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Our Lord's Birthday

When we read the Christmas story
As recorded in God's Word,
Our minds return to Bethlehem,
The birth place of our Lord.

But other towns and cities
Felt the impact of that birth,
The birth of one whose very name
Would some day gird the earth.

One city, fair Jerusalem,
Was destined to decay,
Because its priests and rulers
Turned that Holy Babe away.

But Simeon dwelt within its walls,
A just and holy man,
Who long had watched for Israel's hope
According to God's plan.

And when they brought the Baby in
For Jewish holy rites;
He knew at once it was the Christ
By inspiration's sight.



Though Simeon dwelt among a race
That turned the Lord away:
His faith and hope found their reward
In "Christ Revealed" that day.

Let us follow his example,
Let our faith and hope hold sway.
Fill our hearts with love o'erflowing
On this, Our Lord's Birthday.

—Edna M. Shultz

SERMON OF THE MONTH

MY CHRISTMAS VIEW

By HARROL WATERBURY

It is a good thing to observe Christmas Day. The mere marking of times and seasons, when men agree to stop work and make merry together, is a wise and wholesome custom. It helps one to be relieved of the tension that has seized this world of ours, and helps us to feel the supremacy of the common life over the individual life. It reminds a man to set his own little watch, no wand then, by the great time clock of humanity which runs on time.

But there is a better thing than the observance of Christmas day, and that is to believe in Jesus Christ, Whose birth we commemorate on this day — for He said, "If ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your sins."

There are certain fundamental truths that man must believe in order to be saved, and among the most basic of these truths is the deity of Christ. "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. "But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through His name," John 20:31. "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life, I John 5:12.

It is true that worldliness and spiritual indifference have created a lot of lackadaisical, "luke warm", professing Christians who shall have a definite reward, Rev. 3:16. This has been a problem throughout the history of Christianity, but there is a greater menace than this, and that is the master stroke that Satan has made at the very fountain of life: the deity of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Recent surveys have proved that multiplied thousands of professed Christians, an a majority of protestant ministers, do not believe in the miraculous conception and virgin birth of Jesus Christ — and in failing to do so, they have alienated

themselves from God's plan of salvation by rejecting the only source of life. A person who does not believe that Jesus is the Christ, the only begotten of our Father, is not saved and shall never inherit eternal life, but the wrath of God abideth on him, John 3:36.

This year's Christmas celebration shall without a doubt surpass and display of gaiety and extravagance that the world has ever known. People everywhere, of every nationality and creed, shall join in, but the sad part is this: very few people will stop to realize the magnificent underlying truth — that we are commemorating the birth of Jesus, as it is recorded in the Bible.

Many modern Christians have lost — or never had — an enlightened understanding of the genius of Christianity: that the New Testament is the fulfillment of the predictions and promises of the Old; that Jesus, the Christ, is the link that binds the two testaments together. The early New Testament church writers and preachers saw this clearly, and constantly pointed out the New Testament fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy.

When Matthew narrated the virgin birth of Christ in Matt. 1:18-25, he said it was the fulfillment of the Old Testament prediction of Christ's virgin birth. "Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." (Matt. 1:22-23; cf. Isa. 7:14).

It is remarkable that whenever the birth of the Messiah is spoken of in the Old Testament, reference is made to His mother — or the womb — never to a human father. See: Isa. 49:1 — "The Lord hath called me from the womb."

Isa. 49:5 — "And now, saith the Lord that formed me from the womb to be his servant."

Jer. 31:22 — "The Lord hath created a new thing in the earth, a woman shall compass a man."

Psa. 22:9 — "But thou art he that took me out of the womb."

Micah 5:3 — ". . . until the time

that she who travaileth hath brought forth."

Turning to the New Testament, we find that Jesus indeed was born of a virgin, a virgin who was a direct descendant of King David. All the apostles laid great stress upon this argument from prophecy; it was not only the main, but almost the sole, argument employed in the New Testament. They felt it necessary to show the marvelous correspondence between the well known facts (of the life, death, and resurrection of Christ) with Old Testament prophecy, in order to carry conviction to every fair mind.

When King Herod, in a jealous rage, slaughtered the innocent children in a vain attempt to kill the Christ child, Matthew called attention to the fact that even this gruesome murder was forsaken of God, who had it written down in the Old Testament as a prediction that was then fulfilled, (Cf. Matt. 2:12-18 with Jer. 31:15). In many other places in the Bible, the writers state that Jesus fulfilled Old Testament prophecy. This method of preaching has overwhelmingly substantiated the Bible as the inspired word of God, and we can safely express our convictions with Peter in saying "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God", Matt. 16:16.

In this desperate age of evil and deception, may we establish our faith in the Christ of the Bible — God's gift to a sin cursed world, that, believing in Him, we should not perish but have everlasting life. May the words of our lips and the conduct of our life inspire faith in the faithless, hope in the hopeless, and life through Christ to those who are dead in trespasses and sin.

Let us follow the instruction of the prophets of old, and seek for the old paths wherein dwelleth righteousness, that our souls may be satisfied with peace. Put Christ back in Christmas, offer Him the place that He came to assume — not only in recognizing Him as the world's Saviour, but by accepting Him as your personal Saviour, and Lord of your life.

Read the Christmas story for yourself and get the facts. You will find that Jesus was conceived of the Holy Ghost, born of a virgin in Bethlehem of Judea, the city of David. Angels

Apostolic Faith Bible School Baxter Springs, Kansas

The 1957-58 term of Bible School which began November 4 is progressing nicely. There is an enrollment of 36 students this term and others are expected to come later. The student body is a very nice group that seem hungry for the truth's of God's Word. A thank you is expressed to everyone that has contributed and shown interest in the progress of the Bible School. May God bless you bountifully for every expression of kindness.

The first semester of Bible School closes December 20 with dismissal of two weeks for the Christmas holidays. The second semester begins January 5 and everyone that can enroll for the second semester is encouraged to attend.

R. D. WOOSTER,
Superintendent

ALVIN, TEXAS—

Brother and Sister Ray Michner were with this church for four nights service. The Lord anointed to bring the Word and there was a real burden of prayer and victory prevailing in every service. Brother and Sister Winston Barker are the pastors.

FOUNTAIN, COLORADO—

Wesley Allen is the name given to the new son of Brother and Sister Bill Pennington of the above address. He was born on November 14, weighing 7 pounds and 8 ounces. Sister Pennington is the former Belva Howard of Logans, Okla.

announced Him, wise men worshipped Him, and shepherds sought Him after they heard the angelic chorus. Underneath these established facts concerning Christ, there is one purpose for His manifestation, and that was to save you from sin, and restore that which was lost in the fall of Adam, Romans Ch. 5.

Repent according to Acts 3:19 — confess and believe according to Romans 10:19, and you will receive forgiveness and cleansing, I John 1:9.

May this Christmas be the happiest of all, with Christ as your personal Saviour!

FOR ME TO LIVE IS CHRIST

By ETTA MAE PETERS

Paul said, "For me to live is Christ, but to die is gain." For me to live is Christ to live in me. It is said of Martin Luther that once after he had been praying and received great victory, someone knocked on his door and asked if Martin Luther lived there. Martin Luther said, "No, Jesus lives here." Would that we all could feel instead of me, it is Jesus who lives in our being. For in Him we live, and move, and have our being. If this is so then we can do all things through Christ who strengthened us. Jesus commanded His Disciples to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, heal the sick, cast out devils, freely ye have received, freely give. Jesus had only a few years to do the will of His Father, and He spent those years teaching, forgiving sin, healing the sick, casting out devils, raising the dead, and doing many wonderful miracles. No greater than these can be done, yet Jesus said greater works than these shall he do! because I go unto my Father.

Paul said, "I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." Gal. 2:20, II Cor. 4:8-11. 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 about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.

For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.

Romans 14:8—For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord; whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lords.

Eph. 6:5-6-7—Servants be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your

THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT BIBLE SCHOOL

Thanksgiving day was just another class day for the Bible School. At noon however there was a turkey dinner. At night there was a special service. The chapel was completely filled. There were a large number of out-of-town visiting ministers, including Brother and Sister Howard Whiteley, Brother and Sister Carl Pitts, Brother and Sister Bob Cooper, Brother and Sister Howard Miller, Brother and Sister E. H. Miller, Brother and Sister Elvis Bishop, Brother and Sister Paul Clanton, Brother and Sister Ted Jackson, Brother and Sister James Arnce, and Brother and Sister Joe Dewees, and Brother and Sister "Hap" Blythe. There were special numbers in song, and a fine testimony meeting to grace the service. The sermon of the evening was given by Brother Gail Schultz. There is power in unity and prayer, this was proven in a rich altar service that closed the nights gathering.

ENID, OKLA.—

The new pastors of the Apostolic Faith church are Brother and Sister Roy Townsend and sons. They began their duties about Nov. 15, and extend to all ministers of the Faith a welcome to all services. May God add His blessings to this ministry.

heart, as unto Christ.

Not with eyeservice, as men please; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart;

With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men.

Col. 3:23-24—and whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;

Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance; For ye serve the Lord Christ.

Read Matt. 25:32-40.

May we say as Paul did, for me to live is Christ, but to die is gain. Let us do with our might what our hands find to do. We must labor to enter into that rest God has prepared for His own. Let us be faithful, with a willing heart doing what we can while there is time, for there cometh a night when no man can work. God bless all.

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From My Viewpoint

By Gail Schultz
(EDITORIAL)

GREETINGS to all of our faithful Apostolic Faith Report readers:

It seems too good to be home again after several weeks on the road. Never-the-less there are many that need spiritual help and encouragement, so that we hesitate to be in home to long, surely the harvest is ripe, and there are so few that will hear the call today. Many have reported hinderances this fall in meetings because of the flu, bad weather, and general upset conditions. I know that we met some of these obstacles.

I am rather enjoying the work at my desk and in the office after being out of it for some time. We are working on copy for the December paper and at the same time bearing in mind that we must begin on the January paper as soon as possible. I still feel the need of some real good, rich Gospel tracts, and maybe we can get a few out before to long.

While we have a real burden for writing and want this ministry to grow, there is no desire to see our evangelistic message decline. I wonder if most of us do not want

A New Kind Of Directory

We have been asked to complete a list of all available Gospel Workers, their names, addresses and telephone numbers. If you are able to go any where or just to certain sections, let us know these conditions. Maybe you can be in revivals this coming summer or after mid-term, under any of these conditions let us give you more calls by letting the Evangelists and Churches know about your desire. Jesus accepts the will and burden heart. He will qualify you as you trust and obey. Why not become well trained as a youth leader, in giving readings, or chalk talks, or in piano or other music instrument playing or as a choir director. There is such a wide field of service. I'm sure the Lord can use just you.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Traylor of Pine Level, N. C., announce the birth of a little daughter, Darla June, born at the Wayne Memorial hospital in Goldsboro, N. C., October 3, 6:30 a. m. She weighed 8 pounds and 3 ounces. Eldon is stationed in the Air Force at Goldsboro. He was formerly of Dumas, Tex., and Martha Lou is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ferguson of Balko, Okla.

meetings to be sewn, watered and harvested too quickly? It often takes some time to see meetings really prayed through. Right now we are confronted with another type of work, that is to give Bible lessons combined with week-end services. All of this will take preparation, much prayer and perhaps fasting. Waiting on the Lord is essential, and cannot be over done. The need for expansion is ever present. Shall we not strive to build a deeper and stronger work as we go.

We trust that the Lord will make it possible for all of you to come to the Convocation here. There are so many things for which we need and seek from the Lord. The answer must come from on High.

Pray for us. May God bless you and yours. Merry Christmas all.

Lines From The Co-Editor

Greetings in Jesus' name:

Another year has almost passed and we wish to extend our appreciation and thanks to the Report readers who helped in any way in the furtherance of the gospel through Report. May our God bless and enrich each one of you.

We are now entering into the Christmas season, where people are so busy hurrying here and there, thinking about so many things pertaining to this life. Wondering what they will give to this one and that one and what they will receive in return. But let's stop from all this rush and care of life for awhile and really think of what Christmas should mean to humanity. Just to think that Christ, the very Son of God came in the flesh unto a world lost in sin that we might not perish but have life. If you are unsaved and are thinking about a gift, here is one you surely need to give, yourself. John 3:16—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. (See also John 4:10). You just can't afford not to accept this gift from God which will change your avenue of life by giving you peace, happiness, joy, and a hope beyond this world; A hope of life eternal. (Rom. 6:23).

So when God gives us the privilege of celebrating Christmas Day, let us turn in praise and adoration to Him, and from the depths of our hearts flow this thanks: II Cor. 9:15—"Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift."

We pray that you will have a very spiritual Christmas and a Christ filled New Year.

Your Brother in Christ,
M. D. Methvin

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HE TENDERLY LOOKED AT ME

By EDNA SCHULTZ

My heart is a thrill and full of praise for the time when Jesus tenderly looked at me. We are all so miserable away from God, out of His care, and under constant condemnation and conviction. He, the Mighty God that rules the universe, looked my way, and in His love and mercy guided me to the sheepfold. Luke 19:41. Jesus wept over Jerusalem. He looked over the city that the Jews loved so much. Think of the song, "He Tenderly Looked at Me." Think of the picture of Jesus overlooking His capital city of Jerusalem. He was enclosed in Jewish flesh. He felt and understood as the Son of Mary, He knew the thoughts of His people and in love would have redeemed them all. The Jews rejected Him, the Son of God, as their personal Saviour. All this mighty salvation was hidden from their eyes, just as it is dim to many of our day, because of sin, and hardness of heart the Gentiles are also rejecting Him, and He who has given to every man, a choice, a call, and a conviction, will some day demand an answer. There is coming a time of confession, bending and bowing, acknowledgment in full must be given. What day of happiness for the saved of earth who sought the One that tenderly looked at them, and in contrast what a day of wailing to the ones that turned to the evil one.

This old world is full of people who have turned down things of worth, in the educational field, many in investments, or jobs or travel. Others have sought such, and have been denied, because of conditions. The Jews were a privileged people and thoughtlessly turned it aside, and another people took it up, even the salvation of their souls, which was precious for eternity and for now there is a blessing that can be felt in a personal and national benefit. Some sacrifice to hear the Gospel and to serve God. Others will not, because they are a self-satisfied people, with a feeling that they are increased with goods and have need of nothing. There must be a break-

ing down, down, until at His feet we find the real meaning of wealth and life and love and living. We have our day, our time and our visitation, often a time of youth and strength to establish against the Devil and a time of storm and darkness. Then time passes on, and we face death or the personal return of Jesus. If we love His appearing, we can long for it and be ready, but if not, remember it is a fearing thing to fall into the hands of a living God.

Two men faced death, one was a Christian and suffered severe and long until the end, the other a sinner died in an instant without warning. That was the one that was tragic, for he had no time to make his calling and election sure. I have fought a spirit of fear, fear of preaching, fear of clay faces, a fear of failing, yet time for meditation and prayer that makes safe the soul and glad the heart. The dying Christian had time in suffering for a perfect work, the other had none. Are you prepared? Ready for your eternal rewards. There is a glory of the sun, moon and stars, so there will be different heavenly rewards, but all of them are so wonderful that we should not compare them to the natural. It's going to take something to be ready for the coming of the Lord. I'll be glad to awake in His likeness — to be caught up to meet Him, in His likeness. What is your attitude, do you come to the close of the day, glad that He did not come, or were you looking for His coming?

It means everything to have your name written in the Lamb's Book of Life. The least in the Kingdom of Heaven is great. Why not have the mansion that the Father has reserved in Heaven for you? Jesus said, "I go to prepare a place for you — in my Father's house there are many mansions. I want that reserved mansion for me, there is plenty of room. Crowded, cramped, and unpleasant dwelling conditions will be over, over there.

Let me return to the earthly scene of Jerusalem, and its last days, the terror of that last dreadful siege, the war, bloodshed, the famine, the torment, and the capture that meant slavery and death to the Jews. I believed Jesus loved that city and would have spared it, He wept over it, but they said of Him, "Let His

blood be upon us and our children." Daniel had loved Jerusalem and opened the windows of his home toward it for prayer, the Hebrew children also remembered Jerusalem in love. Jesus saw the people going to the temple, yet He knew this temple was to fall because they had only a form, often with lips of parise and hearts of stone. Prophecy was fulfilled in all that was foretold, and it will be fulfilled again. The people of that day could not think of a day at hand when the stones of their fair temple would be left not one upon another. Had they known their day, but they did not. Let us take warning, all things do not remain the same, we have a glorious call from on High, but this too can pass away. There is nothing constant but change. Remember thy Creator. Seek the Lord while He may be found. Repent with a Godly sorrow. When He tenderly looks at you, answer. Time moves so swiftly, it seems only yesterday that I was consecrated to preach. Babes in arms will soon be working for Jesus. Our day and time is passing. Time moves relentlessly on. Come to Christ, live for Christ, work for Christ while you may. Have no regrets, because you have let a stubborn self-will spirit have its way.

You have an inheritance in the Lord. No one can take it away from you only by your consent. The word says, "Let no man take your crown." If you let the walls of resistance to His call and will build up, there is only one thing to do, by faith and repentance and submission tear them down. Let Him have His way with you. Let us seek God until we find Him. John Wesley sought for salvation for 13 years. He sought diligently and it paid off well.

We must pass every barrier and remove every barricade. Family ties have nothing to do with this salvation, be it kings or common folk. Our parentage will not save us. Prayer from the depth of the soul is the way. This is a simple salvation, yet most people make it hard. Right now, get your eyes off of people, if you really want to get away from the failures of humanity, then go to heaven. God judges after a righteous judgment. Who made you a judge? This is not the judgment age. Somebody may stumble over

FORTY FOUR, ARKANSAS—

Is the new address for Brother and Sister Allen Long, who have moved from Spring Valley, Calif. It is their desire to be active for the Lord in their new home. There are several small towns close by and they feel that open doors for the Gospel await them. May God bless them in this new undertaking. Forty Four, Ark., is located close to Calico Rock in the north part of Arkansas. I am sure they would be delighted for all ministers passing their way to stop in for a call.

you, so use care. About yourself, have you ever asked the question, "Am I pleasing other people?" Are people shocked at the things I do or say, or the places that I go? At my life in general?" Some may stumble over you. After all, God does know the motive of the heart, so your best and most sure route is to look up and to see Jesus, that same Jesus that wept over Jerusalem, cares enough to weep over you and your miserable lost condition. Come now, reason with the Lord and let Him save you from your sinful self. He will bless as you let Him. You cannot blame another for your sins. You alone are responsible and you alone must repent.

We all have problems, childhood and youth and on through life. Each one has its hour of trial and testing. Jesus could have been translated right into heaven without death, but He said, "For this hour came I into the world." Yes, He gave His life, it was not taken because He was powerless. God made His Son a Ransom for the whole world. Christ is now seated at God's right hand interceding for all of us. Are you taking advantage of the spiritual things of this, your day and mine? We can become dull of hearing, and the cry of war and trouble and prophecy becomes dull and meaningless. Under strain we can become numb. Over and over we have been warned, yet we idle away the hours. Disappointment and the harvest of neglect and sin comes. Arise O sleeper, although it may be difficult, you must. Let God's warning Word penetrate. Repent, repent, repent, get ready for His coming.

SANCTIFICATION

By Iris Cornell

Sanctification means to be wholly dedicated to God. It is a setting apart as holy, purifying one from sin. It is the grace wherein we stand. Rom. 5:2.

Sanctification is nothing new. It has been a commandment even since the days of Moses and Aaron. God required a separated life of Aaron and his lineage that they might put difference between holy and unholy, clean and unclean. God expected Israel to be a holy people. God told Israel to sanctify themselves and be holy as He was holy. Lev. 11:44.

To obtain sanctification, one must consecrate himself, wholly and unreservedly before God. There is a difference between consecrating in reality and consecrating in sentiment. Sometimes a person is touched and feels he should yield to the Lord, but he later forgets and fails to carry out his consecration. Our consecration must have actual reality, lived out every day of our life.

God holds us to our consecration as long as we live. No man who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God. Luke 9:62 It is better that we do not make a vow to God than that we should make one and break it. Eccl. 5:4,5 This is not an unreasonable service. Rom. 12:1 "I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Our consecration must be everlasting until we come into the kingdom of God. We will meet it at the judgment.

Another requirement of sanctification is to be made holy. One attains a holy life by being sanctified by the Lord, then keeping and doing His Commandments.

All carnality, which is the sin nature or old man of sin, must be cleansed from one's life. To be carnally minded is death. Rom 8:6 Sanctification destroys the old man of sin, and one no longer serves sin. Rom. 6:6. We were all by nature the children of wrath and served fleshly lusts, but sanctification takes away the sin nature. Eph. 4:22-23 This sin nature was brought down to us

OBITUARY

Christopher W. Howard
(Father of Sister Marcus Adair)

Christopher Washington Howard, a resident of near Logan, Okla., for 51 years, died November 7 at the age of 70 years and 7 months. He is survived by his wife of the home, two daughters, and four sons. One son preceded him in death. The daughters are Mrs. Marcus Adair of Follett, Tex., and Mrs. Ralph McCune of Elmwood, Okla. The sons are Irvin, Glen and Robert of Logan, and Orville of Canyon, Tex.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Kay Kerr, assisted by Rev. Harrol Waterbury and Rev. Jack Barker at the Midway Country church. Burial was at the Kiowa cemetery, near Logan.

through Adam's transgression and can only be cleansed through sanctification; whereas the wilfull transgressions that we ourselves have committed are blotted out by conversion.

The work of sanctification is to make us a separate people. It cleanses us from the sin nature and the filthiness of the flesh and spirit, and perfects holiness in us.

Whereas, the sacrifice for sanctification in the Old Testament was the blood of a red heifer, Num. 19:1, the sacrifice for sanctification in the New Testament was the offering of the body and blood of Jesus Christ once and for all. Heb. 10:10, 13:11-13.

Acts 20:32 tells us there is a special inheritance for the sanctified. The special rewards of the sanctified are: they will come up in the first resurrection or be protected in the wilderness three and one half years, they will live during the milinium, partake of the marriage supper, become sons and daughters of God, and will live in the new heaven.

Sanctification is the will of God for everyone. "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification. . . That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour. I Thess. 4:3,4.

We should all seek for this second definite work of grace, for by it, we can stand and be able to resist all temptation.

BIBLE LESSON ON . . .

THE DEEPER LIFE

By GAIL SCHULTZ

The common thought prevailing today is that this is a restless age. Sinners often seek to forget this unrest through much pleasure-seeking. The Christian cannot do this. He is looking to Jesus, and there is a satisfying portion wherein we need not desire the world, rather a deeper life and more of Christ with a fuller knowledge of His salvation and coming kingdom.

Some scriptures that will better establish each Christian, and give that abiding, hiding place in Him follow. Study them carefully, and with a willing heart and much prayer go forward.

OBEDIENCE IS THE KEYNOTE

I Sam. 15:22-23—And Samuel said, Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, he hath also rejected thee from being king.

BE REASONABLE

Isa. 1-18-20—Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as the 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.

QUESTION OF SPIRITUAL PROGRESS

The rich young ruler had kept all the commandments, consulted Jesus as one that was good, yet he felt his need of something more.

Matt. 19:16-20.—The young man saith unto Him, All these things have I kept from my youth up **WHAT LACK I YET?**

A consecrated life is very necessary, that is to be made or declared holly, to be set apart for a devout service and worship of God. Good-bye, old world, I'm through with you—I seek Jesus alone, should be our constant heart's cry. Each Christian

should give himself in fully yielded consecrated life is every way, all the time.

HIS WILL MUST BE OUR WILL

Heb. 10:7—Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.

God wants our lives, our wills, and He wants us to serve in spirit and in truth wholly all the time.

OUR TIME MUST BE HIS

Take time to be hold. Fear God and put Him and His cause first, above every other desire at all time, and He will bless you for it.

I Pet. 1:15-19—Because it is written, Be ye hold, for I am holy. And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear.

GIVE HIM YOUR TALENT TOO

The story of the talents is found in Matt. 25:14-30, however the key thought for this discussion is found in Matt. 25:21.

His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord."

SEEK A TRANSFORMED LIFE

Rom. 12:1-2.—I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

FOLLOW WHERE JESUS LEADS

Mark 1:17—And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men.

MEET THE GREAT COMMISSION

Meet here the demand God requires, that might be to preach or teach, or while others go you may have to stay at home and help from that position, most of all know God's will for you and gladly do it.

Mark 16:15-16.—And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptised shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

THE WAY IS MADE

Do not say, I cannot, but say, I can. His grace is sufficient. He will never leave you nor forsake you.

He gives you grace, takes away from you only the undesirable and gives you the best in return. Heb. 10:20. By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say his flesh.

TYPES OF FULL CONSECRATION

Ruth 1:16-17.—And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God: Where thou diest, will I die, and there will be buried: . . .

Isa. 6:8.—Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

REWARDS FOR SERVANTS

I Cor. 15:58.—Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

Matt. 19:29.—And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.

TO TURN BACK IS FORBIDDEN

Luke 17:32.—Remember Lot's wife.

Luke 9:62.—And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

Matt. 10:22.—And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.

Let us sail on and on, out into the sea of His great love, where the fullness of His light will shine in, there with a glad heart, to the best of our ability, serve Christ and His cause. Do not look back, do not falter, the just shall live by faith. Sin is strong, but He is stronger; the world calls, yet we know the call and reward of God is so much greater, that it pays to serve Jesus with all our powers. Let this deeper life be yours for the asking.

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THE CHRIST OF CHRISTMAS

Profound and blessed in all of its glory is the story of Christmas, the day of the birth of Christ. I am not necessarily concerned about the exactness of the birth month or day, not even the year, my joy lies in the fact that Christ came and by His coming He made the way of salvation. Think of all the enabling and spiritual influence that His birth has brought for over 1900 years to all nations, kindred and tongues.

Here is a mountain peak of prophecy, an event revealed in His day, by the angels, by the wise men, and by revelation of the Spirit. He was given to Israel and had they accepted Him, He would have been their glory. He was the joy of the Gentiles, peace to the world, with a hope that never fails. The Old Testament by His birth became a finished Book of old laws and customs and modes of worship, because the New had arrived. Indeed soon the proclamation would be heard, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased, Hear ye Him."

Bethlehem was the granary for Jerusalem and the word itself means, the House of Bread, so it was indeed fitting that this should be the Birthplace of the Bread of Life. Jesus did not come surrounded by a host of angels, nor was His place of birth in a king's palace. All pomp and show was denied. He came to the poorest and most lowly in the most unobserved way. We should note that all of His life was a rebuke to Pride. Of His birth, it was said, "Is not this the carpenter's son." Of wealth, the statement was made, "The Son of man has no where to lay His head." Of personal appearance, the prophet spoke, saying, "He hath no form of comeliness." The apostle wrote of Him, "Made Himself of no reputation." Jesus, Himself declared, "I am among you — as one that serveth," and again He said, "I can of mine own self do nothing." Even His will was subject to the Father, for He said, "I seek not my own will." In His last earthly hour, He cried, Father, forgive them," so that even a pride of resentment was not allowed.

I like to think of Jesus as a Great

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ferguson request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Janice, to Mr. Bob Cassity on Friday, the twenty-seventh of December, nineteen hundred and fifty seven at seven thirty P. M. o'clock, in the Apostolic Faith church of Balko, Oklahoma.

AMARILLO, TEXAS—

Sister Sherman Sutton writes concerning the church. God blessed us with a gracious revival with Brother Bill Allen and Brother Jack Cornell in charge. Both boys did a wonderful job of preaching. We saw three saved and five sanctified. The entire church was greatly encouraged to press on with the Lord. Our young people's group is growing under the direction of Sister Lavona Mitchell. Brother and Sister Bill Yeakel was with us for a Sunday morning service. and Brother and Sister Pool (Elbert) for a Sunday night service. Sister Pearl Parks has been with us recently, also Brother and Sister Elmer Christenson were here as visitors, and all have added to our services.

Saviour from these following standards: He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin. He was the Word made flesh. He was absolutely holy and sinless in His nature and life. He died a penal, vicarious and substitutionary death. He voluntarily gave His life as a Redeeming sacrifice. He was victorious and triumphant in His resurrection. He was triumphant in His ascension and exaltation Glory. So precious to me is the thought that He ever lives to make intercession for all believers. Jesus is a great Saviour because some day He will come again, so that in the past, today, and forever He is the One and only One to whom we owe worship.

There is only one way for me to go, that is onward with Christ. He is the answer and the still small voice that gives warmth and joy and peace of heart and mind at this Christmas, and to every Christmas, so that in His Name to every one of you we wish you a Very Merry Christmas.

FOLLETT, TEXAS—

Brother Jack Barker conducted a two weeks revival in the Follett chapel where Brother Marcus Adair and family pastor. There were a great many ill during the meeting, also at this time Sister Adair's father passed away. This was a hindrance to the revival, never-the-less the meeting was a success in that many were blessed. Brother Barker and his wife were assisted in the revival by Sisters Vonda and Mavis VanBenthusen. November 25 was the date of the Youth Rally conducted at the Follett, Tex., church. Churches in attendance were: Laverne, Arnett and Woodward, Okla., Midway Country church, and the home church. The attendance banner went to Laverne.

EDNA, TEXAS—

(Wayside Chapel)

Latest report — The Lord is blessing in a Thanksgiving revival that is now in progress (Thanksgiving week, closing on Dec. 1) Brother Vester Clanton of Snyder, Texas is the evangelist. We are glad for this report and wish this work well in all of its undertakings.

DICKINSON, TEXAS—

The Lord gave a very gracious revival with Brother and Sister Ray Michner as the evangelists. The two weeks were dedicated to drawing closer to the Lord and in some being reclaimed and other victories won. Brother Darrel Sutton and family are the pastors.

GUYMON, OKLA.—

In a letter received from Brother and Sister Dale Hiel, the pastors of the church here, they state they have some encouraging signs of improvement in their work. Surely this is the hour to hold fast, and give glory to our God, the One that does all things well.

Bro. Bill Allen who has been in the Bible School regrets that he has to leave, because it is a blessing to him, but he feels that the S. O. S. call for a pastor to carry on the new work at El Centro is so urgent that he must answer the burden of his heart and go there to labor for some time as the Lord leads.

RELIGION OR CHRIST

By Harold D. Wills

Christianity is not religion; it is a life. Ordinary religion consists in a set of dead formalistic rules and ceremonial observance. Of religions there are legions, and their number is constantly increasing while Christianity stands all alone and by itself. The genius of Christianity is that it alone has a living author and head; for the author of our salvation is Christ Jesus, a living, glorified Man at the right hand of God. No other religion dare claim this distinction. Not even the most fanatical devotee of the many religions in the world dare claim for itself that their author is alive, but like all the other originators of the world's religions he is dead and only teaching and tenets remain. Men use the word **Religion** very loosely today as including Christianity, but when we go to the only source of information concerning the beginning of Christianity, the Bible, we find no ground for such comparison.

Religion teaches works; Christianity teaches faith, and throughout all the Scriptures this distinction is strictly followed. Nicodemus who came to Jesus by night was a strict religionist, but Jesus said to him, "Ye must be born again." Paul before his conversion was a strict religionist as he testified before King Agrippa, when he said in Acts 26:4-5:

"My manner of life from my youth, which was at the first among mine own nation at Jerusalem, know all the Jews;

Which knew me from the beginning, if they would testify, that after the most straitest sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee."

Paul had religion, more religion than anyone else, but he was not saved until he met the author of **Salvation** on the road to Damascus. Religion alone cannot save anyone. The ancient Babylonians had religion. The Greeks had religion, the people of Jesus' day and Paul's day had religion, but they needed the gospel. Millions upon millions of people today even in Christian lands have religion but know nothing of salvation. Someone has said, "Christ came to save men from two things,

sin and religion, and by far the most difficult task is to save religious people who because of their religion feel they do not need a Saviour."

The word, religion, is used just five times in Scripture, and the word, religious, just two times. In every case it is associated with works and ceremonialism and ritualism, but not with **Faith**. Religion traced down to its roots from these Scriptural words, is a ceremonial service caused by fear and trouble. That is the meaning of **Religion** as used in the Scriptures. Contrast with this the message of salvation, which brings peace and joy and happiness and assurance and hope in the heart. Ask a man who has religion, "Are you saved?" and he will answer, "I hope so." Ask a man who has salvation the same question and he will answer, "Yes, thank God, I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day."

There are two gospels in the world, a gospel of works and a gospel of faith. God's Word says salvation is **Done**; Satan says salvation is by **Doing**. The Bible abounds with examples of these two. In the case of our very first parents we find a striking example. After they had sinned, we read in Genesis 3:7, "And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked."

The moment they sinned they felt they had lost the covering of innocence and the protective garments of their sinlessness. But instead of turning to God they turned to religion; they turned to their own works and we read the tragic story in Genesis 3:7, "and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons."

Instead of crying to God for mercy and grace they sought salvation and a covering for their sin by the works of their own hands. And the first act of our first parents has been perpetuated in all their offspring. Man instinctively knows and feels that he is naked and needs a covering. But being depraved and blinded by sin he seeks a covering by his own efforts. Every religion the world has ever known is mute testimony to the fact that man is seeking, seeking, for something to fit him to stand in the presence of his Creator. Man is in-

curably religious. Where ever man is found he recognizes a higher power. Only the fool says in his heart, "there is no God." But not only does man feel there is a judge who sees him, but also knows he is guilty and defiled, and seeks to quiet the cry of his conscience. And so he seeks to atone by his own religious endeavors and sacrifices. From pole to pole, from the frigid barren wastes of the top of the earth, to the sweltering, torrid climes of the tropics man invents his religions to cover his nakedness. He sews fig leaves that he may cover himself therewith. The pagan mother who tears the suckling babe from her warm, loving breast and with a cry of utter despair casts the babe into the river to the crocodiles is only in her ignorance seeking like Adam and Eve to quiet the unrest of a guilty heart within her own bosom. The ancient heathen who threw his son into the open jaws of the fire god, Moloch, or the ignorant oriental who steals away at midnight to the grave of a loved one, places a bowl of rice, wet with his own fresh blood on the grave, or the poor benighted heathen man who subjects himself to all the horrors and fetishes of the witch doctor, all these and many more only express the universal cry of the human heart for something to atone for sin and give peace and rest to a guilty conscience and an aching heart.

No doubt they are sincere, and far from condemning or discouraging them, we seek to show them a better way. Adam and Eve were religious and undoubtedly sincere but their fig-leaf aprons would not do. When the Lord came to them in the garden, they hid themselves, and trembling, cringing and palsied with fear they sought to hide from God. Their religion had failed and they needed something more. God had what they needed. Genesis 3:21, "Unto Adam also and to his wife did the Lord God make coats of skins, and clothed them."

Fig leaves will not do. And so God comes and reveals another, and the only acceptable way.

God sends His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. He was the gift of God, and not by the works of man. John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that

BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY

The birthday of Mother Flanary of Prosperity, Mo., was kept in a very special manner. It was celebrated by about fifty of her relatives and friends at the Prosperity school house on Monday night, Nov. 25th. Mother Flanary was 90 years old. She has been a Christian for ever 50 years and is still a faithful worker. The event consisted of a covered-dish luncheon with plenty of good eats for everybody, followed by sacred songs, prayer and her personal testimony. Then the Ninety-first Psalm was read and a short sermonette given. She enjoyed her gifts and the many well wishes that came her way during the evening.

EL CENTRO, CALIF.—

The Lord is blessing in the new work that is being established at this point with Brother and Sister Wiley Allen in charge. They feel very keenly their need for ministers of the Faith to come their way for services. At the present time they have Sunday services in a rented hall and have weekly prayer meetings in the home. Their address is 710 Woodward St., and their telephone number is ELgin 2-2325. Sister Florence Wall lives in this section of the country and is a great help at this time. House to house visitations are made. An all-out effort is underway to see this work grow for the Lord. Don't forget it in prayer and in attendance when possible.

whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." He was the gift of God.

You see, then, there are only two ways, the way of man and the way of God. Man's way is the religious way; God's way is the simple way of grace. Man's way is by fig leaves of his own making; God's way is the way of sacrifice and the blood of the Lamb. Man's way is by works, God's way is by faith. Man's way is by religion; God's way is by believing "There is a way that seemeth right to a man, but the end therefore are the ways of death." But Jesus said in John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

OBITUARY

Lucy Frances Bondurant

(Mother of Sis. Viola Modrick)

Lucy Frances Wybrant, daughter of William and Eliza Wybrant, was born in Ralls county, Mo., September 25, 1881, and departed this life at the home of her daughter in Amarillo, Tex., October 18, 1957 at the age of 76 years and 23 days.

At the early age of 17 she left her home in Missouri and began her nearly 50 years of teaching career.

On October 26, 1904, near Gage, Okla., she was united in marriage to Daniel Edgar Bondurant, and together for many years they lived on the claim, enduring the struggles and hardships of this Pioneer Panhandle Country. He preceded her in death on November 19, 1943.

Soon after their marriage, Sister Bondurant and her husband were wonderfully converted and later sanctified, and laboured very faithfully in a number of nearby communities, establishing and helping to maintain several Sunday schools.

In 1923 Sister Bondurant answered the call of God into the ministry, and remained faithful to this call until the end, when she was no longer able to enter the pulpit; she taught her Sunday school class until a short time before her death.

Sister Bondurant's teaching career led her into Bible school work, where she put her whole soul and strength into assisting the youth, not only in increasing in knowledge mentally, but in the

nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Her first Bible school teaching was in Tabor, Iowa, in the Hephzibah Faith Missionary Bible School. She began in 1924 and taught four terms. In 1932 she and her husband moved to Lamar, Colo. For three years Sister Bondurant pastored the Church of God Holiness church in Lamar, and was Superintendent of the Lamar Bible school for 16 years, adding to and making improvements to the then newly established school.

Soon after coming to live with her daughter in 1949 Sister Bondurant received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and worshipped with the Apostolic Faith people, sharing with them the blessings of the Lord and the fellowship of His saints.

She leaves to mourn her passing one daughter, Mrs. Viola Modrick, and one grandson, Edwin Modrick, both of Amarillo, Tex.; two nieces and two nephews, and a host of friends.

Sister Bondurant's consistent and consecrated Christian life was an inspiration to all who knew her, and may the memory of the life she lived be a blessing to those who remain.

Funeral services were conducted in the Full Gospel church in Perryton, Tex., by Rev. Ben Barker, Enid, Okla., and Rev. Ezra Hood, Lamar, Colo. Burial services were in Amarillo, Tex., with Rev. Marcus Adair of Follett, Tex., in charge. Interment in Memorial Park cemetery at Amarillo, Texas.

BOOKER, TEXAS—

Brother and Sister Bob Russell are still busy for the Lord, on the firing line from this point. They were in California and Nevada and other points west this fall. There were some saved, others reclaimed and blessed. They are open for calls, at least Brother Russell will be able to travel. Write them for full particulars. The message he has is of the Lord and will be a blessing to you.

HEMPSTEAD, TEXAS—

The Lord is blessing the efforts of Brother and Sister Jim Morris as they labor from this point. They have Sunday services, and a young peoples' meeting on Monday night. Then on Friday night they have regular prayer meeting. Be sure and attend these services and give your full support to these servants of the Lord. Ministers of the Faith are welcome at any time.

AN URGENT NEED

We are having trouble with our mailing list because we do not have the right kind of filing cabinet, in fact we have to keep the trays stored in a box. In this way they are subject to undue wear and damage. Please help us get a filing cabinet.

SHIFTING SANDS

By MRS. FRANK MAYFIELD

Many things in life o'ertake us
Things we cannot understand;
But there's a joy in knowing,
That Jesus holds our hand.
The ups and downs of living
Seem to leave us in despair;
But we needn't ever worry,
We can cast on Him our care.

Things in this world are changing
You can feel the shifting sand
But your steps will never falter
If the Saviour holds your hand.
When there's some stormy weather,
And your sky is tinted gray;
You'll find a comfort in the know-
ing,
That the Master leads the way.

If we really love our Saviour,
And obey Him as we must;
We will find his love unchanging,
If in Him we put our trust.
As we journey on our pathway
We must somehow understand,
The only thing that's really
steadfast
Is our Saviour's loving Hand.

LEROY, KANSAS—

On October 16 Brother and Sister Harold Nease took up their duties as pastors of the Leroy church. They have been busy with general church work and giving the church its fall clean-up. They want the ministers of the Faith to come by. May God add His blessings to the work at this point.

ARNETT, OKLA.—

Brother and Sister Harold Bollinger are busy in the Bible School, but their home church is growing and progressing nicely under the leadership of Brother and Sister Lowel Long, who have charge of the church during the absence of the pastors.

RALLS, TEXAS—

Brother and Sister Tipp wrote us a very nice letter, which we were indeed glad to receive. They inclosed the following which is good for every reader: Believe your beliefs, doubt your doubts, but don't make the mistake of doubting your beliefs and believing your doubts.

Rev. C. H. Spurgeon once said, "If a man goes to sleep during my sermon, don't wake him, wake me."

This world is in greater need of models than critics.

We all leave "footprints in the sands of time," but with some of us it might be just, "the marks of a heel."

Pray as though it all depended upon God, work as though it all depended upon you.

FORT SUMNER, N. M.—

Brother and Sister Allen Hickman write that they are doing their best to "carry on" for the Lord. They have enjoyed a few services with Brother and Sister Bill Yeakel. The Apostolic Faith Report is a link for Brother Hickman and family with the rest of the Movement. Ministers are welcome to come by for services when at all possible.

AMARILLO, TEXAS—

In a letter received from Sister Modrick we learn that Brother Edwin Wayne is preaching at different points on Sundays. He is still in high school, but has been able to fill appointments at Arnett, Hardesty and Midway, Okla. There is a need for more such young men. The harvest is here and the laborers are so few.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Bro. and Sis J. W. Clanton, whose address is Sterling Rt., Big Springs, Texas, announce the birth of a daughter on November 25th. They have given her the name of Pamela Lou. Mother and daughter are doing fine and came from the hospital Thanksgiving morning.

SPRING VALLEY, CALIF.—

The church is doing fine here. On October 20th Brother Bob Russell brought two wonderful messages. The next Sunday, October 27th, Brother Bill Allen brought a good message in the morning service. Brother Roland Busch stopped by for three services, but was hindered due to the flu. Never-the-less the ministry of all of these men is greatly appreciated by the church. They hope that more of the Apostolic preachers and believers can drop by. Brother and Sister Bob Taylor are the pastors.

EDNA, TEXAS—

Wayside Chapel

Like most of the churches there has been quite a bit of sickness, but that is abating, and the services are progressing with usual speed, however they feel their need of a revival. The youth of the church, under the direction of Sister Lenore Peck and Sister Mildred Ditto, are really doing a good work. They take full charge of the evangelistic devotional service the first Sunday of each month. They are also busy building a Christmas scene to grace the church lawn.

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