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## SERMON OF THE MONTH

### THE FATAL CHOICE

REV. J. D. RAY

"Pilate saith unto them, 'What shall I do then with Jesus, which is called Christ' . . ." Matt. 27:22.

The Bible record of the man Pilate is one of desire and choice. True indeed is the adage, "Destiny is not matter chance. It is a matter of choice."

The trial and crucifixion of Christ are a mystery to all. It is hard to understand what man did to God; for Jesus was most assuredly God in the flesh. The Crux of the whole holy matter is this. Jesus was not on trial. Though Pilate sat on the seat of judgement and Jesus stood a prisoner before him and the angry mob of unbelievers; Jesus was not on trial. Indeed God and man stood opposite in judgment. Legally Christ was the defendant and, though falsely accused, He stood before a man who was able to kill Him or free Him. The truth is now quite evident to all. Pilate was on trial; along with the blood-thirsty, fanatical, Christ rejecting crowd.

What brought this eventful incident about? Let us return to the Edenic crisis and the fall of the human race. In Gen. 3:15 God promised the human family reconciliation because of the iniquity brought about by this fatal happening. From this moment forward the world longed and prayed for the coming of the One, God had promised.

Through the long and troubled years of time from Eden to Calvary the prophets and sages heralded his coming to the anxious hearts of sin blighted people. Kings looked expectedly forward to the day the King of Kings would come and rule the world. Peasants and paupers thrilled at the thought of one to relieve them of poverty and want and supply them with the things they then lacked. The crippled, the blind, the lame, the leper lived only on the hope of the appearance of the Great Physician who could rebuke their pain and restore health to crooked and broken bodies.

Did they wait in vain? NO! A thousand times No. He would come

and be more than a King or Lord or Healer. God's word was sure and thus in accordance to His Word and in answer to cries of thousands, God sent His own Son on a mission of mercy and love. His mission, to live among men, as a man, a life unquestionably pure and blameless, thus leaving an example for all to follow. Not alone to live, but to die among men to crucify sin in the flesh and provide a plan of reconciliation between God and Man.

At last He had come. Not as had been anticipated, but rather in a strange and unexpected way. Born of a virgin in a Judean stable He linked himself with the common masses of humanity. In the modest home of Joseph He learned the carpenter's trade of building and mending the broken chairs and tables, later to use those same hands to mend the broken homes and hearts of His fellow Galileans.

Everywhere the man, Jesus, traveled His first concern was the suffering and broken hearted. At the touch of His hand blind eyes opened to behold for the first time the light of day, At the command of His lips demon spirits loosed their holds on warped minds and men were made completely sane. With no more than the touching of His garment they were healed completely. Hearts were lifted, children were blessed, and all who saw and heard Him were amazed at all He did and said. Many were His deeds, yet all were lovingly to help. His words, though numerous, were only to cheer and bless. Indeed He did no wrong.

Yet, suffer He must (lest the world be wholly lost in sin and utter despair), thus bringing this lone Galilean before the Roman consulate, Pontius Pilate.

I dare not foolishly exploit Pilate without first making this statement. Pilate is only symbolic of all who face the question of life. As the decision rested with Pilate then, even now it is your decision. No worse is the man who had Him crucified the first time than the man who crucifies Him anew by trampling under foot the mercies of God and rejecting Christ as Lord. Today it's

your move, tomorrow it's God's move.

First please observe how Pilate tried to avoid the question by sending Christ to Herod to be tried. Only to find the decision was unavoidable. Yes, Pilate was on trial and desperately he sought some escape from the question.

The face of Pilate bleaches and he desperately gropes for an answer or an escape but finds none. Hear it soldiers . . . hear it guards . . . hear it men . . . hear it angels, and heaven and earth. "What shall I do then with Jesus, which is called Christ?" Pilate alone decides. His wife would influence him to release Jesus because of a dream concerning Him. The crowd's wail still rings, "Crucify, Crucify." This too has it's influence on Pilate's decision.

There is an ancient legend, and I give this only as a legend and not gospel, that man has a crucial point in his life of "five minutes" in which he must choose either right or wrong and abide in that decision. Be this true or false the fact still remains that in a matter of a short time Pilate fixed his own mind and made his own choice. Even so within the life of every man God calls for a decision. A definite pre-meditated decision which must be acted upon in relationship to God.

Pilate made his decision and though he maintained neutrality by stating, "I find no fault in this man," Luke 23:4, he committed grave error. In order to ease his conscience and inward pressure Pilate took a basin of water and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, 'I am innocent of the blood of this just person, see ye to it.' Though he recognized that Jesus was of irrefutable character yet Pilate released Him into the hands of the hysterical crowd to be shamefully treated and maligned then put to death between two thieves in open contempt to God.

Did Pilate maintain innocence in all this mockery and reproach? No, I should say not. No more than does the man today who mocks God by condonance of wrong and continued rejection of God's own dear Son. He washed his hands but water was unable to remove the stains of the blood he had betrayed and sold out

**OBITUARY****Mrs. Maggie M. Feagin**

Mrs. Maggie M. Feagin was born in Argas, Ind., on Sept. 8, 1882. She passed away in Austin, Texas, on Feb. 2, 1958.

She was married to Robert E. Feagin on June 25, 1890. To this union was born 10 children. Her husband and 7 children preceded her in death.

In 1923, Sister Feagin was converted in a revival at Waller, Tex., conducted by the late S. W. Ditto.

Her survivors are two daughters, Mrs. Marvin Milan, Hempstead, Tex., and Mrs. Maggie Pearl Crowhurst, Austin, Tex.; a son, Harrol Feagin, Houston, Tex.; eleven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Hempstead funeral home with the Rev. D. D. Dibbens in charge. He was assisted by Rev. McCan of Austin, Tex., and Rev. Joe B. Dewees. Interment was in Hempstead cemetery where Rev. Dibbens and Rev. George Polvado concluded the services.

for political power.

Foolish Pilate; he hoped to gain prestige and honor by turning Christ down, but history records the end of his venture. He was exiled to Vienna where after two years he committed suicide. So is the ultimate end of all who reject Christ for other interests.

Maybe some would think I harshly judge Pilate and in defense of truth may I further state: Pilate did not touch the lash that stripped the back of our Lord. He did not mix his spittle with that which ran down His face, he didn't smite the swollen and bruised cheeks, he didn't touch the hammer that drove the cruel spikes through His hands and feet. Pilate did nothing but try to remain neutral. A man must either be for God and serving Him or he is an enemy of God and fighting the cause of Christ.

**INDECISION IS THE WORST OF ALL.** To put off your decision for Christ is to speak against Him and crucify Him. Before you would deride the jeering mob, before you are too quick to condemn this man Pontius Pilate ask yourself the question, "Is my conduct and attitude

**MID-WEST YOUTH CAMP**

There will be a youth camp at Laverne, Okla., beginning July 6 and running for one week, to July 11. Further details will be given in a later issue of this paper. Surely the youth of our movement is being highly favored with holy places set aside for their spiritual help.

**EL CENTRO, CALIF.—**

The Lord is blessing the work here in a wonderful way. There have been nine converted and one sanctified recently. Bro. Bill Allen writes that attendance is increasing, and their present location will soon be too small. This is good news. Let's all pray that the Lord will make a way for a larger building as they grow in number and spirituality. They are looking forward to another Youth Rally and a water baptismal service in the near future. Bro. James Hosler and Bro. and Sis. Raymond Peters were recent visitors in the services here. The time seems ripe for a revival, so remember to pray. —Bill Allen, pastor.

any different than theirs? Am I rejecting Christ as did Pilate and the crowd?" My friend the rejection of Jesus is just as crucial and important as that of Pilate or the mob.

Make your decision for Christ and act on that decision by coming to Christ in confession of sin and faith in His blood to cleanse. I John 1:9. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Choices are the hinges to destiny. Your eternal destiny is completely hinged on the decision you are about to make. Weigh the matter with all due consideration as to its eternal effect on your soul. Profit from the experience of this man Pilate who lived on the hope he could get by without Christ and found in the bitter end that life without Him was vain and not worth the living. Profit from those around you who serve God and the joy they know that you are missing.

Yes, in five minutes Pilate decided to live and die without Christ. This was the Fatal Choice. What shall your's be?

**OBITUARY****Mrs. Ida Pearl Cade Ballard**

Mrs. Ida Pearl Cade Ballard was born April 12, 1900, in Winston County, Mississippi, and departed this life on February 1, 1958, at the age of 57 years, 9 months, and 18 days at her home in Center Point, Texas.

She was united in marriage to Loman A. Ballard, Sr., on January 1, 1922, at Noxapater, Mississippi. They resided in Alabama until 1925, when they moved to Texas for their health. To this union was born five children, one of whom preceded her in death.

Survivors include her husband, L. A. Ballard, Sr., of Center Point, three sons, L. A. Ballard, Jr., of Lubbock, Texas, Lloyd and Lewis both of Houston, Texas; one daughter, Mrs. R. L. Cooper of Big Springs, Texas; six grandchildren; two brothers; four sisters; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Ballard became associated with the Apostolic Faith Movement more than twenty years ago when Rev. Ben Barker held a tent revival at Center Point. She was faithful to attend the services of the Lord as long as her health permitted.

**CAMP MEETING**

**An Apostolic Faith Camp Meeting will be conducted at Laverne, Okla., beginning August 6. More information will be printed later.**

**CEDAR CREEK, MISS.—**

Brother and Sister L. J. Ehrlich and gospel party consisting of Barbara Haines, Loretta Babb, Jimmy Echols, and O. J. Smith will hold a tent revival in a new field close to Cedar Creek, Miss., beginning March 26. There has been a burden for this community quite some time and we are praying that the Lord will permit a gracious revival there. Please remember this revival in your prayers.

L. J. Ehrlich  
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Quitman, Mississippi

**Brother Robert Girouard plans to be in Evangelistic work as the Lord may lead after Bible School. Brother Girouard's home address is 2206 N. Chestnut Drive, Pampa, Texas. Telephone, MOhawk 4-4130.**

## The Apostolic Faith Report

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## From My Viewpoint

By Gail Schultz  
(EDITORIAL)

### GREETINGS IN JESUS MIGHTY NAME:

Here we are down in south Texas. I am writing to you from Katy, Texas, on Feb. 20th. Just a week ago yesterday we left Baxter Springs, Kans., and have spent most of the time since in San Antonio with my wife's sister, who made the trip with us at our request, or with the Peck Brothers and their families near Edna, Texas.

We arrived here yesterday, in time to get located as the guests of Sister Jessie A. Tucker, and to go to the prayer meeting, which was well attended. Bro. Harrol Waterbury brought a deep message which was highly anointed.

The Lord willing, we are going to begin the revival here in Katy Sunday 23rd. If you remember this meeting was due to start Feb. 9th, but because of my illness there has been this delay. I feel so much better in body now and am asking the Lord to give us a real revival here. Pray for us and our work.

Bro. Methvin is taking the load

### EVANGELISTIC TOUR

Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Sondak plan to set out in April, 1958, to work for the Lord in evangelistic tour wherever the Lord may lead. Their testimony of how the Lord called them, a converted Jew and Spanish wife, should be an inspiration to many.

They were converted under the ministry of Bro. Doyle Wiles of Imperial, Calif. They are open for calls to all churches. Their present address is P. O. Box 30, Moodus, Conn.

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—: Please Send News :—

of the Apostolic Faith Report while we are away. What a blessing this is to me and I am sure will be to you also. I am wondering if some of you who enjoy this paper, and yet have not sent in an offering could favor this publication with one, be that large or small? There is a growing demand for the "Report" and we must meet that demand. We need your help.

We are glad for all the victory that the Lord gives and although some times we may be heavy hearted there is grace to meet the need. Paul in one of his writings wrote "I determined this with myself that I would not come again to you in heaviness." II Cor. 2:1. I do not mean by this to leave the impression that we should be so carefree, that we do not care, but in our work there must be a joy, rest and an assurance that, "all is well". Soon the Spring will be here, then the Easter with all of it's Glory and the hope and power that is ours today in His Name, our Resurrected Christ. Next the fine Youth Camps. There are so many things to do for the Lord, so many ways to testify and let our lights shine. So keep on dear hearts until the battle is won and we rest with Jesus in that fair, sinless, lickless and deathless land this is ours to inherit. The Lord willing we hope to come your way with this paper again in about a month or five weeks.

## Lines From The Co-Editor

Greetings in our Saviour's Name:

May our God's blessings be upon all our Report readers. We hope this edition of the Report will be a blessing in your home and community. We wish to dedicate it to those who are lost and need our Saviour. We feel a burden in our heart for you who are without Christ, and with this effort hope to reach someone who is in need of Jesus.

Not only do we want the sinner to accept Christ as their personal Saviour, but we desire to stir up the pure minds of each Christian to the necessity of soul-winning. Remember, it is very necessary to be a soul winner. We find in Prov. 11:30, "He that winneth souls is wise." I know the wisest thing a person can do is to give their life in dedication to God to win souls for him. This dedication doesn't only pertain to evangelists and pastors, but I feel the greatest soul winner is the laymen who are working with all their heart, mind, and strength to win souls for Christ. May we keep this scripture in remembrance: James 5:30, "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." I'm sure we all want to stand before judgment and know we have been instrumental in the saving of souls. Now is our time to work. Let us not shirk our responsibility.

My friends, in this edition you will find a children's page. We would like to hear from you, our readers if you would like for it to become a permanent part of this paper. We are very interested in you and in your children—to see them instructed in the things of God. So, if you like it let us know; and if you don't like it let us know. We appreciate hearing from you.

Your Servant in Christ,  
M. D. METHVIN

### DONIPHAN REVIVAL

G. K. Kerr began a revival here on February 25. Be sure and pray that souls will be saved.

# CHILDREN'S PAGE

## SUE'S NEW DRESS

By Carole Pool

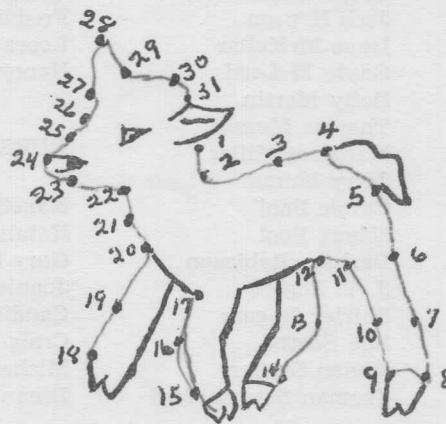
Sue was a very pretty little girl, eight years old. She had been working and planning for two months to buy a pretty new dress that she had seen in a store window at town.

Every day or two she would walk by the store to see if the dress was still there, then she would go home and do everything that she could find to do to earn money so she could buy that dress to wear to school the first day of school. Sue worked very hard to earn money. One day when she was taking some empty bottles to the store for her mother, she met a little girl who looked very sweet but her clothes were ragged. Sue began to talk with the little girl whose name was Karen. Sue told Karen that she was running an errand for her mother so she could earn money to buy a new dress to wear on the first day of school. Karen said, "That will be nice for you. I am going back to school this year. I didn't get to go last year because my daddy couldn't buy me any clothes to wear. I'm getting to go back this year because my mother took some old things and made me some new dresses." Sue went on home that day, very happy because she only lacked twenty-five cents having enough money to buy her new dress. Sue thought, "I wish Karen could have a new dress too, but I sure can't buy two dresses."

That night when Sue was reading her Bible, she read from the 22nd chapter of Matthew: "Thou shalt love the Lord, thy God, with all thy heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy mind. This is the first and Great Commandment. And the second is like unto it, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Sue thought, "I'm sure glad I love the Lord and that I love my neighbors," then she thought, "Karen is my neighbor and if I really loved her like myself, I would get her a new dress instead of getting it for myself." The next day, only four days before school was to start and finally, Sue had earned enough money,

so she went to town and bought the new dress. She started home as happy as could be then she met Karen again. They walked along together, talking, but all Sue could think about was, "Love thy neighbor as thyself." She thought, "If I loved Karen as much as I love myself, I would give this dress to her," but she just couldn't bear the thoughts of giving away the new dress that she had worked so long to buy. As they came to Karen's house, Sue just couldn't stand the burden on her heart any longer so she handed the dress to Karen and said, "Karen, I want you to have this dress to wear to school on the first day." Karen was very thrilled because she hadn't had a new dress in several years. Sue walked on home. When she got there, a man was standing there with a package in his hand. He said, "Young lady, I have seen you nearly every day for two months admiring a dress like this in a store window at town and I thought you must want it very badly so today I found what your name was and where you lived then I bought this dress for you." Sue opened the package and to her surprise, there was a red dress exactly like the one she had just given to Karen.

You see, it paid Sue to love her neighbor as she loved herself.



"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."—Psalms 23:1.

## CHOOSE THE RIGHT ANSWER:

1. Paul was converted on the road to Damascus about (noon, day-break, sunset). Acts 22:6
2. The spies returned from the land of Canaan and reported that they looked like (ants, grasshoppers, flies) in the sight of giants. Numbers 13:33
3. The people who lived in Sodom were (wicked and sinful, heathen, righteous). Genesis 18:20
4. Aaron died before the Israelites crossed the Jordan because of (unbelief, old age, disease). Numbers 20:12-29
5. (Peter, John, Paul) tells Christians to be courteous to one another as well as loving. I Peter 3:8
6. (Saul, David, Solomon) was head and shoulders above all his people. I Samuel 9:2
7. (Saul, Ahab, Agrippa) fell upon his own sword and died. I Samuel 31:4
8. The money Judas received for betraying Christ was used for a (home for the aged, potter's field, needy family) Matthew 27:7
9. The stoning of Stephan was witnessed by (Herod, Saul, John). Acts 7:58:60
10. God prepared a gourd, and made it come over (Jonah, Job, Micah) that it might be a shadow over his head. Jonah 4:6

God be with me every day,  
When I work and when I play;  
When I read and when I talk;  
When I ride and when I walk;  
When I laugh, and when I cry,  
God be ever, ever nigh.

Jesus take this heart of mine,  
Make it pure and only thine;  
I, thy little child would be,  
Help me Lord to live for Thee.

This children's page was compiled by Mrs. Elbert Pool, Lamoyne Barker and Mrs. J. D. Ray.

Answers for choose the right ans.:

1. Noon; 2. grasshoppers; 3. wicked and sinful; 4. unbelief; 5. Peter; 6. Saul; 7. Saul; 8. Potter's field; 9. Saul; 10. Jonah.

As you read these lines they become your personal invitation to attend all the closing services of the Apostolic Faith Bible School.

# Commencement Service

of the

## Apostolic Faith Bible School

**Baxter Springs, Kansas**

Thursday, March 13th, 1958, 7:30 p. m.

### Special Closing Services

Wednesday Night, March 12th

Thursday, March 13th, All Day

All Services Conducted at the

**Apostolic Faith Chapel**

1009 LINCOLN AVE.

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.  
Psalm 122—1.

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Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee: yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. Isa. 41—10.

# Special Service

— A WELCOME AND SALUTATION TO ALL —

Wednesday ..... March 12 ..... 7:30 p. m.

We desire this day to be Evangelistic in nature.

Seek and ye shall find; Knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Luke 11—9.

The special singers and speakers will be selected from the visitors,  
by the faculty, as the Lord leads.

# Ordination Service

Thursday ..... March 13 ..... 10:00 a. m.

Master of Ceremonies ..... Rev. M. D. Methvin

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Song ..... Solo

PRAYER

Song ..... Duet

Song ..... Ladies Quartet

Sermon ..... Rev. Robert Girouard

ORDINATION

Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. Heb. 10—9.

# Homecoming Service

Thursday ..... March 13 ..... 2:00 p. m.

Master of Ceremonies ..... Gene Waterbury

CONGREGATION SINGING

PRAYER

Special Singing ..... Former Students

Speaker ..... Austin Morgan

“From every class of every term, we admonish you,  
make full proof of your ministry.” II Tim. 4—5.

# Commencement

Thursday ..... March 13 ..... 7:30 p. m.

CONGREGATION SINGING

INVOCATION

Song ..... Octet

Song ..... Trio

Song ..... Male Quartet

Presentation of Speaker ..... Supt. R. D. Wooster

Speaker ..... Rev. Jacob C. Regier

Presentation of Diplomas ..... Supt. R. D. Wooster

BENEDICTION

Here am I; Send Me. Isaiah 6—8.



## THE POWER OF CHRIST

II Cor. 12:1-10. "And he (the Lord) said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong."

It is to be regretted that we as Christians do not readily accept and apply the laws of Christ—the treasures of wisdom and knowledge hidden in Him (Col. 2:2). These laws are infused and embodied into one: "the perfect law of liberty" (James 1:25)—being the doctrine, gospel, and truth of Christ; to those who know and believe it there is liberty and freedom.

However, unlearned, weak, or sinful one may be, the grace of God is sufficient; this grace is imparted unto us through Christ. The law (of bondage — being our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ) was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ (John 1:17). Where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: that as sin had reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord. Sin shall not have dominion over you: for you are not under the law, but under grace. (Rom. 5:20-21; 6:14.) Receive not the grace of God in vain; do not frustrate His grace; do not fail of His grace (II Cor. 6:1; Gal. 2:21; Heb. 12:15); it is sufficient, all-abounding, free, and strong.

### Complacency (self-satisfaction) versus Christ's Power

We have had notions of our sufficiency for conquering the things of life — or things against life. Whether it be maintaining life, health, peace, or happiness. Our wills have been buried in self-pride, egotism, undauntedness; we have striven lawfully, perhaps, but our lives have been torn between conflict and confusion as we have had miserable failure and defeat in our purposes—thwarted and beset in our endeavors for good, and righteousness, and Christianity. It is typical

of the action of those under Moses' law. May we turn fully to Christ; "for the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death" (Rom. 8:2) — "... buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life" (Rom. 6:4).

This newness of life imparted and manifested to us through the power and grace of Christ is ever flowing through a Christian's heart. Jesus said, "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life" (John 4:14). This well of water springing up in us must be kept unclogged, free-flowing, if we would continue to walk in newness of life. We must keep out the trash of self; for self-satisfaction is spiritual defeat in life; Christ-satisfaction is victory and life more abundantly.

### Privileges in Christ's Power

There are certain ineffable rights we have in Christ's power; but may we pattern a few of them, endeavoring to describe the magnitude of the Power of Christ?

Paul mentioned glorying in his infirmities. He meant he would rather exult with joy in his infirmness, feebleness, or frailty; he would rather triumph in an instance of disease or malady, in a personal failing or defeat. This was a proper attitude to take in sickness, or in spiritual weakness engendered by sin, or any infirmness or personal failing. The proper attitude was to glory in these infirmities **that** the power of Christ might rest on him. He recognized this as a prerequisite for his healing, or victory, or abounding in the work of the Lord. He would enter into the blessedness of Christ's power, which sufficed in any need, by joying in his infirmity. How could he do this? Why was this a proper attitude to take? Because it was faith in God's word, assurance in His promise, reliance on His truth: "My strength is made perfect in weakness." His whole life was thrown upon that word; his confidence was openly confessed in a glorious acceptance of tribulation, sorrow, infirmity and weakness; for

therein was the strength of Christ made perfect. He took pleasure in these things; not that he enjoyed them, but in them, and in them alone, could he know the perfect strength of Christ in his life, and could joyously say, "When I am weak, then am I strong." Therefore, we have his testimony in Phil. 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

### Faith in Christ's Power

We have a tendency to rely upon natural laws—the laws of Self-Preservation, Freedom, Health, the laws that will help us and free us in life's perplexities and discouragements. These laws are not wrong; but neither are they sufficient. We must not let them crowd out our faith in God. "God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith" (Rom. 12:3). Let us not destroy it or let it wither away by not using it. It is like the measure of meal and oil the widow woman had when Elijah visited her and told her to "make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son. For thus saith the Lord God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail . . . (I Kings 17:13-14). Use what faith you have and it shall grow and increase, it shall not waste nor fail, supplying your needs through Christ; the "faith which is in Christ Jesus" (II Tim. 3:15) being infused in your heart enables you to say as Paul: "The life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, . . ." (Gal. 2:20).

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Heb. 11:1). The "substance"—or essence; the reality of your accomplishments and victories is realized in faith. The "evidence" — or title-deed of what you hope for, desire, and for which you pray. In Jeremiah a title-deed is repeatedly spoken of as "the evidence." Your deed is "the evidence" or proof that you own a home. So faith is your title-deed to what you have not yet seen. When you have been given a deed to a home which you have not yet seen, you already have a home before you see it. Jesus said, ". . . he that believeth . . . hath . . ." (John 6:47). He also said, "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in



prayer, believing, ye shall receive" (Matt. 21:22). We "have," and yet we "shall receive." God-given assurance comes by the "prayer of faith;" "And this is the confidence we have in him, that if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us; and we know that He hears us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him" (I John 5:14-15).

Faith is the Eye which looks. By the eye we bring into the mind that which is far away; we can bring the sun and the far-off stars into the mind by a glance of the eye. So may we, with the eye of faith, look into the power of Christ and bring it into our lives.

Faith is the Mouth which feeds upon Christ and the promises of God in Christ which are yea and amen to us. Before food can nourish us, it must be received into us; likewise, the power of Christ can nourish and strengthen us when we receive it into our hearts by faith.

Faith is the Hand which receives. Suppose that I am about to give a poor man an alms. I put it into his hand—why? Well, it would hardly be fitting to put it into his ear, or to lay it upon his foot; the hand seems made on purpose to receive. So, in our mental frame, faith is created on purpose to be a receiver, by which we may receive the grace and power of Christ.

#### Infirmities overcome in Christ's

##### Power

Whether our infirmities come in forms of sin or sickness, of weakness or inability, we are encumbered with cares that must be cast on Jesus. For "Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses" (Matt. 8:17). "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need" (Heb. 4:15-16).

The power of Christ will rest upon us in all the oppressions and hindrances with which Satan has induced us. "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; always bearing

## OBITUARY

### Oliver Asa Crane

Oliver Asa Crane, a retired farmer, passed away at his home in Feb., 1958, at 74 years of age. He was born Oct. 10, 1883 at Richland Springs. He was married to Elsa Mae Watkins on Dec. 29, 1909. The couple moved to Big Spring, Tex., from Lamesa, Tex., three years ago. He was a member of the Apostolic Faith Church.

Mr. Crane had been in failing health for five years and critically ill for the past week.

He is survived by his wife, one son, Elvin Crane of Big Spring; two daughters, Mrs. Leola Carroll and Mrs. Mary Nell Howard, both of Big Spring; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Two sons are deceased.

Officiating at the funeral was the Rev. Vester Clanton Snyder, Tex., assisted by the Rev. George Polvado of Big Spring. Interment was in Bethel cemetery.

#### ENID, OKLA.—

God's blessings are being enjoyed here. Two have been saved in the regular services. Bro. Jack Shandley conducted a 12-night meeting. In these services, 2 were saved, 4 sanctified, and other real victories were won. The church as a whole feel they have been privileged to partake of heavenly blessings. They are looking forward to another good revival in the future.—Mr. and Mrs. Roy Townsend, pastors.

about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh . . . For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;" (II Cor. 4:8-17).

Oh glorious power of Christ that makes the weak—strong, the sick—well, the failing—triumphant! May His power ever rest on you is our benediction.

Yours for Christ's sake,  
Jerry McClenagan  
611 West 17th St.  
Roswell, New Mexico

## Refuge From the Storm

By TRUMAN SUMMERFORD

A rancher in one of the northern states had a large herd of beautiful cattle. When inquiring about the weather forecasts for the next winter, the rancher found that the prediction was for an extremely heavy winter. To save his cattle, the rancher built a large barn with every needed convenience in use. He had an automatic feeder, and a heating system. The barn had everything a person could expect. That winter the storms began to drop the thermometer below zero. The only thing wrong was that only the majority of the cattle went into the barn. A few would not go in out of the storm into the warm refuge. You probably think that the cows were foolish, but may I leave the following thought.

Jesus came into the world of sin and withstood every temptation and persecution that could come upon the human body. He then gave his blood on the cross for the remission of sin. He made a way for us to find refuge from the storms of sin that are in this world. The world is as a storm of sin raging through the earth taking its toll of souls who are not in the refuge of Christ. Are you like the few cattle that didn't seek refuge in the barn? Have you refused to seek shelter in Christ. Isaiah 55:6 . . . "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near:" The Lord can be your shelter the same as he was of Psalmist David. Psalm 61:3 . . . "For thou has been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy." You are probably asking yourself, How can I find that shelter? It is very simple. All you have to do is to receive Christ as your Saviour. First realize that you are a sinner and need Christ, then ask Christ to save you. The question may come to your mind, How do I know that He will save me? Romans 10:13 . . . "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." John 6:37 . . . "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me: and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." Will you accept Christ as your Refuge?

## LIFE THROUGH CHRIST

Eternal life comes to us through Christ. He said because I live ye shall live also. John 14:19. The dead must be remembered in their state now and hereafter. The following terms must be carefully defined and understood. Hades, a Greek word, means the abode of the dead. Sheol is a Hebrew word meaning the abode of the dead. Grave is an English word that means a place of or for the dead. Hell, in some cases, may be defined as a place of the dead. It is an old English word. Gehenna is a valley near Jerusalem for refuse of the city. Tartarus is a spirit prison. The Lake of Fire is the second death.

### I.—WHERE AND WHAT IS THE STATE OF THE DEAD

Heb. 9:7—Man is appointed to death and Judgment.

Job 14:12—Man lies down, to awake in the end.

Job 14:13—He is put in the grave to a set time.

Job 14:21—In the grave there is no memory.

Dan. 12:2—Humanity shall come forth from the dust.

Psa. 6:5—No thanks can come from the grave.

Psa. 17:15—David said, "Satisfied, when awakened."

Psa. 146:4—The thoughts of man perish in death.

Ecc. 5:5-6—There is no knowledge with the dead.

Isa. 26:19—The earth shall cast out the dead.

Acts 2:34—David is not in the heavens now.

I Thess. 4:14—Those that sleep in Jesus, God shall bring.

I Thess. 4:16—The dead in Christ are to arise first.

Gen. 3:19—Man must return to the dust.

Job 34:15—Man shall return again unto dust.

Psa. 22:29—All shall go down to the dust.

Psa. 30:9—The ones that go to dust can not praise the Lord.

(Lev. 17:11—The life of the flesh is the blood.)

Psa. 104:29—The breath gone, then return to dust.

Ecc. 3:20—All go to one place, they

return to dust.

Ecc. 12:7—The body goes to the dust, that is came from.

### II.—LIFE IN CHRIST

Luke 12:15—Life is not of earthly possessions.

John 1:4—In Him was life, the light of men.

John 5:40—The Jews would not come to Jesus for life.

John 11:25—I am the resurrection and the life.

Acts 3:15—Jesus is the Prince of life.

Rom. 8:2—Law of spirit of life in Christ Jesus.

II Cor. 3:6—The Spirit giveth life.

Col. 3:3-4—Christ who is our life.

II Tim. 1:10—Christ has brought life and immortality.

I John 5:12—He that has the Son, has life.

### III.—THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD

Matt. 22:30—In the resurrection they do not marry.

Acts 4:2—The resurrection of the dead was preached.

Acts 17:18-32. Paul preached, and they heard of the resurrection.

Acts 23:6-8—Doctrine of the resurrection brought in question.

Rom. 1:4—The resurrection proved Christ's Divinity.

I Cor. 15:13-21—Christ is risen, first fruit of the dead.

I Pet. 1:3—A lively hope, Christ the resurrection.

Matt. 9:24—Death is referred to as a sleep.

John 11:11-14—Lazarus was dead, or sleeping.

### IV.—

I Thes. 4:13-18—The dead in Christ shall rise first.

Rev. 20:5-6—Blessed of the first resurrection.

Luke 14:14—The resurrection of the Just.

Luke 20:36—No more death to the children of the resurrection.

I Cor. 15:40-44—The incorruptible of the first resurrection.

I Cor. 15:51-54—Corruptible (natural) must put on the incorruptible (spiritual) in the resurrection.

Phil. 3:11—Seeking to obtain the resurrection of the dead.

Heb. 11:35—They sought a better resurrection.

### LIFE THROUGH CHRIST

#### Questions:

1. Where do all people get their

### ALVIN, TEXAS—

There will not be a convocation at Alvin Easter. Rather, Bro. and Sis. J. D. Ray and party will begin a revival meeting the 23rd of March and continue through Easter Sunday. Others in the party consist of Elbert and Carol Poole, LaMoyne Barker, Truman Summerford, and Jackie Cornell.

eternal life?

How do all people obtain their eternal life?

1. Tell about the knowledge of the dead.
  - a. Can the dead praise God?
  - b. What did Job say?
  - c. What did David say?
  - d. The body of dust will return to what?
2. Would the Jews accept the life Jesus offered?
  - a. Explain Rom. 8:2. "Law of spirit of life."
  - b. Explain I John 5:12.
3. Do resurrected people marry?
  - a. What did Christ's resurrection prove?
  - b. Explain about Lazarus.
4. How many resurrections are there?
  - a. Will they die again?
  - b. Phil. 3:11. What is here sought?
5. From where shall the resurrection be?
  - a. Is the resurrection past?
6. Give five rewards for righteousness.
  - a. Is there a reward for working for God.
7. Not only are there rewards, but crowns also. State 5 of them.
8. Give some qualifications for an inheritance.
  - a. What is the earnest of our inheritance.
9. Give some rewards for the wicked.
  - a. How will the wicked be punished?
10. Where is the Judgement age?
  - a. Name some types to be judged?
  - b. Who will judge?
  - c. Give one method of judgment?
11. Give some words that denote the end of the wicked.
  - a. Give the state of a soul that sins.
12. What are the wages of sin?
  - a. Explain the parable "Lazarus and the rich man".
  - b. Explain the statement "worm dieth not".

## "Choose Ye This Day"

F. E. WATERBURY

And the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. Genesis 2:7.

It is through the rendering of this verse we find our genesis as human beings here upon this earth. The important part that distinguishes humanity from all the other creatures which God made was the fact He made us with a **living soul**. The basic function of the soul is the God given ability to make our own individual **choice**. This freedom of reason in separating or selecting that which is preferred is why mankind and we as individuals today are **accountable** unto God.

Richard Hooker, late Bible Professor, made this statement about the free will of man, "choice there is not, unless the thing we take, be so in our power, that we might have refused it." This describes the doctrine placed before Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden. By the influence of Satan upon the soul of man they were caused to yield to temptation. This was a voluntary act or transgression against the will and plan of God. This act brought the curse of sin and death upon all mankind. Gen. 2,3.

God saw the need of a redeemer to purchase for humanity that which was lost in Adam. Through His love, He set in motion the plan of redemption by the promise given unto Eve. Gen. 3:15. The Law, which was a schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, still offered unto men the right to choose. Before the Israelites, Moses their leader declared, "See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil." Deut. 30:15. Through keeping of the rituals and ceremonies the Israelites had a privilege to have their sins rolled forward from year to year. The Law was weak in that it could not make the comer's thereunto perfect because of the weakness of the flesh. For this cause "God sent His only begotten Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh". Rom. 8:3.

Jesus Christ came to this earth, to bring a plan or system into being, but a **way** of life. Jesus said of Himself, "I am the **Way**, the **Truth**, and **Life**". John 14:6. It was not until after the coming of Christ as Saviour that man had the privilege of knowing the joy of sins forgiven.

God made it possible for all men to enjoy pardon from the guilt of sins that is upon everyone that has not accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour. "Therefore, as by the offense of one, judgement came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one, the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life". Rom. 5:18. Certainly man today is without excuse, for being unsaved. No one will be rejected who comes to Christ for its "**whosoever** shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Rom. 10:13.

God has given us His Word, that through reading or hearing it brings the knowledge that we are sinners in the sight of God. "If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin; but **now** they have no cloke for their sin." John 15:22. The Holy Spirit acts upon our recognition of sin and begins to deal with us in conviction. He it is, who restrains the powers of sin and stain and does all he can to persuade one to turn away from sin, and accept Christ as Saviour.

This is as far as God will go — remember we are still a free agent and not a controlled robot. The decision is then ours. We must repent, which is confession, with a Godly sorrow. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." I John 1:9. Confession brings the peace of God that only the individual who has had the guilt of sin removed can know. Rejection of such a wonderful way of life, can only bring about greater condemnation upon your soul. In so choosing, your choice has been death in the lake of fire. The first death we meet is an appointment. "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgement." Hebrews 9:27. But the second death, spoken of by John the Revelator, is solely a matter of your decision.

Sinner—Backslider, don't put salvation off too long! There could be death in delay. God is not always going to deal with humanity as He does today. First of all God said, "My spirit shall not always strive with man." Paul tells us at the rise of the Anti-Christ. "He," the Holy Spirit shall be taken out of the way and in his place God shall send a working error to deceive those who would not receive a love for the truth of His word. II Thess., the second chapter Jesus said, "No man can come to me except the Father which hath sent me, draw him." We then know that the element of time, if relied upon by the unbeliever, can and will play an important role in determining the destiny of countless individuals.

In a parable Jesus gave the warning, one of these days the master of the house will rise up and shut the door to the kingdom of God or salvation, then there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth because of the woeful words "I know not whence ye are; **depart from me**, all ye workers of iniquity." Luke 13:27. If you are one that has drifted away from God, there is a solemn warning given you here in Hebrews 12:16 and 17. "Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright. For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: **for he found no place of repentance**, though he sought it carefully with tears."

The prophet Isaiah tells us "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."

Sinner friend—Today is the day of salvation. If you go to Hell, remember it was your own choosing. The opportunity is still yours, therefore do as the apostle Peter told the unbelievers in his day, "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord." Acts 3:19.

—: Please Send News :—

## MY HEALING

By GAIL SCHULTZ

Little did it occur to me when I announced that I wanted to see a healing report, each time that we went to print, that I would be the first one to give a testimony. I have not been feeling too well for some time, and about Jan. 1 I took down with the flu. In a few days I was up and thought that I was alright. On Jan. 12th I went to Union Chapel to "fill in" for Bro. Nunn while he was at Perryton, Texas, in a revival. I came home that night dreadfully ill and continued to suffer for about two weeks. I felt that I was not only in a battle for my health but in a spiritual warfare as well.

We all like to hear of the instant, complete and perfect healings, and often it is in the will of the Lord to work just that way. On the other hand, others were healed, "according to their faith", and some were healed, "as they went."

For about two weeks I was bed fast in misery and yet in all of this trial the Lord did not leave me. For some reason it seemed that He would talk to me in more of a vision form. For illustration, while some were praying for my deliverance, I thought that I was under a very thick and heavy bridge timber, and I saw strong hands take hold of an auger and begin to put a big hole through the timber, so that I could get relief. Later it seemed that I was climbing a high mountain and when I came to a long over-hanging ledge, the Hand of the Lord reached down and pushed it back into the mountain, so that there was a way to go on.

At another time I felt that I needed out of town help and it seemed to me that some body would drive during the evening hours or early A.M. hours to help me. It happened just that way, while they knew nothing of my illness Bro. and Sis. Allen Long became burdened for me, they left their home at Forty-four, Ark., drove to Taneyville, Mo., on Sat. night, put in a telephone call the next A.M. and found out about my condition and drove right in. Surely the Lord was working. Yet I continued to suffer so much and I told my wife that I felt some body was driving through the night to help me

in my battle. The next day the Peck Brothers and Bro. Regier and Bro. Ditto arrived feeling that I needed their help. O such victory as this is of the Lord.

I want to make mention of the fact that every body at the Bible School were of the best of help, doing all they could day after day and night after night. I cannot afford to mention names, but it seemed to me that every member of the faculty and all the student body carried a constant burden. They could not have done more.

Thanks too for all the cards, the flowers, the telephone calls and letters and I am sure many unknown to me that went to the Lord in prayer until the victory was won. If you know of any sick, do all you can for them. I know now what it means. I wonder how many have turned to the arm of flesh under trial because there was not enough burden on the part of the church? I am glad that I can report that I fully trusted the Lord and He brought me out. I feel that my message of Divine Healing will now be stronger.

Seeker of health from the Lord, hold on for He will never leave nor forsake you, and He does know and care. Out of weakness He makes strength and out of suffering He makes health, so that we can say, The Lord is the giver of every good and perfect gift.

I want to praise the Lord too for supplying every need and making us to know anew that He owns the cattle of a thousand hills. I ever want to look to the Lord and be a better servant, reaching more people for His glory.

## APOSTOLIC FAITH TRI-STATE YOUTH CAMP

We as a committee wish to announce there will be an Apostolic Faith Youth Camp in the Tri-State area. It will begin June 25 and close July 2. The age set is from 9 years up. This camp is located approximately eight miles south of Joplin, Missouri. It is a wonderful location in the scenic Ozark mountains. The camp is equipped with modern kitchen and dining hall equipment.

We extend an invitation to every one who possibly can to attend this youth camp. Start praying and planning NOW. We wish this to be a wonderful and very spiritual youth camp.

The committee consists of Bob Cooper, Onal Nunn, Bill Hollis, Roy Wooster, Paul Clanton, and M. D. Methvin.

For further information write Paul Clanton, 2007 Rolla St.; Joplin, Missouri; Tel. MAYfair 4-4873.

### ARNETT, OKLA.—

The church here has enjoyed five nights of special services with Bro. Jack Shandley. The messages were exceptionally good, pleading with Christians to move up and with some preaching to the unsaved. Quite a bit of interest was shown and we feel the church was strengthened although there is much yet to be done.

While here, Bro. Shandley also painted three church signs which will certainly be a blessing to the church. We desire everyone's prayers for our labors here.—Bro. and Sis. Lowell Long, acting pastors.

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