The church has for its head Christ (Col 1:18) "And he is the head of the body, the church; who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have preeminence." Jesus gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people zealous of good works. (Titus 2:4)

With the honor and privilege of serving in the true church comes also some duties. Jesus asked Peter three times do you love me? "Feed my sheep." (John 21:17) In 1 Peter 5:2 "Feed the flock of God which is among you taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mine." In Acts 20:28 it says "Take heed therefore unto yourselves and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood."

In I Peter 2:9 & 10 it tells us what a special people the true church of the living Christ are. "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, and holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who

THE CHRISTIAN'S GREATEST REWARD



THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

by Janice Perry

hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy."

It has been stated by Billy Graham that the true church will be forced underground within three years here in the United States. This may come to pass, but as Christians we can know as prophecy is being fulfilled in our very presence that Jesus is victor, that even the very gates of hell shall not prevail against the church of the Living God. (Matt 16:18) It will triumph, Haggi 2:7 "And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of hosts".

In closing I would like to share with you the last few verses of the 8th chapter of Romans, denoting that even when satan and his followers seem to have the battle in their hands that Christ is still Lord, and that He still sits in the Heavens, and He is all in all.

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 8: 35-39

TAMING OUR TONGUE

GOD WARNS US THAT WE WILL NEVER TAME OUR TONGUE

"But the tongue can no man tame . . ." (James 3:8)

WE ARE FULLY RESPONSIBLE FOR EVERY WORD WE SPEAK

" . . every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account of it in the day of judgment." (Matthew 13:36)

WE CANNOT CONTROL OUR TONGUE BECAUSE IT WILL ALWAYS REVEAL THE TRUE THOUGHTS OF OUR INNER SPIRIT

"For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." (Matthew 12:34)

WRONG CONCLUSIONS OR ATTITUDES WE ALLOW IN OUR SPIRIT WILL BE CONVEYED IN OUR WORDS, FACIAL EXPRESSIONS AND TONAL PATTERNS

" . . an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things." (Matthew 12:35)

OUR TONGUE IS A DAILY REMINDER AND MOTIVATION TO PURIFY OUR HEARTS

" . . purify your hearts, ye double-minded." (James 4:8)

WE MUST ASK FORGIVENESS FOR EVERY OFFENSE OF THE TONGUE, BUT IN SO HUMBLING OURSELVES WE RECEIVE MORE GRACE (DESIRE AND POWER) TO PURIFY OUR HEART

" . . God resisteth the proud but giveth grace unto the humble." (James 4:6)

BASIC GUIDES TO TAME THE TONGUE

1. DEDICATE our heart and our tongue to the Lord daily. (Romans 12:1)
2. Put our heart in tune with God's spirit by DAILY READING His Word. (Psalm 119:9)
3. Assume RESPONSIBILITY for every word we speak. (Matthew 5:21,22)
4. Discover from those around us what OFFENSIVE WORDS we use. (Proverbs 17:10)
5. Commit ourselves to the purpose of giving a GOOD REPORT and following Matthew 18 when it is necessary. (Matthew 18:15-17)
6. Fulfill past PROMISES and carefully consider any new promises. (Matthew 5:33-37)
7. Ask FORGIVENESS for any unloving words or attitudes. (Matthew 5:23,24)
8. Learn how to GIVE WORDS that will encourage, comfort, inspire and edify. (Hebrews 10:24,25)
9. "Listen" to our words through the ears of others BEFORE we speak them. (Psalm 19:14)
10. Discern the SPIRIT of our hearers before, during, and after we speak. (Psalm 55)
11. Distinguish between DISCERNMENT and judgment. (James 4:11)
12. Distinguish between REPROVING and Reviling. (I Timothy 6:4)
13. Urge our friends to TELL US when we offend with our words. (Proverbs 27:6)

"And the tongue in a fire, a world of iniquity; so is the tongue among our members that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature, and it is set on fire of hell." James 3:6

Disciplining The Thoughts Of Our Heart AN 8-FOLD TEST TO TAME THE TONGUE

Because our words are only a reflection of the "abundance of the heart" (Luke 6:45) it is essential that we bring "into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." (II Corinthians 10:5)

In Philippians 4:8 we are given a vital checklist to evaluate each of our thoughts.

WHATSOEVER THINGS ARE . . .

1. TRUE Alethes (accurate) Will it give an accurate impression?
2. HONEST Semnos (honorable) Should it be imitated by others?
3. JUST Dikaios (proper) Is it appropriate to say at this time?
4. PURE Hagnos (uncontaminated) Is it motivated by any pride or selfishness?
5. LOVELY Proshiles (pleasant) Will it brighten the lives of all who hear it?
6. GOOD REPORT Euphema (esteem) Will it damage anyone's reputation?
7. VIRTUE Arete (moral excellence) Will it motivate others to Godly Living?
8. PRAISE Epainos (praiseworthy) Will it edify all who hear it?

"Think on these things . . and the God of peace shall be with you." Philippians 4:8,9

TWELVE "TONGUE TAMERS"

The following twelve verses are only a few of the many that deal with our tongue. By memorizing them we will be building a "Scriptural guard" to check our words before we say them.

1. Proverbs 13:3
2. Proverbs 29:20
3. Proverbs 18:13
4. Matthew 12:36
5. Ephesians 4:29
6. Proverbs 15:23
7. Proverbs 21:23
8. Proverbs 15:14
9. Proverbs 17:28
10. Proverbs 18:8
11. I Peter 3:10
12. James 1:26

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