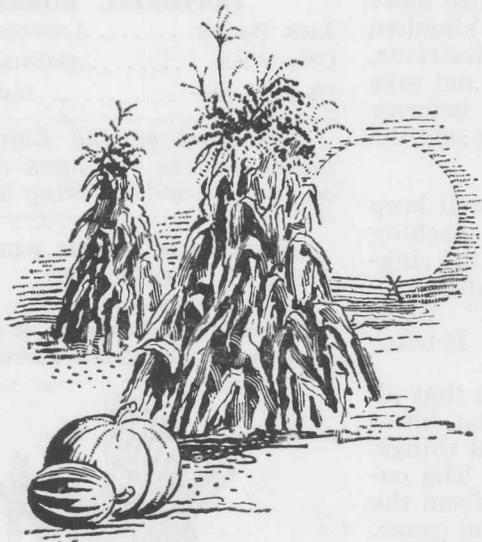


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Thanksgiving

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ENTER INTO HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING, AND INTO HIS COURTS WITH PRAISE: BE THANKFUL UNTO HIM AND BLESS HIS NAME. Psalms 100:4

WITH THANKSGIVING LET YOUR REQUESTS BE KNOWN UNTO GOD. Philippians 4:6

IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS:
FOR THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD...
CONCERNING YOU.

1 Thessalonians 5:18



EDITORIAL

Press In

"The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it." Luke 16:16. "And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of God suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force. Matt. 11:12.

We, as servants and sons of the Most High, realize more each day the impact of the scriptures here quoted. The kingdom of God must be pressed into. We must become earnest, desirous, anxious, persistent, and as the scripture put it, "violent" and take the kingdom of God by force. Certainly, the Christian believer understands that the Lord held some reservations when he said the "violent" take it by force.

The violence needed here is the kind of stuff that will keep the preacher preaching the truth . . . keep the teacher teaching the word . . . keep the worker working the work . . . keep the singer singing God's praise in the face of every kind of opposition.

Luke said, ". . . every man PRESSETH into it." What does it take to press. It takes strength. It takes power. It takes effort. It takes energy.

How well do Full Gospel Holiness people realize that all the elements needed in the individual's life to perform the duties demanded of our Lord come from the great giver of good things. Our energy is God-given. Our talent comes from God. The enlightenment and conviction of our Spiritual needs stems from the Holy Spirit. Our forgiveness from sin is of God's merciful grace. The cleansing experienced in Sanctification comes from the blood of Christ. The comfort and power of the Holy Spirit is a gift of God. All comes from the Lord.

However to attain these wonderful things from the presence of the almighty . . . "*. . . every man presseth into it.*"

Your Servant in Christ

Jacob C. Regier

The Changed Lives

One day, it is related, Queen Victoria visited a paper-mill. The owner showed her through the works, not knowing who she was, and among other places took her into the rag-room. When she saw the filthy, dirty rags, she exclaimed, "How can these ever be made white!" "Ah, lady," was the reply, "I have a chemical process of great power by which I can take the color out of those red rags." Before she left he discovered that she was the Queen.

A few days after, the Queen found lying upon her writing desk a lot of the most beautifully polished paper she had ever seen. On each sheet were the letters of her name and her likeness. There was also a note which

read as follows: "Will the Queen be pleased to accept a specimen of my paper, with the assurance that every sheet was manufactured out of the dirty rags which she saw on the backs of the poor rag-pickers, and I trust the result is such as even the Queen may admire. Will the Queen also allow me to say that I have had many a good sermon preached to me in my mill? I can understand how the Lord Jesus can take the poor heathen, and the vilest of the vile, and make them clean, and how though their sins be as scarlet, He can make them white as snow. And I can see how He can put His own name upon them; and just as these rags transformed may go into a Royal Palace and be admired, so poor sinners can be received into the Palace of the Great King."

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THANKSGIVING



By MRS. FLOYD LAMUNYAN

NOVEMBER is the month of Thanksgiving when our nation sets aside a day for the giving of thanks, and to commemorate the First Thanksgiving Day inaugurated by the Pilgrim Fathers long ago. Many articles have been written concerning Thanksgiving day—its origin, its purpose, its traditions. This article is not concerning Thanksgiving DAY, but concerning the art and act of giving thanks to God. One can observe Thanksgiving Day as a holiday, a time of festivities in the home with family and friends, or a time of special events, or any number of other activities, and yet never feel one moment of true gratitude or thankfulness unto God.

The word "thanksgiving" is given this definition in Cruden's Concordance: "An acknowledgement and confessing with gladness, the benefits and mercies, which God bestows either upon ourselves or others." This acknowledging and confessing may take many other forms in addition to the actual words of thanks. And these are the things we wish to explore in this article.

First, let us discover why we should be thankful unto God. Some may say, "What has God ever done for me? I live my own life. I make my own way, I have achieved a good standing of success . . . , I am self-made." And some who would not be so bold as to say such things nevertheless express the same attitude by their daily lives and actions. Just why should we be thankful unto God? The Apostle Paul in preaching at Athens said, "He (God) giveth to all life, and breath, and ALL THINGS." (Acts 17:25) In the same chapter, verse 28, Paul says, "For in Him we live, and move, and have our being." Everything we are and everything we have is from God; in the final analysis of the thing none of us can rightfully say that the things we possess are ours and ours alone. On the contrary, abso-

lutely everything belongs to God; He has only lent them to us for our stewardship for a short time. King David said: "The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof: the world and they that dwell therein." Psalms 24:1).

The farmer raises crops from the raw materials which God provides: soil, rain, sun and air. The manufacturer produces his wares from raw materials which God provides: metallic ores, woods, textiles, petroleum and many other elements. No human being has actually CREATED anything, he has only developed and learned to use the things which God had already created in the beginning. And that only because God gave man the mind and ingenuity for invention and construction. So there is every reason why man should be thankful saved and unsaved alike—for the material and temporal blessings and benefits of God. The saved person, the Christian, has infinitely more to be thankful for: Salvation from sin in the present world with all its attendant blessings, and eternal life in the world to come, the glory of which is beyond the grasp of our puny minds.

True thankfulness is more than mere words; it is a condition and attitude of the heart. Words of thanks can be spoken from the lips only, and not stem from a gratitude in the heart. These words are lacking in sincerity and are often detected by man, and ALWAYS detected by God Himself for He knows " . . . the secrets of the heart." (Psalms 44:21). "From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the Lord's name is to be praised." (Psalms 113:3.) David said: "Seven times a day do I praise (thank) Thee because of thy righteous judgements." (Psalms 119:164).

Not all of one's time can be spent in actively giving thanks and praise to God but there can and should be

a constant appreciation and gratitude in the heart for the benefits of God.

This feeling of thanksgiving should also be expressed in words and actions. "Let them shout for joy, and be glad; yea, let them say continually, Let the Lord be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of His servant. And my tongue shall speak of Thy righteousness and of Thy praise all the day long." (Psalms 35:27-28). So many of us accept God blessings as a matter of course and take them for granted without ever turning to render thanks unto Him, much like the nine lepers whose story is told in Luke chapter seventeen. There were ten lepers who came to Jesus crying for mercy, and He healed them all. Beginning with verse 15 we read: "And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell on his face at His feet, GIVING HIM THANKS: and he was a Samaritan. And Jesus answering said, Were not ten cleansed? but WHERE ARE THE NINE? One can only wonder if God is not saying of our generation, "Where are the hundreds, the thousands, the millions?"

In Second Timothy, chapter 3, the sins of the last days are catalogued. In verse 2 we read: "For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobediant to parents, UNTHANKFUL, unholy . . ." and the list continues from there. It is significant that being unthankful is listed along with such grievous sins. Evidently God sets high regard and appreciation on thankfulness. From the beginning of the worship of God as recorded in scripture, the giving of thanks has held a special place. And the unthankful have incurred the displeasure of God. In Romans 1:20b-21 we read: **They are without excuse: because that when they knew God they glorified Him not as God,** (Continued on Page 5)

YOUTH PAGE

A Thankful Teen Ager

By JERRY McCLENAGAN

Have you a heart full of thanks?

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, . . ." (Ps. 92:1) It is good because God delights in your praise; and it is good for you!

The Psalms of David are highlighted with notes of praise. He developed a thankful heart while a teen-age shepherd in the hills of Judaea. As a shepherd his thoughts turned to that Great Shepherd, the Lord. He meditated on Him and His glorious fullness. As a result his heart overflowed with thanksgiving.

Will you meditate on this Shepherd too? Gaze into the 23rd Psalm (verses 1 through 4; some Bible students make a division here) and see what you can be thankful for as a Christian teen-ager.

You can be thankful for . . .

1. YOUR SHEPHERD

"The Lord is my shepherd." Be thankful, first of all, for your Shepherd; then, for all of His blessings. As you give thanks for His blessings His fullness will fill your heart. As you thank Him you'll dwell in His presence. "Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto thy name: the upright shall dwell in thy presence." (Ps. 140:13)

2. SATISFACTION

"I shall not want." Because you have Christ as your Shepherd you can be satisfied with His fullness. "Of His fullness have all we received, and grace for grace." (John 1:16) That is to say, We have received spiritual blessing upon spiritual blessing out of His fullness! The remaining verses of this psalm speak of some of these spiritual blessings we have in Christ, our Shepherd.

3. REST

"He maketh me to lie down in green pastures." Jesus promised this heart-rest to those who would come to Him. (Matt. 11:28-30) You are lovingly compelled to "rest in the Lord." The verdant pastures of His love and peace quietly beckon you to "lie down" and "find rest to your souls."

4. REFRESHMENT

"He leadeth me beside the still waters." Or, as Moffatt translates it, "He leads me to refreshing streams." Jesus does not want you to have a dry-as-dust experience. He wants you to be refreshed. "And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, . . ."—or, "refresh you in dry places." (Isa. 58:11) There are "dry places" in your Christian life, but Jesus shall lead you "continually" and refresh you in those times!

5. RESTORATION

"He restoreth my soul." Restore means to bring back. David is saying, "The Shepherd brings me back and rescues me from fatal and forbidden places." Teen-agers, there are some "fatal and forbidden places" about you. Stay close to your Shepherd and He will keep you. If you should stray He will try to bring you back; don't run away from Him, but with repentant heart come back to His fold. Let Him rescue you from the dangers and enemies of your life.

6. GUIDANCE

"He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake." Christ will lead you in right paths; not paths that lead you to a precipice, or some such danger. He will lead you where there is the least danger.

7. PROTECTION

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death." Some paths that are right paths still lead through places that have deadly perils. It may be the only paths to your destination.

"I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." In such times of danger Christ will be there to guide and protect you. He has said, "I will never leave thee." His rod and staff give you comfort and assurance. One is for guiding the sheep and the other for a weapon; one for aiding them in places of need along peaceful ways, and the other for defense in perils of robbers and wild beasts.

It shouldn't be hard to thank Him,

should it? You are probably saying, "Such knowledge" (of the fullness of His spiritual blessings) "is too wonderful for me." (Ps. 139:6)

How about filling God's mailbox with thank you notes this month—and every month? Be a thankful teen-ager like David.

YOUTH RALLY REPORTS

YOUTH RALLY Tri-State

The September meeting was held in Baxter Springs, Kans. 105 attended. The choir singing was conducted by Truman Summerford. There were several sermonettes; Karen Oakes gave a wonderful sermonette on healing. Bro. Bob Cooper preached.

New officers for the coming year M. D. Methvin, President; Peggy Bard, Vice President; Gwen Black, Secretary-Treasurer.

DIXIE CRUSADERS FOR CHRIST RALLY

The Dixie Crusaders for Christ met October 1, 1960 at Hinton, Alabama. New officers were elected. Carolyn Ann Fleming is president. Bryant Carney is vice-president. Lois Carney is secretary-treasurer. Berta Anderson is reporter. Myrtle Carney and Nadine Fleming are choir directors and pianist.

Pine Crest received the banner for attendance with 70 present. A skit, "Repacking For Life's Journey" was given by Hinton. Next Rally will be November 4th at Pine Hill. An S. O. S. for prayer is sent to all readers: Pray for us that we will prosper spiritually.

Berta Anderson, Reporter

PANHANDLE YOUTH RALLIES

Rallies in the Panhandle convened at Perryton, Tex., in September and at Balko, Oklahoma in October. In September, Bro. Murphy Barnes brought the message after several good special number from the various churches. Election of officers put Joe D. Newman as president, Kaye Regier, Secretary, and Jerry McClenagan as Song Director. Balko won the attendance Banner.

Bro. Donald Dibbens brought a stirring message on "The Invisible Line" after a number of good special numbers in the October 10th Rally.

The November Rally will be at Guymon, Okla., November 14th.

Thanksgiving

(Continued from Page 3)

NEITHER WERE THANKFUL; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened." Let us not be among those who are unthankful to God.

We have seen that thanks can be expressed in praise: it can also be expressed by "blessing" God. The word bless has more than one connotation in Scripture: (1) God blesses by giving spiritual and temporal good things; (2) men bless God when they thank Him for His benefits to them. (Crudens). The book of Psalms is largely a book of thanks and praise to God. Psalms 103 begins thus: "**Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: Who for-**

giveth all thine iniquities; Who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; Who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagles." (vss. 1-5) In these verses are praise and thanksgiving for spiritual blessings, for physical health, for temporal necessities, for redemption from destruction, and the daily renewal of life.

Thanksgiving can be expressed in glorifying the name of the Lord (Psa. 85:12); in magnifying His name (Psa. 34:3) and in many other ways. The sincere giving of thanks is much more important than the manner or way of expressing it. God knows when true thankfulness is present in our heart and in our worship, and He also knows when it is absent. Let us maintain an attitude of thanksgiving in our heart every day of every year

throughout our life. It makes for a happier life for ourselves and for those about us, as well as being pleasing to God.

Let us turn again to the Psalms for a closing scripture, in chapter 116, verse 12: "**What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me? The answer is given in the following verses: "I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all His people. I will offer to Thee the sacrifice of THANKSGIVING,** and will call upon the name of the Lord." (vss. 13, 14, 17.) The thing first in importance is to "take the cup of salvation"—to be regenerated by the precious blood of Jesus Christ, then there is every reason for a constant "acknowledging and confessing with gladness, the benefits and mercies which God bestows upon us."

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the Doctrines

By Gail W. Schultz

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THE Old-Fashioned Pentecostal Gospel often known as the Full Gospel or the Apostolic Faith, embodies many precious truths. Briefly herein, a resume' of them is set forth.

ENLIGHTENMENT

Light is the opposite of darkness. We say, "We see", when we understand a subject or topic. Many do not have a knowledge, or in this case, **enlightenment**. Paul said, "I speak this to your shame." (I cor. 6:5). How can we judge or know right from wrong unless we are taught, and how shall the Word be taught unless there is a man called of God to perform this? (Rom. 10:14-15) Here is the key or the reason why the Word must be preached and explained. This is why all phases of the church and evangelism must be pressed and urged forward in an ardent and fervent spirit. (Rom. 12:11.)

Let us use the words enlightenment, light, and knowledge as interchangeable when it involves the calling of the Lord and an expression of His Will.

Enlightenment followed carefully and prayerfully will bring rich spiritual dividends and can be summed up as a road leading to joy unspeakable and full of glory. (I Pet 1:8). Light is necessary in order to turn men from sin, because conviction is brought about by the knowledge thereof. (Rom. 3:20) Light may be given and stressed upon a particular subject, work of grace, or gift of the Spirit. That is the knowledge of the need of Salvation; of Sanctification; of The Baptism of the Holy Spirit. This may even cover such topics as Divine Healing, or Tithing, or any personal conviction that must be observed. Some of the Scriptures on the subject of **Enlightenment** are expressed in this manner: (1) To enlighten with the light of the living. (Job 33:27-30.) (2) The commandments of the Lord are pure, enlightening the eyes. (Psalms 19:8) (3) Paul further enlarges the subject by stating the need of our understanding being en-

lightened. (Eph. 1:17-18).

Oh All Miserable Souls! What deplorable conditions pervert the ways of man! Why let light be turned to darkness! Rebellious and selfwilled souls, who do not want to pay the price asked of the Lord, reap this miserable kind of harvest. (Heb. 6:4-6) This scripture in Hebrews gives warning of them that once knew, but fell away. Jude adds his message to these whom he classifies as "clouds without water", "trees without fruit" and "wandering stars." (Jude 11-13.)

Some do not like to retain a knowledge of God. (Rom. 2-28). 2 Thessalonians 2:10-11 also bears the same thought. In my humble estimation, many souls hidden behind the cloke of a bloodless religion are the fertile soil for the coming time of trouble and the reign of the Anti-Christ.

Lest the sin of the fathers be visited in your household down to the third and fourth generations, turn not away from light, but walk in the light with all your heart and strength. (Exod. 20:5-6.)

CONVICTION

Conviction is that act of God whereby men are brought to their realization of their need of God and of their condemnation.

The man or woman in sin, must first have a "call" or "summons" from the Lord before he or she can move towards the Lord. This we call "**conviction**." This call or summons may come as an inner-whisper or urge or feeling. It may be faint or it may be strong. The knowledge and hunger for God may be called **conviction**, to follow this **conviction** will lead to action. It will lead us to an altar. It will lead us to prayer. It will lead us to repentance. It will lead us to consecration. It will lead us to obedience. This is conviction!

Some helpful scriptures on this subject to consider are as follows: (1) John 8:9 relates the fact that wicked men were convinced by their own conscience. In scripture the word conscience is used more than convict. (2) I Cor. 14:24 shows that by prophecy

the unlearned one was to be convinced and purged by the Word. Sound doctrine will convince or bring conviction to the gainsayers. (3) Acts 18:28 tells how Paul mightily convinced the Jews, publicly showing by the scriptures that Jesus was Christ. If conviction is followed it brings forth fruit of repentance. If it is not followed, it brings forth darkness in the individual because God leaves the choice to man. He can accept or reject! The result of reward or punishment is in our own hands to this extent. (4) Matthew 3:7-12 relates a call and warning. It is doubtful that repentance followed. (5) Isaiah 1:19-20 and Romans 6:25 give examples of each case.

It is possible to be deeply convicted for Sanctification or the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. However in the general sense few ever consider conviction in this line. When Jesus spoke of the coming of the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, he said, "**And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgement.**" John 16:8.

Great care must be taken that in no case **conviction** be ignored and allowed to turn to darkness. The vengeance of God is a fearful thing. Read 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10.

REPENTANCE TO GOD

Enlightenment and **Conviction** are the handiwork of The God of Creation. This handiwork is in the realm of the spiritual effect upon the souls of men. **Repentance**, on the other hand, is the work of man in response to the handiwork of God. This is also in the spiritual sense. In this section of this article, we will not deal with repentance in the general sense but strictly: **Repentance To God**.

Repentance justly and correctly followed, will bring amazing results. Repent means, above all, to be sorry for our sins. Here is the key-note to coming to God. Many do not feel the remorse of and guilt of sins ... sin has not been exposed. Sin has so blinded the eyes of many, that very

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little though is given to the magnitude of guilt when the laws of God are transgressed.

Habits of life and society have been accepted by many as the rule of the day as God's will. This cannot be true because His eternal law abides and we must all fully repent.

Repentance, while seemingly a lost art, is still the open door to every sinner to find forgiveness of sins and peace with God. The real act to find Salvation may rest upon faith—belief—trust and acceptance, back of it all, however, is the all-important necessity: REPENTANCE.

Read for yourself the time-honored scriptures that mark the way to heart-felt Salvation:

1. Repentance was preached by John. Matt. 3:1-2
2. Repentance was preached by Jesus. Mark 1:15
3. Repentance was preached by Peter. Acts 5:31
4. Repentance was preached by Paul. Acts 26:20
5. Repentance is the forerunner of other blessings. Acts 3:19, 21.
6. Repentance is heaven accepted. Luke 15:7

Let us broadcast the good word of repentance. While the act of repentance may be performed any place . . . at home . . . in the field . . . on the highway or byways; and at any time . . . day or night; or in any season . . . spring . . . summer . . . autumn . . . winter; we find the best place is at an altar.

Notice:

1. The place for repentance is the altar. I Cor. 9:13 and Acts 17:30
2. The time for repentance is the present. 2 Cor. 6:2
3. In this your day! Luke 19:42
4. Wait not for a more convenient time! Acts 24:25
5. Repentance opens the heart of God. He will forgive. I John 1:9

REPENTANCE TO MAN

Repentance to God, as a whole, has been accepted with more grace than repentance to man. Have you wrong-

ed your fellow-man in any way? The only thing left for you to do is to ask forgiveness from him. Have you spoken ill or harshly treated your neighbor? The only mending that can correctly and gracefully be done is to ask forgiveness.

Have you taken of his goods? You must face this fact and restore the same . . . or do all in your power to make wrongs right. How can the Lord bless you unless you are fair and admit guilt?

The Bible is very clear on this subject and will reveal the action you should take if you will study His Word and follow His directions. Restitution is a mold that cannot be cast aside. Jesus said:

1. "... be reconciled to thy brother." Matt. 5:22-24.
 2. That the mote in thy brother's eye will fade away when the beam is removed from your own eye. Matt. 7:2-3.
 3. To forgive completely so the Lord can forgive you. Matt. 6:14-15.
- Not only must we be forgiven of the heavenly Father but we must seek forgiveness of the offended one. Make full apology.

Restore that which you have stolen. Zacchaeus was willing to restore four fold. Exodus 22:1 requires a full return of four or five for one. Because wrongs deep and hurting are not mended, many fall by the wayside and many others cannot stand because of this faulty foundation. Is it possible for a man to be saved, backslide and be restored? Surely, it is possible, but let that repenting be as well known as his sin. So many, these days, it seems, want to trespass and return to the fold, as it were, through the back door of heaven and the church. Be honest . . . be fair . . . just come both to God and man for forgiveness.

Enlightenment opens the door of knowledge to Salvation.

Conviction presses the need of Salvation upon our hearts.

Repentance is man's obligation to make him eligible for Salvation.

Conversion is the act of God in response to repentance of man.

We have progressed now in this study to **Conversion**. Other steps that follow are **Consecration** (act of man), **Sanctification**, and **The Baptism of the Holy Spirit**. These will follow in a future article. May God add His blessing.

Pastoral Reports

IMPERIAL BEACH, CALIFORNIA

Bro. Elbert Pool has resigned as pastor. Pray for this church.

SPEARMAN, TEXAS

Bro. and Sis. Elbert Pool are open for calls. They can be contacted by mail at Spearman, Texas.

ARNETT, OKLAHOMA

Bro. and Sis. William D. Yeakel of Roswell, New Mexico will begin a revival campaign at the Arnett Apostolic Faith Church on October 30th. Pray for this revival.

LOVINGTON, NEW MEXICO

Bro. and Sis. Homer Allen, pastors of the Lovington Apostolic Faith Church are pressing the battle forward. They are engaged in an attendance contest between the red and blue banners. They mail out a weekly reminder each week which is timely and good. In a recent weekly reminder they gave Bro. Schultz's Bible School tour a real boost. Send them your address and they'll mail you their "Reminder". Rev. and Mrs. Homer Allen, 721 N. Eddy, Lovington, New Mexico.

LAVERNE, OKLAHOMA

The Apostolic Faith church enjoyed a good revival under the direction of Bro. James E. Wallis. He was assisted by a large gospel party composed of The VanBenthussen Sisters; The Edwin Modricks; The Ted Barkers; and Miss Lamoyne Barker. Jim Fox is the pastor.

BEAVER, OKLAHOMA

An excerpt from pastor Lowell Long's letter, "We have been having really good Spirit-filling services. We had 16 for Sunday School last week and 18 the week before. This was our record. We are praying that the Lord will work things out so we get a lot and start something of our own. Remember us in prayer."

(Please turn the page for more Pastoral Reports)

PASTORAL REPORTS

BALKO, OKLAHOMA

Evangelist and Mrs. Edwin Modrick and Miss Ruthie Pshigoda are in revival in the Balko, Apostolic Faith Church. Jack Cornell, Pastor.

ARNETT, OKLAHOMA

Secretary Ruby Kibbe sent an offering to the "Report" from the Arnett, Oklahoma Church with the comment: "The church enjoyed the revival in June conducted by the Schultz's. Much good was accomplished. Mrs. Louise Sutton, Pastor.

GUYMON, OKLAHOMA

Mrs. Les Morgan, secretary, sent a list of names to be added to the mailing list. She also reports that the attendance on Sept. 25th was 66 in Sunday School. This is record for some time. God is blessing in the ministry of the Doyle Wiles' family.

PINE CREST CHAPEL, MISSISSIPPI

The Lord has been blessing here in a mighty way. The Chapel is getting a new "face". Tile is on the agenda in the near future, with new sidewalks already run. Some more furniture has been purchased for the parsonage. Sunday School attendance is on the increase. Good interest is being shown. Services convene thrice weekly. All ministers of the Faith are invited for services. L. J. Ehrlich, pastor.

CROSSES, ARKANSAS

"The church at Crosses is still going along as usual, which means," says the pastor Eugene Webster, "it needs to improve and get more spiritual and get more on fire for the Lord. Pray for us!"

DECKERS PRAIRIE, TEXAS

Sister Melissa Corl, pastor, sends an offering to the **Report** from the Deckers Prairie Church with this report: "Our church is growing in the Blessing of the Lord is upon the work. Pray for us that we will be strengthened and that we will reach souls. The Michener's were with us in revival in August. A mother and her two teen-aged sons and a daughter were saved. We had a baptismal service two weeks ago. Bro. Darrell Sutton did the baptising for us and the three were baptized. Please add the enclosed name to the mailing list."

PINE HILL, ALABAMA

Brother Harold J. Bollinger, pastor and builder of the New Church in Pine Hill, reports that the work is progressing despite the hardships and handicaps. The Lord led them another step toward the victory when it became possible to purchase an acre of land as a building site for the new church. The cost of the land is \$600.00 and an agreement is in the making to purchase it on the payment basis. Let us continue to pray for this great missionary effort.

CAVE SPRINGS, ARKANSAS

Bro. and Sis. Van Earl Blythe are the new pastors of the church in Cave Springs. The people of the church had redecorated the church had redecorated the parsonage. Interest, crowds and services are good. An invitation to the ministers of the Faith is open here.

ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO

The final report on the revival conducted by the LaMunyan party in late September reveals that seven were saved, ten were sanctified, and ten received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Many in the church testified to spiritual victories won through prayer. Let us rejoice with them for this bountiful revival from the presence of the Almighty!

Eugene Waterbury, Pastor

DUMAS, TEXAS

Bro. Jim Morris, pastor, reports the recent revival conducted by the Adair family was a great blessing to the Dumas, Texas church. Bro. Marcus Adair did some excellent preaching and his daughters' musical talents were a great blessing and inspiration. A request for prayer is given so that God's work may continue to prosper here.

SNYDER, TEXAS

Bro. Charles Gregory, a young sincere minister of the Gospel reports he enjoyed his recent visit to the Perryton, Texas church. He has purchased a used car and plans to visit some of the churches before entering the Bible School. He also reports that the Snyder, Texas church has been enjoying some good services under the direction of Pastor Joe B. Dewees.

BAYARD, NEBRASKA

Bro. Bennie Stanberry reports the Lord is blessing their pastoral efforts at Bayard. Bro. Stanberry wrote in his letter, "... Somehow or other I believe that God will care for us. Are well satisfied with the efforts of the people, hope we can cling to the Lord and remain here for awhile at least. We like them so much."

CAMP WOOD, TEXAS

Bro. Thurman Massey and Bro. Jake Pletcher are doing the preaching at Camp Wood since the departure of Bro. Lloyd Schrimpf.

KINGS MILL, TEXAS

Bro. and Sis. Lloyd Schrimpf are getting their mail at this address now: Gen. Del. Kings Mill, Texas. They have not completely decided to settle, but are trying to relax and regain their health. Pray for them. **Bro. and Sis. Schrimpf are open for calls.**

KINGS MILL, TEXAS

The Kings Mill church was edified and blessed by the ministry of Evangelist Marcus L. Adair and family in a recent revival.

FOLLETT, TEXAS

The work at Follett is going forward in a good way under the ministry of Pastor Donald D. Dibbens. He is currently conducting a five-week (two nights a week) singing school. Several from Darrouzett and Logan, Oklahoma vicinities as well as locally are taking advantage of this great opportunity. The Superintendent of the Bible School (Bro. Gail W. Schultz) spoke to a good crowd on October 12th. He spoke for the Apostolic Faith Bible School, Baxter Springs, Kans. The 1961 term begins the third of January.

Many of the area churches were represented at the monthly Singing Convention held at the Chapel on Oct. 17th. Bro. Dibbens is chairman. The convention convenes the third Monday of each month. Next Convention will be November 21st. at 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. By Follett Chapel Rptr.

HARDESTY, OKLAHOMA

Bro. Marcus L. Adair will be in revival in the Mission Church in Hardesty beginning October 21st. His family will assist in this "Singing And Preaching Revival." Jerry McClenagan, pastor.



Friends of Christ

BY LOIS ALLEN



Count Your Blessings . . .

"What a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner," thought Betty, as she looked at the turkey baked a golden brown. The table was covered with so many delicious smelling foods it was hard to wait.

As she bowed her head, while Uncle Bill said Grace, her mind returned to the day before. . . .

"Was it only yesterday I was so unhappy?" She remembered how she had sat at the kitchen table and cried. Aunt Margaret had left her to clean and prepare the pumpkin for the Thanksgiving pies.

As soon as she heard the car leave she broke into tears. "Why had the Lord let such a terrible thing happen to her family?" The doctor said it would be six months before her parents could leave the hospital. Aunt Margaret and Uncle Bill were very nice to take care of her, but it just wasn't the same as being with her parents and living in the parsonage. Betty couldn't remember living anywhere else, and she missed the piano in the church most of all. Her fingers seemed to itch for the piano; it had been two weeks since she had played it. Uncle Bill had promised her he would take her to the church this morning and let her play while he went to the lumber yard on business. Then came the phone call! Betty was so very disappointed; she just had to cry.

Later, when she stopped crying, she remembered her parents had always taught her to pray about her troubles and disappointments. Betty got on her knees beside the table and told the Lord how unhappy she was, how she missed her small sister (who was living with another Aunt,) how she missed the piano, and how much she wanted her parents' home. When she was through and in her chair again she felt much better. She didn't seem to be carrying the load of trouble by herself anymore. Before she knew it she was humming a chorus while she worked.

Betty had just finished the pumpkin and sat down in the Morris chair in the library to read when she heard the car. She didn't look up from her book however, until she heard a small voice say, "Betty!" There was her four-year old sister, Lynn. After many hugs and kisses the two little sisters finally settled down enough to eat a snack lunch, after which Lynn took a nap, Uncle Bill went to the lumber yard, and Betty helped her aunt prepare for the big dinner coming the next day. How proud Betty was when Aunt Margaret let her bake one of the pumpkin pies.

Later that evening when Betty was in bed her aunt came and told her Lynn would be staying with them until both girls could return to their parents. And also, that both the girls could visit the hospital tomorrow because their parents were much improved and might not have to be in as long as the doctor first thought.

The sound of laughter brought Betty back to the Thanksgiving dinner. "You seem to be miles away," said Uncle Bill. "Just counting my blessings," said Betty with a big smile. After dinner as they were getting ready to go visit their parents Uncle Bill handed Betty several of her music books, and with a smile and a wink said, "We will stop by the church on the way home if you would like to play the piano a little while."

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Fill in the blanks and mail to The Apostolic Faith Report, Box 133, Hardesty, Oklahoma or direct to Miss Lois Allen, 405 N. W. 10th., Big Spring, Texas

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Giles of Folsom, New Mexico announce the birth of a daughter named Karen Michele. Born July 30, 1960.

Kenneth and Shirley Simpson of Elmwood, Oklahoma report that Miss Kentra Jo Lyn, weight 7 lbs., 13 ozs., height 18 inches, was born to them in September 12, 1960.

Rev. and Mrs. Harrol Waterbury, pastors of the Katy, Texas church announce the arrival of their daughter on September 15, 1960. Her name is Patti Denise.

Rev. and Mrs. Elbert Pool announce the arrival of their daughter, Carla Jean (weight 6 lbs. 11 ozs.) on Sept. 11, 1960.

Larry Dewayne Beagle

Larry Dewayne Beagle was born on the 27th of March, 1951, at Higgins, Texas. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Chester Beagle. He died in the Shattuck hospital, following a farm accident, on August 26, 1960. He was 9 years, 5 months and 30 days old.

Plus his parents he is survived by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Beagle of Leakey, Texas and Mrs. Charlie Cooper of Arnett, Oklahoma.

Larry lived with his parents all his life on a dairy farm near Arnett Oklahoma. Larry's home was a Christian home. He was converted at an early age and loved the Lord, all his life.

DECISIONS

By JAMES HOSLER

"Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: . . ." Joel 3:14

THIS verse of Scripture makes us to know there are many serious decisions to be made: in our homes, in our ministry, and in our businesses.

There are times when you must make decisions; you can't let someone else make them for you when they come directly to you. In making decisions you can't always decide in respect to what neighbors, church brethren, pastor, or family would think about the decision. But this: What would the Lord think? Would the Lord be pleased with my decision?

The Bible says, "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." Without the help and guidance of the Lord in making our decisions we can easily decide wrong. We read a parable of Christ in the 12th chapter of Luke about a rich man who decided to build bigger and better barns in which to store his grain. God called him a fool because he didn't consider God in his decisions. Our national leaders are trying to keep us out of war. They are trying to make the right decisions; but, sad to say, many of our national decisions are made without considering God.

"Go to now, ye that say, To day or tomorrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your ilfe? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, or do this, or that." (James 4:13-15) Many times we make plans for one thing or another. May we make them in subjection to the will of God. If we do we will always come out on the winning side.

We now refer to Abraham and Lot (Genesis 13.) Abraham was very humble and gave Lot his choice. "And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and

thy herdmen; for we be brethren. Is not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou depart to the right hand, then I will go to the left. And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where, before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, even as the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar. Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other. Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched his tent toward Sodom. But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the Lord exceedingly." Let me rehearse: "There is a way that seemeth right!" Some may say that Lot made the right decision when he chose the well watered land of Jordan because it gave him opportunities, and he had things in his favor. But the 12th verse said, "And he pitched his tent toward Sodom." I remember when we built our little home. The first thing we thought about (although there were other towns with many advantages) was to build in a city where we had a church. If I was away for a revival, and I had to leave my family, then they could be in church services at home. I felt good that I could include this in my decision. Actually, there is no real satisfaction in earthly wealth. It is much better to consider spiritual values in our decisions.

Let us consider another decision in the Bible. The children of Israel were to make a decision here. They had a wonderful leader, Joshua, Here's what he said unto this people: "And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:-

15) **If it seem evil!** Think of Job; it seemed everything evil had happened to him. But he, in the midst of his suffering, did not think it seemed evil to serve God! He said, "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord." Job came out on the winning side. He did not charge God foolishly. Joshua said, "If it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord . . ." If it seems too big a job to serve the Lord we can always go back to sin. But let me say, it pays in every way to serve the Lord!

Saul was a man that God blessed. He made him the first king of Israel. He was quite a man. He was head and shoulders above any in Israel. But he was quite a timid man. He was so timid that when it came time for him to be anointed king he hid himself. He was an humble soul. But there came a time he disobeyed the Lord. He made the wrong decision! He **almost** did what the Lord said to do. There are many people that come **close** to doing what the Lord tells them to do. When Saul met Samuel he said, "I have obeyed the Lord." But Samuel said, "Wherefore then didst thou not obey the voice of the Lord, but didst fly upon the spoil, and didst evil in the sight of the Lord? . . Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. . . . Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, he hath also rejected thee from being king." (I Sam. 15:19, 22, 23) Saul tried to blame the people; he said, "The people took of the spoil." But he had made the decision; he was the king. We can do that. We can blame our wives or husbands for our decisions, but the decision is still ours to make.

The greatest decision to be made by anyone is this: "What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ?" (Matt. 27:22) When Pilate asked this question the crowd of people made the wrong decision. They said, "Crucify him." What will you do with Jesus? What is your decision concerning Christ?

THE HIDDEN LINE

There is a time, we know not when,
A point we know not where,
That marks the destiny of men
To glory or despair.

There is a line by us unseen,
That crosses every path;
The hidden boundary between
God's patience and his wrath.

To pass that limit is to die,
To die as if by stealth;
It does not quench the beaming eye,
Or pale the glow of health.

The conscience may be still at ease,
The spirits light and gay;
That which is pleasing still my please,
And care be thrust away.

But on that forehead God has set
Indelibly a mark,
Unseen by man, for man as yet
Is blind and in the dark.

And yet the doomed man's path below
May bloom as Eden bloomed;
He did not, does not, will not know,
Or feel that he is doomed.

He knows, he feels that all is well,
And every fear is claimed;
He lives, he dies, he wakes in hell,
Not only doomed, but damned.

Oh! where is that mysterious bourne
By which our path is crossed;
Beyond which God himself hath sworn,
That he who goes is lost?

How far may we go on in sin?
How long will God forebear?
Where does hope end, and where begin
The confines of despair?

An answer from the skies is sent;
"Ye that from God depart,
While it is called to-day, repent,
And harden not your heart."

—Dr. J. Addison Alexander

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MAN IS MORTAL

By H. G. STOCKWELL

Note: This article is not intended to do away with Hell. The Bible teaches a literal lake of fire into which the wicked will be cast at the judgement, not at death. But I find no scripture that says the soul is immortal and cannot die. Read carefully the following scripture: Genesis 2:7, 7:15.

God formed man of the dust of the earth, breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man (Adam) became a living soul. God did not say that He breathed into man an immortal never-dying soul. God did say, however, that he breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul. Man began living when God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life. Genesis 2:17; 3:3-4. God said to man, ". . . the day thou eatest of the tree of knowledge, thou shalt die." The devil lied to Eve and said, ". . . thou shalt not surely die." Eve believed the lie and did eat of the forbidden fruit. DEATH is the result! Thus death was pronounced upon the human family. Many people since the time of Adam and Eve, even unto the present hour are deceived by Satan's lie, "Thou shalt not surely die."

When one dies, the spirit, which is the breath of life, returns to God who gave it. Ecclesiastes 12:7. The spirit is the breath of life, not the soul. Job 27:3 says, ". . . the spirit of God is in my nostrils:" When God withdraws His spirit, the soul and body are left dead. God said, ". . . dying thou shalt die." The spirit is not the soul. Read First Thessalonians 5:23 and Hebrews 4:12.

The God-head only has immortality. In First Timothy chapter 1 verse 17 and chapter 6, verses 15-16 we read, "Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen." "Which in his times he shall show, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords: who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power ever-

lasting. Amen."

Christ is LIFE. He said, ". . . I am the resurrection and the life . . ." "In him was life . . ." John said, "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." John 11:25; 1:4; 1 John 5:12. The foregoing scriptures show that man is not immortal by nature, but both the soul and body die when God withdraws the breath of life, or spirit. CAN MAN BE IMMORTAL? Yes, when man meets the condition, namely: repent, accept Christ as Lord, believe and be born of the Spirit. We, as mere man, become heirs of eternal life which we will receive at the resurrection of the just . . . not at death. According to scripture, Christ's soul died. Isaiah 53:12. According to scripture Christ's soul went to hell. (Hades . . . the grave) Acts 2:27-31. Hades in the Greek means a state of death. In Ecclesiastes 9:10 we read, ". . . there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom in the grave (Hades). whither thou goest."

Christ's body died and was raised that our bodies could be raised from the dead at the resurrection. His soul died and went to the grave (Hades) and was raised so that our souls, which were dead, could be brought to life again at the resurrection. Paul says in Romans 2:7, "To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life:"

We are not immortal by nature. If we were, why should we seek for immortality? The secret is revealed in I Corinthians 15:51-53, in part "Behold, I shew you a mystery; . . . For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality." Note that we put it on through Christ. In Revelation 2:11 we read, "He that overcometh shall not be hurt by the second death." These texts of scripture show that only those who serve God will have eternal life. The question is asked, "What shall become of the wicked?" The following scriptures will show that **They shall die**. Three times in

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the 18th chapter of Ezekiel, God says, ". . . the soul that sinneth, it shall die." Ezekiel 18,4, 13, 20, and 27.

The definition of die—(Webster's unabridged dictionary): To pass from life, to suffer total loss of action, to become dead, to expire, to perish, to pass out of existence, to cease, to become lost or extinct, to be extinguished. The definition of dead—(from Deged and Dood): deprived of life, opposed to life, without life, insensible, and know not anything. Read Ecclesiastes 9:5. In Romans 6:23 we find, "For the wages of sin is death; . . ." In James 5:20 we read, "Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins."

"The fearful and the unbelieving . . . (the wicked,) shall be cast into the lake of fire, which is the second death." Revelation 2:1-8.

WHAT IS DEATH? Webster's definition: Cessation of life, end of life. Bible dictionary, key to the Bible: Cessation of life. The state of having ceased to live. Greek: Cessation of life. No dictionary gives death as just separation. The wicked shall be destroyed. Matthew 10:28 reveals, "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." In Matthew 7:13 we read, ". . . and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction." In the book of Job we are told that the wicked are reserved for destruction. (Job 21:30). In the New Testament we read, "If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." "Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction. . ." (I Corinthians 3:17, II Thessalonians 1:9)

According to Webster, destroy means: To ruin, to bring to naught, to annihilate, to lay waste, to kill, to slay, to extirpate, to take away, cause to cease, to put an end to.

The Wicked:

Shall be cut off! Psalms 37:9.
Shall be rooted up! Matt. 15:13.
Shall be consumed! Psalms 37:20.

Shall be destroyed! Psalms 37:19.
Psalms 145:20

Shall be annihilated!
Shall not be! Psalms 37:10
Shall burn up! Matt. 3:12

Malachi 4:1—"For behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up. saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch."—They shall become ashes.

The soul and body of the wicked shall die the second death in the lake of fire. (Rev. 20:10). In face of the foregoing scriptures, and since there is no scripture that says the soul is immortal and cannot die, it seems incredible that men will give God the lie, and say that sinners will have eternal life in hell or anywhere else. In view of the fact that there is no scripture that says the soul is immortal and cannot die, and that God says they do die in the lake of fire, we would conclude that only those who are born of the spirit have eternal life. Jesus said that whosoever is born of God hath (will have), eternal life.

Since all false religions and theories are based on the idea that the soul is immortal, or that dead folk are alive, such religions and theories as these automatically fall out of line under the light of Bible truth. Mohammedanism, Buddhism, Shakerism, Swedenborgianism, Spiritualism, Catholicism, Mormon theory of Reincarnation, and eternal-torment-

tism, are a few of such religions in the world today. A little thought and study will prove that a person would have to be alive to be consciously suffering in hell as taught by modern theologians. Since God is the only source of life, and He says He only gives life to those who serve Him, then where does the sinner get power to live eternally in hell or anywhere else? It might be said that the devil gives it to them. The devil does not have that himself. God says He will destroy the devil. Hebrews 2:24. **Think it over!**

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GOD'S BLESSINGS ARE ON CONDITIONS

1. Conditional Understanding! Prov. 2:1-5
2. Conditional Mercy! Ezk. 33:9-19
3. Conditional Escape! Luke 13:3-5
4. Conditional Forgiveness! I John 1:9
5. Conditional Cleansing! I John 1:7
6. Conditional Healing! James 5:14
7. Conditional Life! I John 5:12
8. Conditional Entrance! I pet. 1:5-19
9. Conditional Heirship! Romans 8:17
10. Conditional Partaking! Heb. 3:14
11. Conditional Translation!
Matt. 25:10
12. Conditional Reigning! Rev. 2:26
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