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After nearly 2,000 years the Holy Birth
remains a wondrous miracle to all.

As we remember the joy of the Wise Men

who sought and found the Christ Child in the manger,

let us exult and offer thanks in celebration of His coming.

May this sacred season bring the Light of Peace and Love

into your heart and home.



More than two thousand years ago wise men followed the star in the east to Bethlehem where they found a newborn babe-Jesus, who was to bring Peace on Earth Good Will to men. The scripture (Matthew 2:11) tells us that when they came into the house they worshipped him and presented unto him gifts.

Today we find that there still are wise men who seek Jesus, the Prince of Peace. There are those that are desiring to worship him and open the treasures of their hearts and present unto him gifts of time, talents and material goods so that others might seek him in truth and reality.

As we enter into this Christmas season of 1982 may we truly worship the Savior of the world and be "Wise Men" who still adore him.

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ARTICLE VII Doctrine

It is recognized that the true church of Jesus Christ consists of all believers in the saving grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who have accepted him as their personal Saviour. It is recognized and agreed that no organization or man has been granted authority by the Lord to exclude from or accept anyone into the Kingdom of Heaven, as this is done by Jesus Christ only. It is further recognized and agreed that we as Christians are

to love all members of the Body of Christ (Christians), and this love and fellowship derives from the unity instilled by the Holy Spirit. Although differences in doctrinal beliefs and interpretations should not influence our love for one another, adherence to similar doctrinal beliefs and modes of worship have bonded together those of the Apostolic Faith Movement as founded by Charles F. Parham in the early 1900's. The scripture teaches us to adhere to the truth and proper doctrine. These common doctrinal beliefs are essentially as follows:

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

Man is basically sinful and in need of Salvation

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

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

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

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

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Washing of Feet.

Divine Healing through Jesus Christ for all believers.

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

Destruction of the Wicked.

Conditional Immortality.

Rapture of the Man Child Class.

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

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



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we come to the close of another year we are made to realize once again the greatness of God and his love toward us.

This past year has been a profitable year here at the Apostolic Faith Report office. God has blessed in so many ways and I do thank him for all things. God has provided all of the needs of this ministry by using you, his children. You have shared of your talents in writing for the Report, your prayers, which are needed at all times, your financial help. Many times these needs were great and God supplied through you. Your prayers and efforts are not in vain. Many have written and called letting us know of victories gained and battles won. Lives have been touched because of God's Word going forth.

As we enter the new year of 1983 may we all labor together for Christ for the night cometh when no man can work.

To all of you, thank you for making this ministry possible.

IN JESUS NAME,
KAREN OAKES

"O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM"

One hundred fourteen years ago when Phillips Brooks wrote, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," he was rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity in Philadelphia- and on the threshold of his career as a bishop and as one of America's most popular preachers.

Two years before, in 1866, Mr. Brooks had visited the Holy Land and had stood under the stars at Bethlehem on Christmas Eve. Now, as Christmas drew near, boys and girls of his Sunday school realize what it meant. And from that desire came the words.

When he had completed the stanzas, he was sure they would do quite well for the children to sing. But he lacked the music, so he took the words to his organist, Lewis Redner, asking him to write a tune.

Mr. Redner tried all evening, without success. He finally went to bed. Then, in the middle of the night he woke up with a beautiful melody ringing in his mind.

With their new carol, the children's singing program on that Christmas Sunday a century ago was a great success. And "O Little Town of Bethlehem" has never lost its appeal. Thousands of happy mortals have caught Phillips Brooks' vision of the Christ child as he saw it from Bethlehem's hills:

O Holy Child of Bethlehem, descent to us, we pray;

Cast out our sin, and enter in; be born in us today.

We hear the Christmas angels their great tidings tell;

O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

VINCENT EDWARDS

WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO ME

My mind wanders back as a child
While sitting at my mothers knee.
A story I shall never forget
She told so tenderly.
Telling the true meaning of Christmas
It seems only yesterday.
Tis the birth of the Christ Child
We celebrate today.
A child was born, a son was given
To become the Saviour of men
Cleansing the heart, saving the soul
From bondage and sin
The greatest gift to all mankind
Sent from the Father above.
Telling the whole wide world
of such a measureless love.
Baby Jesus was born this day
Prince of Peace is He.
Ah! Yes I remember very well.
She spoke so graciously.
No, its not the tinsel draped on the tree
Nor lights with their glow,
Not the presents there beneath
With their pretty bow
Thankful to God, for the true story
Mother told to me
Jesus now lives within my heart
Tis what Christmas means to me.

LILLIAN BOLES

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Baxter Springs, Kansas

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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Plans are coming along great for the opening of our Bible College term on January 3rd. It has been a privilege for us to come into your church and visit with each of you about the school.

We feel the tour, which we have just completed, was a big success. The prospects of students for this coming term looks good, with a good number of married couples as well as singles planning to attend.

Let us encourage you to make your plans now to enroll on January 3rd and enjoy studying the Word of God with us. These are important days for all of us as time runs short before Christ shall return. Prepare yourself to be a better soul winner and go to work in the Lord's vineyard now.

May we say a special "thanks" to all the pastors and churches for every kindness you showed us while our group was in your church and home.

Thanks for your prayers, the meals, the financial support and opening of your homes to us. The spirit of love and fellowship was wonderful. Thank you again and may God bless you.

We report many miracles in the services along the way. There was a revival service almost everywhere we went. Several souls were saved, some physical healings, and many spiritual victories were gained. To God be all glory given. It was His spirit, not us.

The new building is almost finished. Please continue to support this work and make every effort to have it debt free upon completion. Our thanks to you for standing faithful to this work of God.

Please continue to carry a burden of prayer every day for the school.

GOD BLESS YOU,
JACK CORNELL
SUPERINTENDENT

Deadline! Copy must be in by the 15th of the month to be in the next month's issue.

FORGIVE US OUR CHRISTMASSES

The day before Christmas had been full of incidents, some most unpleasant.

Father seemed burdened with worries as well as bundles. Mother's anxiety had reached the breaking point on many occasions throughout the day. Wherever the little girl went, she seemed to be in the way.

Finally she was hustled up to bed. The feverish excitement of the Christmas planning had completely unnerved her.

As she knelt by her bed to pray the Lord's Prayer, she got all mixed up and prayed, "Forgive us our Christmases, as we forgive those who Christmas against us."

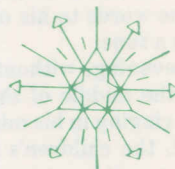
As we watch the tense, nervous shoppers this season, we feel like praying as the little girl did, "Forgive us our Christmases." Our celebration makes the merchants rejoice, but not the angels in heaven. Our minds are on things, not on Christ. May God forgive us our Christmases.

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Beneath God's brightest star

*As Mary gazed down at her Babe
That night so long ago—
Perhaps she touched His hands and crooned
In tender voice and low!
His hands would one day heal the sick,
Five thousand men would feed;
Would flex in pain upon the cross
And, pierced with nails, would bleed.*

*I think she might have kissed His feet,
Adored His baby ways,
So soon her Child would walk for God—
The Christian's pathway blaze.
Perhaps she touched with fingertips
The brow which thorns would mar;
All this within a humble shed
Beneath God's brightest star.*

*Although Christ died, praise God He rose!
Such love no force could bar;
Divinely planned, this holy birth
Beneath God's brightest star!*

—Esther B. Heins

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MID-WEST YOUTH CAMP-
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LUTHER'S CRADLE HYMN

It is surprising to read that the same man who wrote the rousing Reformation hymn, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," also wrote the tender cradle hymn:

*Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down
His sweet head;
The stars in the sky looked down
where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.*

It was on a Christmas day 470 years ago when Martin Luther first saw that story in the Scriptures. The other monks at Erfurt were assembled to sing Advent hymns, but Luther was alone with his Lord, silent and rapt, reading the Biblical narrative of Christ's birth.

He was 23 years old and had received religious training, but never until he entered the monastery at Erfurt had he had opportunity to study the Scriptures. He read them at every opportunity, and there he saw the account of the manger and the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

Some believe the Reformation started there, in Luther's worshiping soul, that Christmas Day. There in solitude he wrote his cradle hymn. There he caught a gleam of God's wonderful grace and knew that one day he must make this gospel known to all the world.

Finally, true to his vision, Luther the monk threw off his cowl and went forth as Luther the reformer, preaching and singing the gospel.

His songs, as well as his sermons and writings, stirred the nation and the world. People wandered in droves all over Europe, singing as they went. The songs carried into the castles of the nobles and the cottages of the peasants. People everywhere took up the songs-singing, singing-and on the wings of those gospel songs the Reformation spread in all directions.



INCOMPARABLE DELIVERER

Jesus Christ was born in the meanest of circumstances, but the air above was filled with the hallelujahs of the heavenly host. His lodging was a cattle pen, but a star drew distinguished visitors from afar to do Him homage.

His birth was contrary to the laws of life. His death was contrary to the laws of death. And no miracle is no inexplicable as His life and teaching.

He had no cornfields or fisheries, but He could spread a table for 5,000 men and have bread and fish to spare. He walked on the waters, and they supported Him.

His crucifixion was the crime of the ages. But, on God's side, no lower price than His infinite agony could have made possible our redemption.

When He died, few men mourned, but a black crepe was hung over the sun. Though men trembled not for their sins,

the earth beneath shook under the load. All nature honored Him; sinners alone rejected Him.

Three years He preached His gospel. He wrote no book, built no church, had no money back of Him. Yet after 1900 years He is the one central character of human history, the perpetual theme of all preaching, the pivot around which the events of the age revolve, the only Regenerator of the human race.

Was it merely the son of Joseph and Mary who crossed the world's horizon 1900 years ago? Was it merely human blood that was spilled on Calvary's hill for the redemption of sinners and which has worked such wonders in men and nations through the centuries?

What thinking man can keep from exclaiming:
"My Lord, and my God!"

KEITH L. BROOKS in Prophecy Monthly



KINGMAN, KANSAS

We were privileged to have Bro. Sonny Brown in service with us in October to share with us concerning his work in Mexico and what the Lord is doing there. Also he shared with us concerning his work in Mexico and what the Lord is doing there. Also he shared with us how the Lord has wonderfully healed him of diabetes. The Lord still reaches to the need of his children.

In our Wed. night Bible meetings we've been studying on the Fruits of the Spirit. If we are connected to the true vine we will have the fruits abiding in our lives.

May the hope that maketh us not ashamed abound in our hearts this holiday season.

MIKE BRENING-PASTOR
NYLA MYERS-REPORTER

SPEARMAN, TEXAS

We at the Apostolic Faith Church of Spearman, Texas, are serving and worshiping God in our own fashion and enjoying it.

There have been several things happen among our church family these past few weeks which we will share. The first thing that comes to mind is that on Grandparents day we were privileged to baptize our own grandson Jeremy David Stollings, age 5 in water on Sunday evening September 12. Thanks to Bro. E.W. Dickson, for filling our pulpit that evening so we could be in Perryton, Texas, for the baptismal service.

On September 23, Bro. R.C. (Whitey) Jones, had surgery on his shoulder and is doing fine now, Thank the Lord.

On October 11, Bro. James Riley was taken to Amarillo for minor surgery and he is doing fine now too, Thank the Lord.

On October 17, we began a revival at our church with Andy Perry and Dwight Wilson, of Ava, Missouri, as Evangelists. Carla Wilson and daughter Dawnya, Janice Perry and Paula Perry helped with specials most every night and they were a blessing. The preaching was inspiring and the attendance was good. The Lord blessed andy many victories were won in the Lord. The week the evangelists were here we conducted daily devotions at the Hansford Manor Rest Home.

On October 24, the church family and Sister Elma Greever's own family helped her celebrate her 94th birthday. I'm glad to report that Sister Greever, is still feeling fine and going strong. She lives by herself and does her own work, and drives her car wherever she wants. Sister Greever, is a real blessing and inspiration to all.

October 30, the Apostolic Faith College group were with us for service and we enjoyed the service very much, even though the attendance for the service was small. Several families were out of town. However, our church family at Spearman backed the Bible College every way we can because we know that the school is very much a part of the work of the Lord.


LEALAND GRIMMER-PASTOR

JOPLIN, MO.

PSALM 100:4

"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise." Thanksgiving is the holiday that America sets aside to give thanks and count our blessings. Families get together and celebrate with a wonderful meal and all the trimmings. Yes, it is a joyous time, but we should al-

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ways be thankful everyday and whenever we enter our places of worship. We still have freedom to worship as we wish. I am thankful that I am a Christian and know the Lord. I am thankful I have good health and strength. Our pastor said the other night you should get in your car and visit the hospitals and rest homes and you would come away very thankful to Jesus for a healthy body. I agree with that and have said many times the same thing. So many blessings come to my mind at this season, but most of all knowing the Lord is at the top of the list, for he has done so much for me.

Bro. and Sis. Jacob Reiger of Perryton, Texas, conducted a very inspiring revival at our church from Oct. 17 through the 24th. The church was much blessed by the timely messages. We were encouraged to fight the good fight of Faith and to lay hold on Eternal Life.

The past several months we have had as visitors, Bro. and Sis. Olen Bachler, Bro. and Sis. Johnny Arnall, Bro. and Sis. Jack Cornell and the Bible College Group.

In Nov. while our pastor was away in Revival at Midway, Okla., we had Bro. and Sis. Ted Jackson and Bro. and Sis. Paul Clanton preaching for us. We appreciate these people helping us.

NEIL RAGAN, PASTOR
VIVIAN BARD, REPORTER



Fonda Rene' Brown, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ronny J. Brown and grand daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Wick Brown, all of Perryton, Texas, became the bride of Roy Anderson "Andy" Fambro, son of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Foster of El Prado, New Mexico on Saturday, October 2, 1982 in the Full Gospel Church of Perryton with Rev. Harrol Waterbury officiating. They are making their home at 3119 S. Birch in Perryton, Texas where he is a self employed welder and she works for Dowell.

Several weeks ago I received this letter in the mail and I would like to share it with all of you. It was such a blessing to me and I know it will be to all of you. May God richly bless this young man's ministry and those he works with.

Dear Sister Oakes,

Greetings in the love of Jesus! Words cannot express the blessings and inspiration I have received thru reading the Apostolic Faith Report Sept. 1982 issue.

I am 27 year old white male. I was a heroin addict for over 12 years. I have been a Christian for approximately 16 1/2 months now. I was saved in the county jail after I heard a spirit filled Christian tell a block I was in that Jesus Christ loved them so much he died on the cross in their place and rose on the third day and he would forgive them and change their lives completely and give them a second chance to live right. He also gave those who wanted a pocket size New Testament with Psalms and Proverbs from the Gideons International. I received Jesus then and I said he'll forgive even me a junkie who psychiatrists, psychologists, psycho-analysisists and drug counselors who had PhDs and other degrees said there was not hope of ever changing-destined to be a junkie dope friend forever. The brother said that if I had been the only person on earth Jesus would have died for me. I broke down and cried which was totally out of character for me. So at that minute I became a Child of Jesus Christ, a Christian.

I read the new Testament he gave me. I read the four gospels, then the Book of Acts and I went back and reread Matthew chapters 5-7 about 8 more times. I realized I couldn't lie, smoke, swear or even let my ears be slop buckets any longer by listening to dirty jokes or stories and for that matter lie to the court and continue to plead not guilty when in reality I did overdraw my checking account and had bad checks with insufficient funds. My attorney said to keep pleading not guilty and ask for a jury trial and I'd get probation and pay court costs. I told him plainly I was sorry but I had to be true to Jesus Christ since he was my Saviour, Deliverer, Lord and Master. Now I was only a Christian for two weeks at that time. I went in and against my attorneys wishes plead guilty in what they call the "blind" no deals or prearranged plea bargaining. I told the prosecutor and His Honor the judge I had become a follower and believer of Jesus Christ the King of Kings and Lord of Lords and I was sorry for lying before. I plead guilty to theft of over \$200 which carries a maximum 10 years in the penitentiary. the judge asked if I wanted a probation-pre-sentencing hearing. I said I respected and trusted his ability to be fair. So he looked at my past drug history with approximately 10 drug and hospital stays to dry out of drugs to no avail and a string of arrests and convictions for cases where I am not proud to say I stole for money for the demon of heroin. So he sentenced me to 3 years in Texas Department of Corrections with a condition I had requested for restitution to the business. So I stayed in the county jail for 13 more days and then was sent to TDC. I arrived at the diagnostic unit in Huntsville. I'd never been in prison before in my life. It is a terrible feeling when they close the door and shave your head and all the things they do before you go to a cell. I knew that Jesus had me in his hand and that he would protect me. I had a cell partner who was a 35 year old who molested some children. I didn't like him and thought what a sick animal. Then the Lord quickened me that I was no good, chiefest of sinners before I was saved and that he wanted me to share Christ with this man who was twice my size and hated everyone and everything. I argued with the Lord but while I was on my knees on that concrete floor praying then I decided when I made my committment and gave my life to Jesus he was Lord and I was servant not master. I told my cell mate that Jesus loved him and would forgive him and

change his life completely. He listened and all of a sudden told me that he had been the religion route before. He'd been into Hinduism, Zen Buddahism, martial arts, meditation and catholicism and that none worked. I told him Jesus, not religion was the answer, or he would be lost. He started to cry, a six foot four, 260 lb. man crying, and received Christ. For the next 11 days we prayed and read the Word of God. We had read a phamplet about the baptism of the Holy Spirit. We prayed and prayed for hours and then I started to speak in other languages and sing (which I can't do in the natural) and then he started to speak in other tongues also. We spoke all night until 4:30 a.m. at breakfast and then until 8 a.m. I was shipped to another unit for sociology and assignment process and I left him my testament. I was put in a cell with a man who was serving a sentence for rape. There on my bed was a Bible, a copy of Gordon Lindsay's book, "They Heard From Heaven" and "They Saw It Happen", with biographical sketches of Charles F. Parham, Charles Price, Raymond Richey, and Evan Roberts, with a tract written in 1936 by Mrs. C. Nuzum a missionary to Mexico. I asked whose they were and he said the other man who had been in there was a Christian and had left them. I asked if I could keep them and he said sure. So I read them them all and was inspired and believed I was in the right place doing the Lord's will. Two days later the Lord woke me in in the night and I started to pray and cry and cry. I asked the Lord why I was crying and in a small voice inside me said you're crying for the lost souls in this place and I want you to share the gospel with everone espeically your cellmate. The next day I started to witness to my cellmate and he was very cold and told me to stop talking about this Jesus freak stuff. He left the next day. Again I was shipped to another unit. I started a typing class and I got into a cell with an older man who was a Christian. He told me about living a deeper life and holiness. I shared with him about the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. He said that he had heard that tongues wasn't for the believer today. We read mark 16 and the book of Acts and he sought the Lord on it and the next day felt it was of the Lord, so we prayed together and 2 hours later he was filled. Then we had goo d fellowships and devotions together. We prayed for a full gospel fellowship. they had a United Pentecostal, So. Baptist, Church of Christ groups and were starting a Pentecostal group. It has started a revival here now and is the largest group. We have a Sat. morning and Tuesday night prayer and Bible Study with testimonies and altar services. We are all growing and being a witness to all the prisoners here.

Well I did not plan on telling you all of this but the Lord must have had a reason for it. I have had the priviledge to see thru my ministry 32 persons saved and 27 living victorious lives and filled with the Holy Spirit. I know that the main reason was my obedience to the leading of the Holy Spirits voice and direction.

I have had plenty of trials, tests, harassments from the inmates, clergy, guards and all for my stand on absolute obedience to the Word and no compromise with sin and worldliness. I fell the Lord is plain in language and the promises and commands of Jesus and the teachings of the Apostles calls for a spotless overcomer-Bride and I appreciate the encouragement I received when I read your articles in the Apostolic Faith Report. Please keep up the work. Please pray for us and we'll be praying for you.

Your Brother In Christ
Bob

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Season's Greetings

WHAT DOTH THE LORD REQUIRE?

BY DORA BEYDLER

"Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my first born for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" Micah 6:7-8.

In Micah's day the moral and spiritual condition was at a low ebb. Religion was a matter of form and ritual. Idolary was wide spread, human sacrifices were offered, the priests and false prophets taught for hire, sooth saying (fortune telling) and spiritualism, witchcraft and superstition were prevalent in the land. The nation was ready for collapse. The rulers and the priests as well as the people were responsible for this down fall. Does this sound like another nation at a much later date? Though Micah prophesied during the time of Isaiah, these words are good for us to heed today. Many people are seeking peace of mind and heart but are seeking in the wrong way and in the wrong places.

When the time came for Joshua to lead the people of Israel into the promised land God said, "Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an

inheritance the land, which I swear unto their fathers to give them. Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper withersoever thou goest. This book of law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whither so ever thou goest." Then as the time drew near for Joshua's death he gave one last admonishment to Israel. "But cleave unto the Lord your God, as ye have done unto this day. Take good heed therefore unto yourselves, that ye love the Lord your God. Else if ye do in any wise go back, and cleave unto the remnant of these nations, even these that remain among you, ...know for a certainty that the Lord your God will no more drive out any of these nations from before you; but they shall be snares and traps unto you, and scourges in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until ye perish from off this good land which the Lord your God hath given you. When ye have transgressed the covenant of the Lord your God, which he commanded you, and have gone and have gone and served other Gods, and bowed yourselves to them; then shall the anger of the Lord be kindled against you, and ye shall perish quickly from off the good land which He hath given unto you." Joshua 23:8,11,12a,13,16. Then again in Joshua 24:15,16, "And if it seems evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the Gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the Lord, to serve other gods;" and in verse 24 they promise again, "And the people said unto Joshua, The Lord our God will we serve, and His voice will we obey."

After the death of Joshua the people soon forgot all their promises. The nation who had been so favored by God forsook Him and began serving not only the Gods they had known in Egypt but also the Gods of the people dwelling around them. They became so wicked until one day, many years later, God sent Elijah to prove the power of the true and living God. Again the people of Israel proclaimed as a nation that the Lord is God. You can read that story in I Kings 18:17-40. Their reform didn't last long though and God had to send other prophets. One of these was Isaiah who said, "Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the Lord hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me. To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the Lord: I am full of burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of the goats. Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; learn to do well; relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow. Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: but if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." Isaiah 1:2,11,13,16-20. But this proud and vain

people continued in their haughty way until the time of Jeremiah. One of the messages he delivered from God said, "And the Lord hath sent unto you all His servants the prophets, rising early and sending them; but ye have not hearkened, nor inclined your ear to hear. They said, turn ye again now everyone from his evil way, and from the evil of your doings, and dwell in the land that the Lord hath given unto you and to your fathers for ever and ever: And go not after other gods to serve them, and to worship them, and provoke me not to anger with the works of your hands to your own hurt." Jeremiah 25:4-6. Then Jeremiah went on to say they did not hearken and provoked God to anger. Therefore God would send the king of Babylon to utterly destroy them and to make them an astonishment and an hissing and a perpetual desolation. Jeremiah 25:8,9. Jeremiah also told the people their captivity would be 70 years Jer. 25:11, and in that same prophecy is another 70 years which will be a desolation of the land. The captivity began in 606 B.C. when Daniel was taken to Babylon. Another large number of captives were taken in 597 B.C. and Ezekiel was in this number. The third large number was taken at the time Jerusalem was destroyed in 596 B.C. Jeremiah saw this time but was not taken to Babylon because of a promise from God. The desolation of the Land began at the time of the destruction of Jerusalem. The 70 years captivity were fulfilled in 536 B.C. when Cyrus allowed all captives to return to their homeland if they wished to but the land did not prosper until its 70 years of rest were accomplished in 516 B.C. God does not forget his promises to man no matter if they are for blessing or for an earned punishment. Hebrew 2:1 says, "We ought to give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip." Though God had pled with the people of Israel, they had become so engrossed in their own interpretations of God's words and laws and finding ways to make God's laws fit their desires, until they felt no conviction to their souls.

God has given us a homeland too. We have a great land carved from the wilderness by our forefathers just as the people of Micah's day. But just as those people lost sight of living for God . . . blinded by their form of godliness but denying the power thereof . . . so have we lost sight of the reality in a life of service given to the Lord. Our moral and spiritual situation are at low ebb. Most religion of today has become a matter of form and ritual arranged to ease to conscience from the guilt of compromise. The people of Israel refused God from being their king because they wanted a man to be their king so they could be like other nations. Then they comprised still more and began serving idols. They adopted many gods from the people around them. Today we say we do not serve idols but the dictionary says an idol is anything that stands between us and God. Today some let pleasures be their God, others serve their jobs while still others serve the extra money they hope to have. Then to ease their conscience they mention God's name once in a while and possibly attend church once or twice a year. They are like the people of Paul's day when he visited Athens, they had an altar to the unknown God. God has become unknown today to a vast majority of people who even claim to be Christians. We all need to remember the question the disciples asked of Jesus when he said one of them would betray Him. Each of them said, "Lord is it I?" Even Paul one time said he kept his body under control, "lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." I Corinthians 9:27.

Micah asked the question, "Will God be pleased with thousands of rams or rivers of oil?" Just making a donation to the church is not really giving to God. Romans 12:1 says, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." We cannot please God with any gift until we have given ourselves to Him. He said in Isaiah 1:11 that sacrifices and offerings are of no purpose when offered without repentance. Then Micah changes the question to ask if we should give our children for the sin of our souls? We do not offer children for burnt sacrifices today as they did then but countless thousands of people send their children to Sunday School and Church instead of going with them. They seem to feel they have done God a favor when they have their children to attend the church. The sad truth though shines through when those same children become teen-agers. Mom and Dad have taught them all those younger years by their own example. They taught an indifference to God and His Word. They taught it was not important to live for Him so the teen-agers quit going to church. Then they find other things to do and other places to go. God is pushed aside and soon forgotten.

As it was with Israel, the reaping time is catching up with our nation. It will effect each individual, too. We can't point our fingers at the government because people make up the government. We have all complained because prayer and Bible reading were taken out of the schools but sad as that is, it is worse that it has not even entered many of our homes. Moses said we were to teach it to our children and grandchildren! When we as a nation vote to allow alcoholic drinks, sodomy, the use of drugs and other such sins to be legalized God can no longer tolerate us. Our nation is ready for collapse unless we repent.

Repentance is a remedy though and it can be reached if the majority will seek God. Each individual needs to heed the same words Moses gave to Israel when he said, "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down and when thou risest up." Deuteronomy 6:4-7. Then in verse 12 he said "Then beware lest thou forget the Lord". Joshua said we must meditate in God's word day and night. David said, "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in His law doth he meditate day and night." Psalm 1:1-2. Jesus said, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall have rest unto your soul For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matthew 11:28-30. In Acts 17:29-30 we find some of Paul's words, "For as much then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device. And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent."

Looking again to Micah's words, "What doth the Lord require of thee . . . but to walk humbly with thy God?"

A TRIED PEOPLE

WHO'S ARE
THEY?
GOD'S

BY WHOM ARE
THEY TRIED?
SATAN

Satan tempted Eve in the garden. She listened and believed. Adam also ate of the forbidden fruit and by his disobedience we are all made sinners. God promised us a Saviour, Jesus, his only begotten son. By the shedding of his blood our sins can be forgiven. The Love of God for the world and by the one offering Jesus gave himself for the church (everyone who with a godly sorrow repented) makes us a holy people with pure hearts. The nature we have at birth is cleansed. As in the natural birth conception is the beginning of life but not until birth can we grow to maturity. We have the beginning of life when the sins we have committed are blotted out. praise the Lord! And when fully yielded soul, spirit, and body to the Lord he accepts the offering, sanctifies and sets us apart for his glory and we are born of the spirit and really can grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Now a gift is promised as we tarry, the Holy Ghost, which give us power to tell others what Jesus came to do. His witnesses. Luke 24:29, Acts 1:4. Jesus said, "Behold I give you power over all the power of the enemy. St Luke 10:19. he also has said he did not come to destroy the law or the prophets but to fulfill. Matthew 5:17. The prophets of the Old Testament were victors and conquerors over the power of the enemy, "the devil," when sorely tried.

In Daniel chapter 3 we read Nebuchadnezzar the king made a golden image and everybody was told when they heard the sound of music they were to fall down and worship it. Shadrach, Meschach and Abednego refused. Anyone who failed were to be thrown in the fiery burning furnace. When questioned by the king they replied, "If it be so our God is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace. Be it known unto thee O king we will not serve thy gods nor worship the golden image When thrown in the fire four was seen walking and they had no hurt, and the Word says the fourth is like the son of God.

Daniel stood firm in the law of God and was cast into the den of lions, came through victorious saying, "O King live forever. My God has sent his angels and has shut the lions mouth that they have not hurt me." Daniel 6:21-22. Job was sorely tried, and because of Satan's attitude toward him God permitted Satan to put him to some real tests. All the riches of this world he lost, his children were killed, his body covered with sores, and in all this test his wife said "Dost thou still retain thine integrity, curse God and die. His testimony was, "Though he slay me yet will I trust him." Job 13:15. He was delivered and his last end was better than at the beginning, He had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen and a thousand she asses. he also had seven sons and three daughters. After this Job lived a hundred and forty years. And as surely as Satan told the Lord in Jobs day when the sons of God were gathered together, that he was going to and fro in the earth and walking up and down in it, he is still at work. His seducing spirits and doctrines of devils are on every hand. In Titus 1:9-10 Titus was told to hold fast the faithful word as he had been taught that he might be able by sound doctrine to convince the gainsayers as there were many

unruly and vain talkers and deceivers. Our new testament bretheren were really tried and tested and were found trustworthy.

When Stephen was being stoned to death, he looked into the heavens and said, "I see Jesus standing at the right hand of God." Acts 7:5-6. As we all know Jesus is our intercessor in heaven pleading our case now. Paul and Silas in prison at midnight prayed and sang praises unto God, and suddenly there was an earthquake, the prison doors were opened and they were set free. Acts 16:25-26. II Timothy 11:7-8 By the spirit it was made known to Paul that everywhere he went bonds and imprisonment awaited him. He finished his work for the Lord by saying, "The time of my departure is at hand, I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord the righteous judge will give me in that day and not to me only but unto all them who love his appearing." He said also he was not only willing to suffer but to die for the gospel and the Lord. And that he did.

My dear brother and sister in Christ, let us who are living in a day as that of Noah, a day of compromise, falling away from the faith, love of many waxing cold, be steadfast and unmovable always abounding in the work of the Lord. I Cor. 15:58. I John 5:4 This is the victory that overcometh the world even our faith. Hebrews 10:23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering for he is faithful that promised . . . Rev. 3:11 Hold fast to that ye have already that no man take thy crown. I Cor. 10:13 The Lord will not suffer us to be tempted above that we are able, but will also make a way to escape that we may be able to bear it. James 1:3-4 The trying of our faith worketh patience. Let patience have her perfect work that ye be perfect and entire wanting nothing. Matthew 10:24 The disciple is not above his master. Matthew 4:1-11 Then was Jesus led up of the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungered. And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. But he answered and said, It is written man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and sitteth him on a pinnacle of the temple. And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, he shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up. lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone, Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. Again the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high and the glory of them, and said unto him, All these things will I give, thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God and him only shalt thou serve. Then the devil leaveth him and behold, angels came and ministered unto him. Rev. 20:10 The devil is coming to his end in the lake of fire. Rev. 21:4 We the true followers, people of God will have an abode in the holy white city throughout eternity where all things are turned over to God. When John was banished to the isle of patmos for the word of God and saw testimony of Jesus Christ, in the spirit on the Lord's day saw this place and tells us about it. Praise the Lord!

I feel like traveling on-don't you?

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GOD'S WONDERFUL GIFT

"And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And the angel said unto them, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel, a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Luke 2:7-14.

As we come to another Christmas season let us be thankful for God's gift to the world. Most people look upon it as a time of merry-making and revelry; a time of exchanging gifts and gladness. They fail to realize what Christmas really means. Neither do they recognize the gift God gave to the world on the first Christmas night nearly two thousands years ago.

At the time of Jesus' birth there was no war, but Rome dominated the world. The people were restless and anxious. Prophets of old had told of one that was to come, that would bring peace. The set time for His coming was past.

Isaiah had prophesied of the coming one, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called, Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." Isa. 9:6

On the first Christmas night the angelic host appeared unto the lowly shepherds and announced the birth of a Saviour. There was no room for Him in the inn. The shepherds found Him in a manger, back of the inn, in the town of Bethlehem. Born without any convenience, yet, He was and is the Saviour of the world.

The glitter has caused many to fail to realize the value of God's great gift. Jesus birth meant salvation to a lost world. He came to bring peace and reconcile fallen humanity to God.

Men will never have peace as long as they are in sin. Faith in Christ will bring peace to any individual that will accept Him. His teachings when applied will bring peace between God and man, and also man to man.

Some have thought peace could be purchased with riches but have been disappointed. Jesus suffered and bore our punishment that we might be free and have peace if we will only believe on Him and be saved.

Man was lost and there was no way of escape when God gave His only Son. Jesus gave His life on the cross to give eternal life to all that will accept it. But that is not all; he will bear your heartaches, sorrow, pain, and every sin.

Money cannot buy these things. It comes as we repent of our sins and seek the Lord. It is for those that will believe. "Ho, everyone that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that have no money, come ye, buy and eat. Yea, come buy wine and milk without price." Isa. 55:1.

The price has been paid for our redemption. "For God so loved the world, that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16

Have you accepted this gift? "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:12.

If you have already accepted it, then let us say with Paul, "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable Gift." II Cor. 9:15.

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