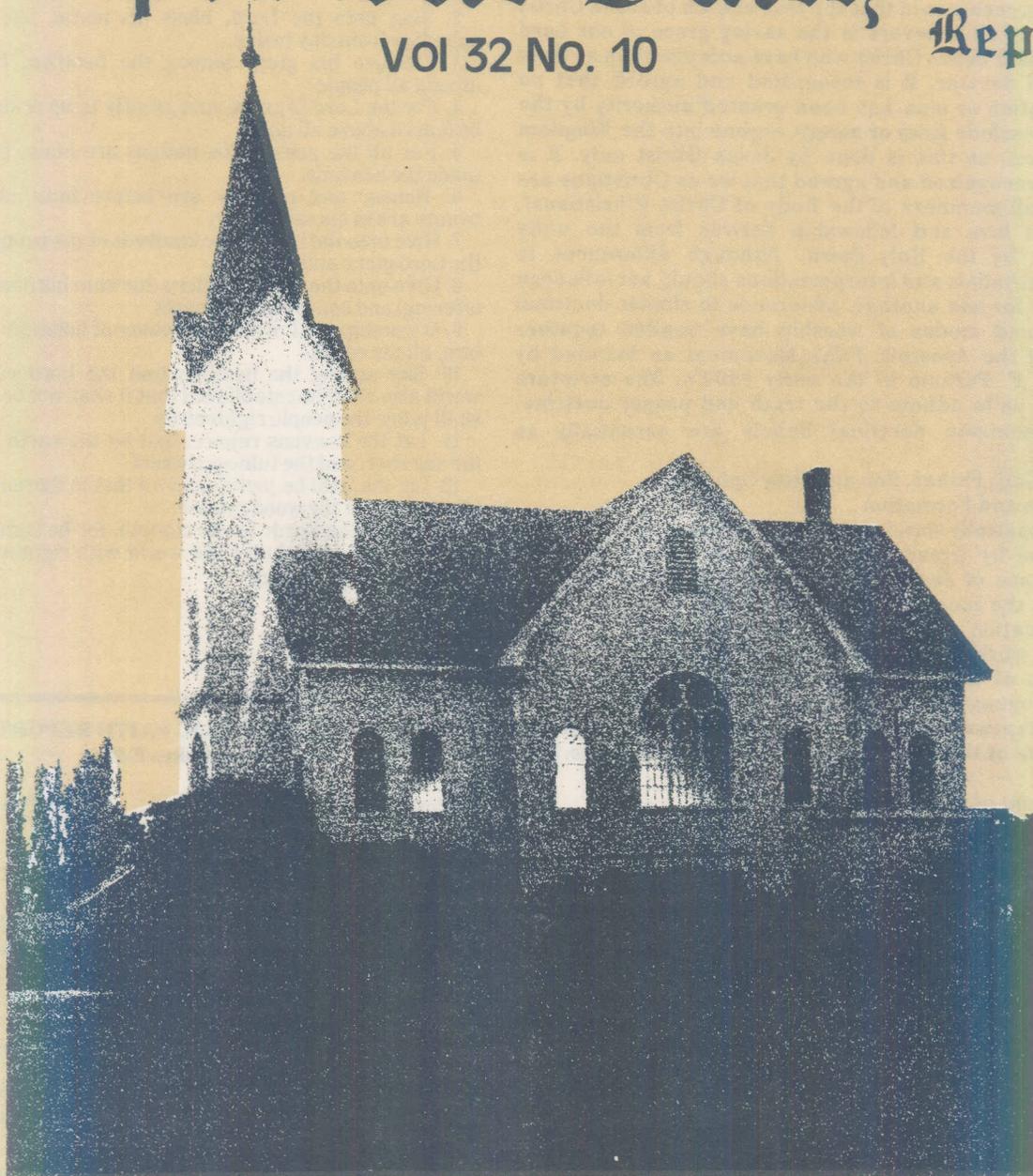


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I was glad when they said unto
me, Let us go into the
House of the Lord.

Bylaws of the Apostolic Faith Bible College, Inc.

ARTICLE VII Doctrine

It is recognized that the true church of Jesus Christ consists of all believers in the saving grace of our Lord and 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.



A father and mother were about to be baptized in water. Their little son, unfamiliar with religious terminology, proudly announced, "Mom and Dad are going to be advertised tonight." The boy's word choice was wrong, but in a sense it wasn't all that bad. All believers who obey this command of Christ truly advertise their faith.



Psalms 96

O sing unto the Lord a new song: sing unto the Lord, all the earth.

2. Sing unto the Lord, bless his name, shew forth his salvation from day to day.

3. Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people.

4. For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods.

5. For all the gods of the nations are idols: but the Lord made the heavens.

6. Honour and majesty are before him: strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

7. Give unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the Lord glory and strength.

8. Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts.

9. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.

10. Say among the heathen that the Lord reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved;: he shall judge the people righteously.

11. Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof.

12. Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice.

13. Before the Lord: for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.

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Apostolic Faith Bible College News



Dear Friends,

Greetings again from the Bible College and we can report God is pouring out his choice blessings upon us. God gives nothing but the best! Spiritually, we have received an overflowing as we began our school term with revival and I believe that Spirit continues to flow.

We have 53 wonderful students who spend many hours in prayer and study each week. God rewards that effort.

Thanks to all of you who continue to pray for and support the work here at the Bible College. God has many faithful people who stand with us. You are a part of that group. Thanks for all your financial giving both to the general fund and faculty.

We have of necessity purchased a new copy machine for office work and the printing of lessons. This cost is \$3,000. It is set up on payment of 30 days, 60 days, and 90 days, at \$1,000 each payment. Please help us take care of this need.

Things are really going well and we praise God for this. We encourage you to keep praying and sharing with us. If you could only be here to see the change in lives, you would say, "It's worth it all".

God bless you,
Supt. Jack Cornell

Girl's Dorm

Greetings from the girl's dorm! The Lord is so good and blesses in so many ways. If there were a way to transport you here, you'd know what I mean. The presence of the Lord has been so precious there are no words to describe. If the girls dorm were to leave you with one thought it would be, "Thank you Lord for the change in me."

LaDonna Snyder

"We're together again just praising the Lord". Ten girls returned to A.F.B.C. this year for their second year and eight first year girls are in the dorm to make 18 in all plus me, Mom Shari. The Lord has sure been working on all of us with many visible sights of new growth in Him. I thank the Lord for all of his lovely children but especially I'm just thankful for Him.

In Christ;
Shari Cook

Boy's Dorm

Greetings from the boys dorm. We praise the Lord that this opportunity has once more arrived. We count it a privilege to be taught the Word of God as we are taught it here. As the day arrived there was excitement as new and familiar faces arrived in the dorm. Each not knowing the everlasting friendships that would grow in the next few months.

We have a nice variety of personalities and talents this year that we are seeing being used for the Lord already. The Lord is to be praised for the amount and quality of guys we have. Somewhere in each heart there is a hunger for a closer and deeper walk with Christ or they wouldn't be here. Each guy is here for a purpose and with that hunger or desire to grow many can and will be won to Christ.

We as a dorm are thankful for our Dean of Men, Bro. Danny Robinson. He keeps law and order around here in a meek, but firm way. He is there anytime we need him and we praise the Lord for what he has to offer each of us as brothers in Christ. Along with Bro. Danny we are thankful for each person who makes it possible for us to have a facility as nice and comfortable as we do. I know beyond a shadow of a doubt that our Lord will repay you blessings untold.

We are happy to say that we have 22 boys in the dorm this year and the Lord is blessing everyone of us. Again thank you for your prayers and may the Lord bless your lives daily.

Kelly Stevenson - Reporter

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Galena, KS

Psalms 18:1 I will love thee, O Lord, my strength. Praise our dear Lord. To know Him is to love Him and to love Him is to serve Him. If we serve Him the precious promises are ours. God is so good and has been blessing in every service. Sept. 1 we were glad to have Bro. and Sis. Bobbie Bishop and daughter from Kansas City, Mo and Bro. and Sis. Corwin Weaver from Shawnee Mission, Kansas. Sis. Weaver brought a solo for both services that day. We also celebrated the 25th wedding anniversary with the Weavers. They renewed their wedding vows with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Weaver standing up with them. After that we had communion. After church a reception was held in their honor. Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hollis, Baxter Springs, Ks, Bro. and Sis. E. K. Cornell, Laverne, Ok. Sis. Margaret Yeakel and Sis. Emma Belle Ashley of Wichita, Ks. We wish to extend our sympathies to Sis. Cornell, Sis. Yeakel and Sis. Ashley in the loss of their sister Madeline Rummelt of the state of Michigan.

Remember to pray for our shut ins.

Howard Whitely - Pastor
May Rowland - Reporter

Hempstead, TX

Praise God for truly He is worthy of all praise.

God has been so good to our church. He just keeps on blessing and blessing. The ladies of our church have recently started secret sisters. The ladies seem to enjoy that. Kim Mathis has started a monthly newsletter keeping our church informed of all of the upcoming activities and also some food for thought. Keep up the good work, Kim.

We have had some visitors recently. They are Mr. and Mrs. Ted McPhetrige and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Crowhurst, Jason and Jeremy, Mr. Donald Crowhust and Charles Shine. We enjoyed having them in church with us.

Thank you Lord for a church where we can come together and worship you. It is indeed a privilege.

John Arnall - Pastor
Janis Mathis - Reporter

Webb City, MO.

The Lord continues to bless and we do thank Him for His presence.

Our pastors conducted a revival at the Bible College the latter part of August. Many reports of victories won were given. In the absence of our pastor our services were taken care of by Rev. Lyndel Arnall, Rev. Tom Day and Rev. Dorothy Cook. Other recent visiting ministers who presented the Word to us were Rev. E. K. Cornell of Laverne, OK and Rev. Dwight Wilson, Ava, MO.

Our Ladies Bible Study group reconvened after a busy summer on Sept. 10th.

We are praying for revival and are expecting God to send His blessings.

We have had some new families in our services and pray that God will bless them abundantly. An invitation is extended to all of you to come worship with us any time that you can.

O. A. Busch - Pastor

Singing Successful

Othel Cumbie from Odessa, Texas writes that the annual Polar Tabernacle Singing and Homecoming was a big success and a good time was had by all. So please consider this as your request to come help us sing next year. You are never a stranger at the Polar Singing. To those not familiar or don't know Polar - it's out where the highway ends and the west begins and has been described as the paradise valley of West Texas and the closest thing to heaven. Polar is a small community - not even on some maps. It is located in the south west corner of Kent county some 30 miles from the county seat of Jayton. To those familiar with Snyder it is almost due north of Snyder. All Texas highways lead to the Polar Tabernacle.

The singing is an annual affair and is always the 3rd Saturday night of August. The Polar Homecoming is the next day. The singing is undenominational and like it used to be done forty or fifty years ago. The Tabernacle now stands where the old community church use to be. It is a large tabernacle which seats 200 - 300 people and is always cool and comfortable.

We have set our goal for 1986 to be well over 100 so we are trusting you all can come and enjoy with us an Old Time Gospel Singing.



FISH-BOLT

Desiring God's will for their life and believing that included each other, Deana Fish, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fish and James Bolt, son of Rev. and Mrs. Maurice Bolt were united in marriage. The ceremony was held on July 6, 1985 at 2:30 p.m. in the Apostolic Faith Chapel in Baxter Springs, Kansas. Performing the ceremony was Rev. Lyndel Arnall and Rev. Maurice Bolt. The couple are at home in Baxter Springs where Deana continues as secretary of the Bible College and James is a second year student.

STEVENSON-MULLINS

Shelly Stevenson and Don Mullins were married Aug. 2, 1985 at the Apostolic Faith Bible College in Baxter Springs. Both are former students of the Apostolic Faith Bible College. Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. James Slagel of Midland, Texas and Mrs. Neva Jean Mullins of Joplin, Mo. Don and Shelly are making their home in Baxter Springs, Kansas.



The children's Page

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By Janis Mathis

The Heavenly Kingdom

Once, many years ago, in a land of kings and queens, there was a princess with a special friend. This special friend was a village girl named Rebecca. Rebecca and the Princess Crystal were as close as sisters, and one day they were talking.

"You know, Crystal," said Rebecca, "we have something very much in common."

(You see, Rebecca was a Christian and she wanted very much to win Crystal to the Lord.)

"What could we have in common?" asked Princess Crystal.

"Our fathers are both kings," answered Rebecca.

Now this puzzled the princess greatly and she had to find out what Rebecca meant.

"I do not understand this," she said. "Truly my father is a king who rules the land, whereas your father is a village carpenter."

Crystal did not want to insult her friend, but this was true!

Rebecca gave a little laugh and said, "You are right, my earthly father is a carpenter, but I have a heavenly father that is a king."

Crystal was very interested now and she had to know more.

"Who is this heavenly father of yours?" she asked.

Then Rebecca explained, "You see, God made the earth, plus you and me. He gave his only son to die on an old cross so that we could have our sins forgiven and live with him in heaven."

"Isn't that cruel, though, that God would allow his son to die?" the princess asked.

"No," replied Rebecca, "because he did it so we could live forever. And three days after he died, Jesus, God's son, rose again."

"How can I become a Christian?" asked the princess.

And then and there the princess was saved.

Rebecca was very pleased with her friend because Crystal turned out to be a very good Christian. She even helped her family to learn about the heavenly kingdom.

Soon, everyone in the palace learned that there was a far better power than the earthly power.

by Johnna Arnall

Tony and His Camel

Tony set off early this morning on his camel Bruce for a ride in the desert. Bruce wasn't very gentle but obedient he was, whatever Tony said Bruce did. Now it was nearly noon and they were getting hungry. As they were going home Tony spotted a thorn bush and let Bruce eat the thorns. When they were about home they stopped so the camel could drink the water. Then they went home.

So you see we need to be like Tony's camel and eat the Word of God and drink the water of life to live forever.

by Elton Mathis

During a camp I attended this summer they asked us why we served God. Several answered "Because He died for us, so we are able to go to heaven. One answer opened my eyes though. Someone said we serve Him because we love Him. The answer began to enter my thoughts. I thought of how much He's done for me and how much He loves me. I've realized all the things he works out for my benefit. Every service, devotion and rally at camp seemed to be an answer to my prayers concerning a burden I've had for a year or so. I saw things working out before my eyes and was amazed to see the situation that I was so helpless in unfold when I gave it over to the Lord. He's still answering prayer and even now I see more change. All I know and can say is that He loves me and I serve Him because I love Him!

Teresa Arnall

Hempstead, Texas



How many of the following commands can you complete without looking up the reference? Check your answers and fill in the ones you did not know. Try this quiz in your Sunday school class or youth group.

A. _____ and it shall be given you. Matthew 7:7

B. _____ ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only. James 1:22

C. _____ upon Me in the day of trouble. Psalm 50:15.

D. _____ nigh to God. James 4:8.

E. _____ hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 2 Timothy 2:3.

F. _____ me, and I will make you fishers of men. Matthew 4:19.

G. _____ ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel. Mark 16:15.

H. _____ thy father and thy mother. Matthew 19:19.

I. _____ everything give thanks. I Thessalonians 5:18.

J. _____ not according to the appearance. John 7:24.

K. _____ thyself pure. I Timothy 5:22.

L. _____ one another; for love is of God. I John 4:7.

M. _____ a joyful noise unto the Lord. Psalm 100:1.

N. _____ murmur ye. I Corinthians 10:10.

O. _____ your parents in the Lord. Ephesians 6:1.

P. _____ without ceasing. I Thessalonians 5:17.

Q. _____ not the spirit. I Thessalonians 5:19.

R. _____ the devil, and he will flee from you. James 4:7.

S. _____ not evil one of another. James 4:11.

T. _____ in the Lord with all thine heart. Proverbs 3:5.

U. _____ the mighty acts of the Lord? Psalm 106:2.

V. _____ and pay unto the Lord...bring presents unto Him that ought to be feared. Psalm 76:11.

W. _____ in love, as Christ also hath loved us. Ephesians 5:2.

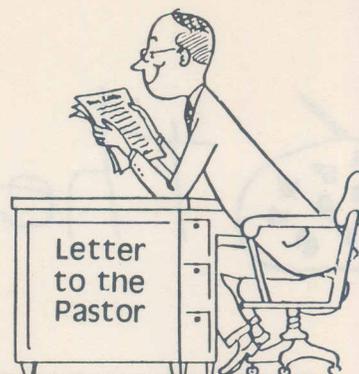
Y. _____ yourselves unto God. Romans 6:13.

Be ye Z. _____ of good works. Titus 2:14.

no man take thy crown. We are to reign like kings and priests with Christ, and there is nothing better some people would like to do than be able to cause a Christian to fall. The world is intimidated because our crowns of righteousness shine forth as a witness against the sinful state of their lives. Hold fast to your commitment to the Lord for, without a doubt, God will reward His own!

To the overcomer is promised to be made a pillar or supporting member of the Kingdom. The name of God will be written upon him, as will the name of the City of God, New Jerusalem, for a seal for all to see.

Again, the Philadelphia church represents a church age from 1750-1900. It was during this time that great revivals involved John Wesley (1703-1791) and Charles Parham (1873-1929). Wesley brought the much needed message of sanctification, the living of a consecrated life to God. Parham spread the message of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and started the Apostolic Faith Bible College in 1900. It is easy to understand why these years suffered no rebuke with great men of God spreading the Gospel. Today, there are mighty men of God also, but the problem does not lay entirely upon the ministers. Everyone contributes to failure sometime. Life has become too comfortable and too secure to bother with making the needed sacrifices of proclaiming God's Word. An ever increasing number are becoming merely church going people expecting to be fed without contributing to the service. The Word of God is not only to be heard and praised; it is to be practiced. James 1:22 "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." Christ is not dead; neither should be His people! Praise God He is still alive and on the throne!



Dear Pastor,

Just thought I'd drop you a line to let you know I survived my hospital stay, in spite of the poor care I received. It's been a month now since I came home and I've yet to receive a visit from you. I really needed to see you for I could certainly use some home cooked food delivered from the congregation and it's vey hard to get to the store with my old KLUNKER of a car. I have called you a dozen times but the office girl or your wife always says you're busy, somewhere else. I've called either in the afternoon or after the evening meal (I guess others needs are greater then mine. I won't discuss my condition other than to say I can hardly move at all, but these severe pains will surely relent in a few more months. Time cures these things better than Doctors or medicine, I've quit my medicine and have yet to keep my doctor's appointment. I certainly hope you'll find the time to come and visit me very soon, come prepared to spend the whole day and maybe you can get some of these chores caught up that have been let go for so long; the dog pen, the chicken house, the milking shed, etc. I'm starved for news and haven't received a church paper in I don't know when. Has my name been removed from the mailing list, or maybe even from the Church Membership Roll? Well I guess I'll close for now. If you have a full schedule then just forget about my problems.

Your Parishioner

Dear Parishioner,

I received your cheery note this morning and was very glad because I thought you might have moved. You see I've been to your house six times in the past four weeks, two in the forenoon, two in the early afternoon and two in the early evening, leaving my card with a note each time. I wondered if your '83 Chryslerr was in the shop for repairs since it was gone each time I was there. I assume your relatives from the coast are with you and doing your driving but I saw no-one. Being an animal lover myself, i must warn you it's really not good to feed your dogs so much that even they have left-overs, such as home-made bread, beef roast and candied yams.

I strongly encourage you to take your medicine and after speaking with your doctor, find it imperative that you see him immediately. Your severe pain must let up when you are on the phone for I've called many times and always get a busy signal.

I shall call on you again very soon but you must not expect me for a full day, only an emergency would allow me to do that. Your name is still on the mailing list and also The Membership Roll, but your paper is in your mailbox. I counted four when I was there last. Hoping this finds you vastly improved! I remain,

Your Pastor

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A Prophecy Study

Philadelphia - Rev. 3:7-13

by Ron Noble

Five virtues are said of Christ in verse seven. Spoken of is His holiness, truthfulness, keeper of the keys of David, having the power to open the door of grace which no man can shut and having the power to close the door which no man can open. The holiness of Christ was prophesied of even before His birth. Isa. 11:5. The Branch of Jesse was to come "And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins." Never did Jesus fail being perfect, but always compassed about with purity and truth. Paul testified of him as did many others. II Cor. 5:21. "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." (Although not a sinner, Christ died the death of cruel injustice for us that we may have the same relationship to the Father as he did.) Christ, as the lion of Judah and the Root of David, was given the keys of David representing authority as the Ultimate King. Christ has access to everywhere and control over all, including control over the door of grace that is now set before people. A day is coming that the opportunity will cease to be offered and the door will be shut by God, just as the door of the ark was. For those who have shunned salvation, they will find that they have waited too long, as illustrated in Luke 13:25. "When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are." Do not tarry, for it is a sad mistake to think that God will wait until you have indulged in all the worldly pleasures and then come to Him. A person cannot wait until "the last possible moment." Death is inevitable for everyone and the time is unknown.

Christ gave no rebuke to this church, but credit for their little strength because they had kept His Word and hadn't denied His name. We must deny the world and ourselves, if we are to follow Jesus with our whole heart. Luke 9:62. "And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." His presence cannot and will not dwell within anyone still longing for the earthly things of this life. Somethings are easy for us to deny when we have to, but the hardest sacrifice seems to be self-denial. We must forget our "pride of life" and take up our cross. Jesus only is worthy of highest recognition, yet there are many Scriptures telling of the denials of Christ. Peter quickly comes to mind as we think of denying Jesus. When events of life are going good, it seems hard to think that we would ever deny Christ, but as soon as any kind of threat to us appears, we'll do almost anything to save our dignity, reputation, or life. Is the Church following Jesus "afar off" or is it lifting up the Son of God as it should be? There is foolishness in not rejoicing that we are the King's children! Isa. 50:7. "For the Lord God will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed."

Verse nine - "Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee." Some of the people in Philadelphia claimed to be Jews, but Christ declared that they lie. They may have been Jews by race, but were not Jews inwardly. Just as today, some people have mockingly professed to be Christians and, sadly enough, are controlled by the power of Satan. These people that are being corrupted from within make the "synagogue of Satan" but will someday be humbled before Him and the Church as they realize their fatal mistake. The day will come "That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven,

and things in earth, and things under the earth; and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Phil 2:9-10. People may put up a good false front here on earth, but "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Gal. 6:7. The iniquity that man now supposedly enjoys will someday be accounted for. Vengeance belongs only to the Lord and those who have played church will grieve their failure in serving a more diligent Christian life. Too many people try to cleanse the outward appearance, having only a form of godliness. This is illustrated in Matt. 7:21. "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." All nations will one day recognize the authority of Christ and His true Church, fulfilling Isa. 49:23. "And kings shall be the nursing fathers, and their queens thy nursing mothers: they shall bow down to thee with their face toward the earth, and lick up the dust of thy feet; and thou shalt know that I am the Lord: for they shall not be ashamed that wait for me." Christ's soon coming reign is inevitable and He is in power over all nations!

Verse ten declares the reward for the Church keeping the "word of my patience." "I will also keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth." This is but yet another statement proving Christ's power over temptation. Living the Christian life had never been easy and never will be completely effortless while here on earth, but with our foot established on the Rock and our mind made up to follow Jesus, there is no need to fear. "He will drive away all your fears, I know what He's been to me down through the years. I've never seen the righteous forsaken, or His seed begging bread." When life seems at the darkest with the storms of hell fighting, Christ is only a prayer away. Oh I pity those who rely on themselves to face life alone! Whatever you are facing, wherever you are, remember that God has the victory! Often, the question may arise of why we are encountered with temptation. Jesus said "...to try them that dwell upon the earth." A tested and tried people are required of God. I Peter. 1:6-7. "Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ." Faith - more precious than any corruptible thing on earth and the end result of faith is salvation for the soul! Let us pray for more faith as did the apostles (Lk 17:5) because the Bible says that all men have not faith. "But the Lord is faithful, who shall establish you, and keep you from evil." II Thes. 3:3. have Faith, not just belief in God.

verse eleven - "Behold I come quickly..." perhaps indicates two meanings. The Lord's return will be sudden, as a thief in the night, and it is getting closer every day. These words seem to grow stronger each day as signs of His coming unfold. Lk. 21:31. "So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand." II Thes. 2:2,3. "That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, for by work, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition:" These words seem to still be addressed to the present age. It is a warning not to backslide as His coming is at hand. The son of perdition - the antichrist - hasn't yet been revealed but there is a great falling away today. I Tim. 4:1. "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;" conditions of today that are so obvious. Because the Lord is to come quickly, we are to "hold that fast which thou hast, that

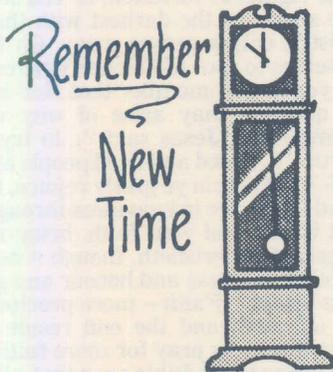


WILSON

Dwight and Carla Wilson of Ava, Mo. announce the birth of their second child, a son, Daniel Lane on August 23, 1985. He weighted 10 lbs. 7 oz. and was 23 in. Daniel's sister is Dawnya Lee, age 5. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gene Wilson, Ava, Mo. and Mr. and Mrs. Dennie Oakes of Joplin, Mo.

REED

Mark and Carrie Reed of Webb City, MO. announce the birth of a daughter, Hannah Lynn on Aug. 29, 1985. She weighted 7 lbs. 3 oz. Her grandparents are John and Ruth Arnall of Granby, Mo. and Leroy and Delores Reed of Stark City, Mo. Hannah has an older brother, Caleb.



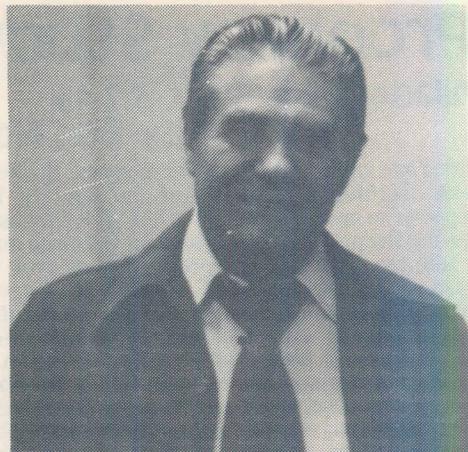
"Father Forgive Them For They Know Not What They Do"

Forgive them? Of all the times, circumstances, conditions and events in history when forgiveness would seem to be the least appropriate, surely this was that time.

The situation is vividly pictured by the three men hanging on the crosses. The one malefactor said, "If thou be Christ save thyself and us." The other said, "Lord remember me."

Both men on a cross, both men dying for the crimes they had committed. The one thought in terms of uncertainty and doubt- "If thou be Christ." The other thought in terms of recognition and assurance as he expressed his request: "Lord remember me." To the latter, Christ replied, "Today shalt thou be with me in Paradise" (Luke 23:43).

The Fountain



G.K. Kerr

G. K. Kerr of Katy, Texas passed away at his home on Sunday, July 14, 1985 at the age of 71 years. He had been a minister of the gospel for many years pastoring and evangelizing over many area.

Surviving are his wife, Mona of the home, one son, Gary Kerr of Katy, Texas, a foster son, Rev. Ronnie Martin of Canyon, Texas and two grandchildren.

Memorial services were held on July 17, 1985 at Katy, Texas with Rev. Jim Fox officiating. He was laid to rest at Katy Memorial Cemetery.

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Cults Are False Prophets

by Yvonna Whiteley

As Sis. Karen asked me at the end of the "Back to School Youth Retreat" to write some articles on cults, I ask God to once again help me condense material. There is a boundless supply of information on this ever growing phenomena in our present day. This is a fulfillment of Christ's prophecy found in Matt. 7:15. The disciples had asked for a sign of His 2nd return. The first words were "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are reviling wolves." Christ further stated these false teachers would succeed in deceiving multitudes into following them through the display of "great signs and wonders." These counterfeit miracles will be Satan's method to deceive many in the world to accept the antichrist who will unite the world under one religion.

Most cults have some real truth and teachings which makes them appear as "okay on the surface. but all that glitters is not gold...so, all that's SAID TO BE TRUTH is NOT truth.

A cult is a religious perversion. A belief and practice in the world of religion which calls for devotion to a religious view or leader centered in false doctrine. It's an organized heresy. In a cult truth becomes perverted into a lie.

These groups produce life styles and personal commitment substantially different from mainline institutional churches, and they are uniquely successful at influencing the life ways of their members. They cater to a reaffirmed religious zeal founded on personalized theologies made to fit the needs of an ever-expanding and diversified following. They provide a framework wherein ecstatic religious experiences for the individual are reintroduced and provided with purpose and justification. They are successfully making inroads into middle America.

Causes of vulnerability to Cults

One study found that people who follow cults have often been recently hurt or disoriented by a personal crisis. Under the right circumstances almost anyone is subject to the approach of a cult recruiter.

Consider these points in the life of a young person:

- 1) Uncertainty of senior year of high school
- 2) Turmoil of adolescence
- 3) Loneliness of the first year at college
- 4) Devastation of a broken romance or marriage
- 5) Need to "feel" understood and accepted
- 6) Looking for feeling of security
- 7) Looking for more spiritual depth of truth (often a member of a conservative church)

In exchange for unhappiness and confusion, cult recruiters offer a person 1) unconditional acceptance; 2) group identification; 3) easy, absolute answers; 4) friendship; 5) affection.

A vast majority of the people in cults are from adequate families and have not shown any sign of pathology in their growth - often the best of our growing generation, the most imaginative, the most likely to use their minds, and have enjoyed good family relationships.

Dr. Margaret Singer, clinical psychologist, has worked with hundreds of ex-cult members states: "Almost anyone in a period of loneliness is in a vulnerable period in which he/she might get taken in by the flattery and deceptive lures that cults use - I've found that the people who've gotten involved with cults have tended to be somewhat depressed - and in between a major anchoring point and affiliation."

Why would anyone in his/her right mind join a cult and submit to such manipulation and exploitation?"

For the most part people rarely "join" cults - they are trapped into them. Many cults withhold or misrepresent information about themselves and their activities from potential recruits until the conversion is mostly completed.

Some cults will NOT even reveal the name of their leader or the purposes and practices of their group until the convert is firmly enmeshed.

Mainline churches or denominations will require a person to attend classes to gain a thorough knowledge and understanding of their doctrine BEFORE they join or become a member. But NOT so with the cults.

One ex-member of the Children of God-Family of Love cult stated she would never have joined if they had revealed to her their expected requirements. When first with them they talked of God's love how Jesus died to save mankind, and how, if we love God, we should do His work. Only later they explained her "work" for Jesus was to be a prostitute for Jesus, have sex with children, and lie to people on the streets to get donations.

Recruiters and those raising funds will be found in airports, at traffic lights, in parking lots, in prisons, in hospitals, at your front door, maybe even in your church service.

The best safeguard against unwitting involvement is to be informed about the recruitment process. But MOST OF ALL know God's word thoroughly and whenever any teachings has even ONE element that contradicts God's word...leave the whole organization alone. Have NO part of any of it.

Now...where does all this place us as conservative Christians? Are we GUILTY of shunning someone that is ill-kept or maybe not one of the "in-people"...maybe a regular member or just a visitor...that enters our church service? Do we portray to them the compassion, friendship, acceptance that is "like Christ" or do we offer a "cold-hello" passing on to shower our attention on those who are "the in-people"?

Our cool attitude may cause someone seeking acceptance or friendship into the realm of a cult. What would Christ do? He is our example. He tells us that whatever we do to the "least" of His own, we do to Him.

Just last year as I was working in an office, we had a very "unlovely" family move in across the street. The man was huge, sloppy, and just plain repulsive. As I was watching him...no shirt on, his fat hanging over his dirty pants, no shoes on...I was disgusted to think anyone would go around in such a state. All at once the thought came to me, "But God loves him as much as He loves you." That startled me and I repeated the thought in mind. I started praying for the family and asking God to shed His light across their path. My attitude changed as I realized that God wants us to be concerned for all His creation. This was His example to us.

In closing this first article we would like to share this final statement with you: FIRST AND GREATEST single reason for the advance of the cults in our world today is 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.

Books which will be very beneficial to you in gaining knowledge about cults are listed below:

1. Know the Marks of Cults by Dave Breese
2. Dealing With Destructive Cults by Una McManus and John Cooper
3. The Cult Explosion by Dave Hung
4. The New Cults by Dr. Walter Martin
5. Cults, World Religions, and You by Kenneth Boa
6. What the Cults Believe by Irvine Robertson
7. Kingdom of the Cults by Dr. Walter Martin

Wilt thou go with this man? And she said, "I will go." Genesis 24:58

by Mrs. E.A. Greever

Genesis the 24th chapter, a type of the story or article that is to follow. "A wife chosen for Isaac."

My dear Apostolic Faith Report readers, that is a very wonderful story for a chosen bride and the men seeking a bride. I am about to write about Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

God so loved the world that He gave His Son at Calvary, that by the shedding of His blood, the world could be saved and by the one offering Jesus gave Himself that all who had repented might be sanctified, made pure and holy. After finishing His short ministry on earth He went back to heaven and left the work to be carried on by His followers. This promise was given, "I go to prepare a place for you: and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto my self; that where I am, there ye may be also." St. John 14:2-3. Matthew 24:44 says, "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."

Are we ready to suffer for the dear Savior? Ready to bear the shame of the cross; ready to go where He wants to send us? Ready to give all and count it but dross? Do we seem like strangers in this world of darkness, because of sin, anxiously waiting for the Lord to descend from heaven with a shout and the voice of the archangel and the trump of God, or half-hearted by pretty well satisfied?

Are we weary in well doing? Can we gladly say, "Lord, not my will but thine be done?" To me the Word tells us it takes complete surrender of our lives to God's will to be ready to meet the bridegroom. Could we say at His return, "this is our God, we have waited for Him?" St. Luke 9:24, "For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it." "They that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." 2 Tim. 3:12. "In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." John 16:33. St. Luke 9:23, "And he said to them all, if any man will come after me let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me."

I will follow where he leadeth
I will pasture where he feedeth
I will follow all the way Lord
I will follow Jesus every day.

Like Rebekah, a very willing servant came to meet Isaac in a very humble manner; so it is with the bride of Christ, we are made to rejoice in doing his will.

Dear friend, by the Spirit and word that agree we must be very near the time the Father will be sending his Son for his bride.

The Bible tells us that the day and hour knoweth no man and Jesus said he didn't know, but only the Father knew. We are told of the times and seasons, we are not ignorant. In 15 more years, two of God's 1000 year days will be gone and in Hosea the 6th chapter, verses 1 and 2, we read, "Come, and let us return unto the Lord: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. After two days will he revive us: in the third day (Resurrection and thousand year reign with Christ) he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight." I must also remind you, Jesus did not

return in the evening, or at mid-night, nor at the cock crowing. So, beyond a doubt, we must be in the morning watch. The cock crows to arouse and awaken us; Martin Luther had the message of repentance being justified by faith, John and Charles Wesley healing and sanctification, and Charles F. Parham at the beginning of this century the latter reign or Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

There is such a thrill in my soul for the year of 1985, not that I'm weary in well doing, but longing to see him and be made like him. So, to be sure we are aware of the fact, to follow in the path like Jesus trod, it is not flower strewn, but is rather thorny. For the joy that lies ahead, we endure the cross and despise the shame, It is not a path of ease of pleasure, but rather the opposite. Led to the poor, such, and blind; both physically and spiritually minded. Not high things, but condescending to men of low estate no inheritance covering our Saviors own blood."

In Matthew 25:6, "At midnight (a dark hour spiritually) there was a cry made, Behold the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him;" and some found their lamps had gone out and while they went to buy they that were ready went in and the door was shut.

Now let us read Rev. 19:7-8, "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints." The wife for Isaac was given jewels, and in Isaiah 61:10, we are told of the wedding garment of the bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels."

A charge was given the servant of Abraham to be sure to go to his brethren to seek a wife for his son, Isaac, and from among God's children a bride is chosen for his son, Jesus.

By God's grace I surely hope to be one of them. Don't you?

Jesus Didn't Blame Anybody

Think back to the story of how Jesus was crucified. He must have been lonely - more lonely than anyone else before or since. His execution was a crime, but He forgave.

Even as the nails were hammered home through those gentle hands and feet, his first thoughts were to bless and pray for those around him. He blamed no one. Could we do the same?

How often we blame someone else. "Have this mind in you which was in Christ Jesus...who emptied himself..humbled himself...became obedient unto death."

Through that death on the cross it is possible for us to know him as a friend. And it's only by accepting him as Lord that you find him as Savior.

Florence Nisbet

God Will "Part the Waters," But Sometimes We Have To Get Our Feet Wet. . .

It's In The Minutes

In recent years it has come to my attention how important good records can be. In order to keep good records we must be at our post of duty and be alert and willing to do our job. We read in Romans 12:11 "Not slothful in business; fervent in Spirit; serving the Lord;" We know that in order to hold down a job we must be awake, be on time, be energetic and show our willingness to work. The Lord's work is far more important than our jobs. We must conduct the Lord's business as though our lives depend on it, which they do.

The word slothful means lazy, tardy, or to be slow or delay. The word says not to be lazy, tardy, or slow in business. Another good word explaining slothful is procrastinate. Don't be a procrastinator concerning the business of the Lord.

Whether it be a general board meeting or an executive board meeting or a special committee, the minutes are the only official legal record your board or committee has of what has taken place in the past and what is to be done in the future. The accurate record of the proceedings of business meetings are crucial for questions do arise. We as humans do forget and sometimes we think we remember but time has a way of taking its toll on our memory. We all need our memory refreshed now and then. That is why it is important to keep good accurate records of meetings.

The secretary or clerk is responsible for the record keeping. He or she is the recording officer and the custodian of the records of a business meeting. The minutes of a meeting should be written in a standard steno notebook which is called the secretaries original pencil notes. These notes should be transcribed into neatly written or typed final form soon after the meeting and filed in a permanent binder or journal. The book of minutes should be on hand at every and all meetings for reference and so that the minutes of the last meeting may be read and approved. A vote is not mandatory to approve minutes. The President or Chairman need only ask for corrections or additions. The president then indicates that the minutes are approved as read or as corrected. The secretary records that "By general consent" minutes were approved. The minutes should be signed by the secretary.

The secretary should also keep one book in which the constitution, by-laws, rules or order, and standing rules should all be written, leaving a page blank; and whenever an amendment is made to any of them, it should immediately be entered on the page opposite to the article amended.

The Secretary should, previous to each meeting, for use of the chairman, make out an order of business or agenda, showing in their exact order what is to come before the assembly.

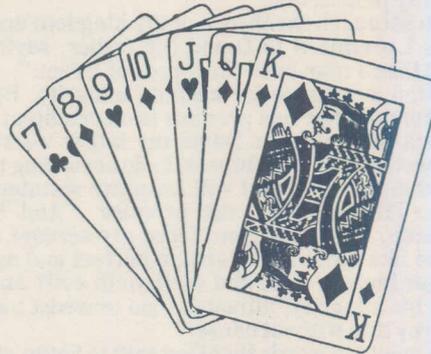
Recording minutes is a very important responsibility but it need not be difficult. While business meetings become lengthy at times, with much discussion, what is eliminated from the record and minutes remain fairly brief. Only actual transactions of business are recorded; I.E. Approval of minutes, Report of the Treasurer. Other reports given and motions presented, by whom, and whether they are carried. Though a motion requires a second, this is not entered in the minutes. Personal comments and or opinions are never included.

Minutes should begin with the date and place the meetings was held, time of call to order and indication that a quorum was present. With the aid of a meeting agenda (should be a must) and knowledge of those items which there is not need to record, it is much easier to take concise notes and later to transcribe final minutes.

Secretaries have an important job to carry out. If you record a good set of minutes and ever have a question arise about the past, all that is necessary is to look back and say "Its in the minutes".

A good reference book to have concerning Parliamentary Procedure is, "Roberts Rules of Order" by General Henry M. Robert.

Mark Bard



What Card Playing Did For A Sunday School Class

This story was told in the Garrick Theatre, Philadelphia, Pa., during the great King's Business revival movement there.

While a friend of mine was conducting a meeting one morning, a tramp came in and said, "My father and mother used to sit in this pew. It is the first church I ever attended. My father was an officer in this church. Seven boys used to sit in this pew in the Sunday School class. We had a great love and respect for our Sunday School teacher. Saturday afternoon she invited us to her home, entertaining with music, eatables and a look over the lesson. After a while she was anxious to please us and hold us, and she taught us the names of cards. None had ever used cards. We became enthusiastic over it, learning different games. After a while we would not give so much time to the lesson, but she let us have more time to playing cards, and would show us some more tricks. After a while we were off in the cotton gins playing cards and not going to her home. Later we failed to get to Sunday School. Cards, cigarettes, after a while drink and gambling. We all at different times left our homes. Two of those boys have been hung, three are in state's prison for life, one a vagabond like myself. No one knows where he is and if the authorities knew I was here I would be arrested and put behind the bars. All I wish is, that that teacher had never taught us how to play cards."

As he stood there broken-hearted, a lady at the right and near the pulpit, dressed in mourning, arose, went to where the man was, fell on the floor with a scream, and said, "My God! I am the Sunday School teacher that did it." She fainted and we did not know but that she was dead. She revived.

The woman was not seen any more in the meeting and the man never seen since.

You are quite at liberty to print the story in tract form, and I would like to add, "the story is true and can easily be substantiated." With sincere regards, I am,

Cordially yours,

J. Wilbur Chapman, D. D.

Integrity

Websters Definition: MORAL SOUNDNESS, HONESTY UPRIGHTNESS
I Kings 9:4-5

"And if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, in integrity of heart, and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded thee, and wilt keep my statutes and my judgments:

Then I will establish the throne of thy kingdom upon Israel for ever, as I promised to David thy father, saying There shall not fail thee a man upon the throne of Israel."

Here we find a promise for keeping integrity. But may I call your attention that this promise is on condition. First, if thou wilt walk before me as David thy father walked, in integrity of heart, and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded thee and will keep my statutes and my judgments...(THEN)...then, the promise..."And the Lord said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause."

These are touching words that God said to Satan about Job. Do remember the latter end of Job: it did pay to keep his integrity with God. Let me tell you it still pays in 1985 to keep our integrity with God. I have been through some real tests. But I can testify that God has been so good to me through it all. I praise him and give him all the honor and glory for it all! As I write this, He is worthy of all praise. Jesus paid the debt I couldn't pay. He took my place on Calvary's Tree.

It seems in general, our young generation has forgotten the meaning of integrity. I say this because of the marches for 'rights' we see on the television. People in rebellion against law and order, unruly and out of control. Peter spoke of this as an 'untoward' generation in Acts 2:40. Webster's definition of 'untoward': forward, perverse, difficult to guide or manage. How do we save ourselves from this untoward generation? I believe by keeping our integrity with God. It will work in 1985! Praise His Sweet Name!

Let me explain myself a little. I don't mean all of our young generation is bad. I think we have some fine young people that are dedicated and consecrated to keep their integrity with God. But that percentage of young people in our nation is low. I am so thankful for those young people holding fast with integrity, they will win with the Lord, with His help.

John 19:30..."When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost." What wonderful words! A finished work on Calvary, making it possible for all to keep their integrity.

Let me quote Paul in II Tim. 4:6-8.

"For I am now 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:

Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing". What a wonderful testimony for him, just before the end of his life, and what a reward!

Read the definition of integrity once again.

How rewarding it will be to keep our integrity with God. God bless you as you read this message. It won't be long until this message of Paul and others will be a reality.

Let me finish with the words of David. Ps. 17:15..."I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness." The beautiful scriptures should encourage us to be faithful and keep our integrity with God!

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The Stewardship of Influence

By Barbara Waterbury

There are those who love you,
Be quick your love to give.
There are those who watch you,
Be careful how you live.
There are those who trust you,
Be careful how you talk.
There are those who follow,
Be careful where you walk.
Those things to you so innocent,
No problems for your soul,
May be the very downfall
Of others from God's fold.
So guard your reputation,
Your name for doing good,
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