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“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old,
he will not depart from it.”—Pro. 22:6



A FATHER'S PRAYER

—by Edgar A. Guest

Dear Lord, I do not ask of Thee
Always to smooth the path for me,
But grant me strength enough to bear
Whate'er my portion is of care.
Now for my children's sake, I pray,
Help me to walk in wisdom's way.

Let me not blunder. To the end
Their happiness I would defend.
Grant me to earn their gratitude,
To understand their every mood,
And through the labyrinth of youth
Guide them to everlasting truth.

Dear Lord, I pray Thee, make of me
The Father Thou wouldst have me be,
Let me not hastily condemn
Or ever ask too much of them,
And when their little feet have strayed,
Of me let them be unafraid.

God grant me this . . . all else above . . .
That I may keep my children's love
And lead them on to all that's good
Of manhood and womanhood;
That I, when childhood's years have flown,
In their success may find my own.

DOCTRINAL TEACHINGS OF THE APOSTOLIC FAITH MOVEMENT

By Winston J. Barker

We preach Christ, His birth, His baptism, His Works, His teachings, His crucifixion, His resurrection, His ascension, His second coming, His millennial reign, His white throne judgment, and the new heaven and the new earth when He shall have put all enemies under His feet, and shall reign eternally, and we shall abide with Him forever and ever.

The Divine Trinity of the God-Head

The Godhead consists of three persons in one: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. These are separate and distinct persons, possessing separate, distinct, and recognizable personalities and qualities, perfectly united in one, and are not to be thought of in any sense, as merely three names for one person. In Matthew 3:16,17 we read of the co-operation of the three persons of the Godhead: "And Jesus when He was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon Him. And lo, a voice from Heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. III Corinthians 13:14, "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen." I John 5:7, "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word (Jesus), and the Holy Ghost: and these three are One."

Repentance toward God, Act of Man

Repentance is a godly sorrow for sin with a renunciation of sin. Mark 1:14,15; "Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, the time is fulfilled and the Kingdom of God is at hand: Repent ye, and believe the Gospel." II Peter 3:9; "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." Acts 3:19; "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when

the time of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord."

Restitution, Act of Man

The Bible teaches that wrongs against our fellow men for which we can make amends must be righted. We must have a conscience void of offense toward God and man. Restitution includes restoring where you have defrauded, stolen, or slandered; paying back debts, and making confession. Exodus 22:3; also Leviticus 6:4; "Then it shall be, because he hath sinned, and is guilty, that he shall restore that which he took violently away, or the thing which he hath deceitfully gotten, or that which was delivered him to keep, or the lost thing which he found, or all that about which he hath sworn falsely; he shall even restore it in the Principal." See: Proverbs 6:31; Ezekiel 33:15; and Luke 19:8,9.

Conversion (Justification and Regeneration), Act of God

Justification is the act of God's grace whereby we receive remission of sin and stand before God as though we had never sinned. Matthew 18:3; "Verily I say unto you except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven." Acts 13:38,39; "Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: And by Him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses." II Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." Also see: Acts 13:39; Romans 3:25,26; Romans 5:1; II Corinthians 6:11; Galations 3:24; John 1:12,13; Titus 3:5; I Peter 1:23 and Acts 13:43.

Consecration, Act of Man

To consecrate is to be set apart, to be made Holy. Consecration is when we can say, "not my will but thine be done." Romans 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."

Entire Sanctification (Holiness), Act of God

Entire sanctification is the act of God's grace by which we are made Holy. It is the second, definite work wrought by the blood of Jesus through faith, and subsequent to salvation and regeneration. Hebrews 13:12,13; "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered without the gate. Let us go forth therefore unto Him without the camp, bearing His reproach." Ephesians 5:25-27; husbands love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it; That He might present it to Himself a glorious church not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be Holy and without blemish. I Thess. 5:23; And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray for your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Also see John 17: 15,17; I Thess. 4:11; Hebrews 12:14; I John 1:7; Luke 1:74,75; II Corinthians 7: 1; I Peter 1:16.

Baptism of the Holy Ghost

The baptism of the Holy Ghost is the endowment of power from on high upon the clean, sanctified life. Luke 24:49; And behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high. Luke 3:16; John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptized you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire: Also see Matt. 3:11; John 7:38,39; John 14: 16,17,26.

When we receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, it is accompanied by the same sign as the disciples had on the Day of Pentecost, speaking with tongues as the spirit gives utterance. Acts 1:5; "For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost

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EDITORIAL

Faith! What is Faith? How is faith obtained in our lives?

Faith is one of the greatest weapons we have today as Christians in our race for eternal life. In Luke 17:5, the apostles said, "Lord, increase our faith." I believe His disciples had seen His great faith making them realize their own weakness of faith.

The writer of the Hebrews tells us in 11:6, "But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." You may ask the question, "Why is it impossible to please God without faith?" If I would make you a promise and you would tell me you didn't believe me, it would hurt me. The Lord has left us many promises. Many times our actions and lives tell the Lord that we don't believe Him.

Now, what is faith? Hebrews 11:11, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for the evidence of things not seen." By faith Noah built a large boat for which God gave him the blueprint. The Bible says Noah moved being warned of God. It had never rained but Noah

believed God when he was told it was going to rain. Abraham left the land of Ur as God told him and knew not whether he was going. He moved by faith! He could not see the end but God said go so he went.

Moses led the children of Isreal forty years by faith. These men did not see the end results when they began. This was real faith. These were things hoped for but not seen by the natural eye. These were real men of faith putting faith to action. This was a living faith.

How is this great faith obtained? Romans 10:17 "So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God." Here is our way to faith. Faith comes as the word of God is appropriated to our lives. Jesus spoke about a man who was a great ruler. Matt. 8:10, "I have not found so great faith, no not in Isreal." His servant was very sick and he ask the Lord just to speak and the work would be done. How did he know this? He had heard and he believed.

Why are so many of us without active faith? I feel it is because the Bible is a closed book to many. The only time we read the Word is in Sunday School. This is Not Enough. We need to read it, study it, absorb it, and hide it away in our hearts. Then Faith will become an active part of our lives.

Our congratulations to our Graduates, high school and college. May you join with us in the adult world spreading the Gospel of Good News. As you add your vitality to our lives, and we work together, we can see greater goals attained for the cause of Christ.

We would like to thank you for your prayers in behalf of my father, Rev. Alford Whiteley, as he once again underwent surgery. Won't you continue with us in prayer that

God's will be worked out in his life for complete recovery? God's power is still the same.

Your prayers and support for the Report are certainly appreciated. May we all work together in unity to see the Word of God spread throughout the world that the lost will find the way of salvation and enter in. Make your plans now to attend services during our youth camps when possible and certainly to attend Camp Meeting. These are stations of refreshing where we will find the strength needed in our lives for the battles of tomorrow. Pray earnestly that God will bless in every service.

May God bless each of you in your labors for Him.

Howard Whiteley

Associate Editor

DEAR APOSTOLIC
FAITH READERS:

Marching events of the world lead us to believe that the second coming of Christ is drawing near. The question that confronts me is, What is the Christian church as a whole doing about it? Are we responding to a deeper consecration and a closer walk with the Almighty? It is so easy to flip time and talent away, or spend most of our energy in business, pleasure or non-essentials. If we had been living in the Old Testament we could have said, He is Coming, and so He did as the Saviour of the world. There came a time when the dwellers of earth could report, He is Here. I have seen Him. I touched the hem of His garment. I have walked with Him. "Thou art the Son of God," was proclaimed correctly.

Then He went away into the heaven, and from thence He will come

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of the
Editors



Children's Hour . . .



—By Lois Riley

HERIMAN GOES TO MISSION SCHOOL

by Dorothy Johnston

HERIMAN CREEPT closer to his neighbor's mud hut and crouched down behind it. Fearfully, he glanc-

ed over his shoulder. He must not let his stepmother see him. She had sent him with a sack of grain to be ground at the mill, but Heriman had seen the white lady and an Indian Bible woman take their black

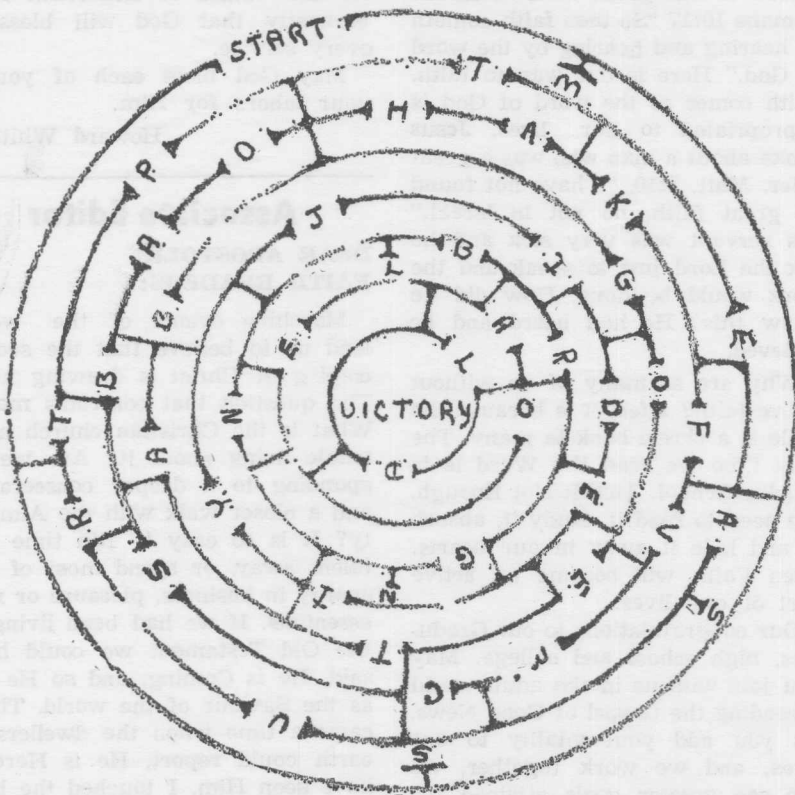
box into the neighbor's hut. He must hear what the voice in the box had to say. Perhaps the voice would even sing.

So Heriman had lifted the sack of grain from his head and set it on the ground. Being sure that his stepmother had not seen him stop, he waited. His heart pounded loudly. What was this strange story that the pale-faced missionary had brought from faraway America to his native land of India?

Many times Heriman had seen the white lady and the Bible woman go inside a hut. He knew, now, that there were at least as many women in the hut as he had fingers on one hand. They were talking with the white lady. Oh, when would she make the black box talk?

"Are you married?" he heard one of the women ask. "How many children have you? Where do you live? Why is your skin so pale? Will the white rub off? Why did you come to our country?"

Heriman listened closely as the missionary answered the questions. "I am married. I have three children, a little boy who is five years old, a little girl who is three years old, and a tiny baby. I was born with white skin the same as you were born with brown skin. God in heaven made us both. He sees inside our hearts. I came to tell you what God, who made us, thinks about you and me. The voice in the



FIND THE WAY TO VICTORY

When you find the right way traveled. You will have some advice through this maze, write down the letters from the path you have that will help you with any problem you have.

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OBJECT LESSON THE DOLL PREACHERS

Objects needed: 2 dolls: I with a steel base which returns to an upright position when pushed or knocked over. The other doll — an ordinary unbreakable one which will remain down when pushed over.

In nearly all of your homes, boys and girls, there's a baby sister or brother, right? Do you remember the day when the baby first stood alone? What excitement! How thrilled all of the family was. The baby was able to stand alone because of **STRENGTH**.

And so it is with Christians, children of the Lord. It takes strength to make us stand up for the Lord under all circumstances. We cannot do this alone, but the Lord supplies the needed strength. ". . . The Lord is the strength of my life." Ps. 27:1

What happens to this doll when I push it over? (push over the ordinary doll). Why, it remains "down." It has no power or strength to sit upright again, does it? Some boys and girls are like this doll. When they get pushed over by an unkind word or get their feelings hurt in some way, they don't seem able to "stand up" again, but remain "down." Have you ever seen boys and girls like this?

Now, let's look at this one. (knock over the steel-based doll). Notice the smile on his face? This is the way the faces of Christians should be—full of smiles—because of the joy Christ has given us. "They looked unto Him and their faces were lightened. . ." or made radiant. Ps. 34:5. Even when this doll is knocked over,

it smiles and then comes back up, making music as it does. The more you knock it over, the more it stands up and the more music it makes. Each bang or knock starts the music playing on the inside.

God is able to make you "stand", boys and girls, under every circum-

stance. This doll stands up right because of something inside. We can stand up for Christ because of what's inside us if our lives are dedicated to the Lord in sanctification. He tells us that "his grace is sufficient" for every test or trial. The Lord Jesus is able to give us this strength and make us strong so that we can sing and make music when we're "knocked over." All we have to do is to dedicate our lives to the Lord and ask Him to give us this strength.

How Others Do it

"PROJECT WINDOW WASH"

Teen Class

One of the tasks that belong to the agility of youth is window washing. The senior citizens and shut-ins of your church would be delighted to have their windows washed by the youth of the church.

A. Plan—

1. Work through the pastor or office secretary in making up a list of senior citizens and shut-ins you might serve.

2. Make up teams of about 4 so that the number of homes might be covered in one day.

3. Practice on the windows of the church before the group leaves!

B. Work—

1. Courtesy is the rule of the day.
2. Be sure to take all your own supplies such as window solvent, towels and buckets.

3. Leave the home, inside and out, cleaner than you found it.

C. Afterward—

1. Have all the kids that worked back to the church for a hamburger and coke feast.

2. Send cards of appreciation to each home on your list expressing your appreciation at being allowed to serve them.

CAMP MEETING
LAVERNE, OKLAHOMA
JULY 26 — AUGUST 4

MISSISSIPPI YOUTH CAMP
CAMP MEETING
QUITMAN, MISSISSIPPI
JUNE 26 — JULY 4

MID-WEST YOUTH CAMP
LAVERNE, OKLA.
FIRST CAMP—Ages 9 through 12
JULY 7-12
SECOND CAMP—13 and up
JULY 14-19

Committeemen: Rev. Jim Fox,
Rev. Jack Cornell, Rev. Ted Barker
and Rev. Edwin Modrick

4-STATE YOUTH CAMP
BAXTER SPRINGS, KANSAS
JULY 14 — 20

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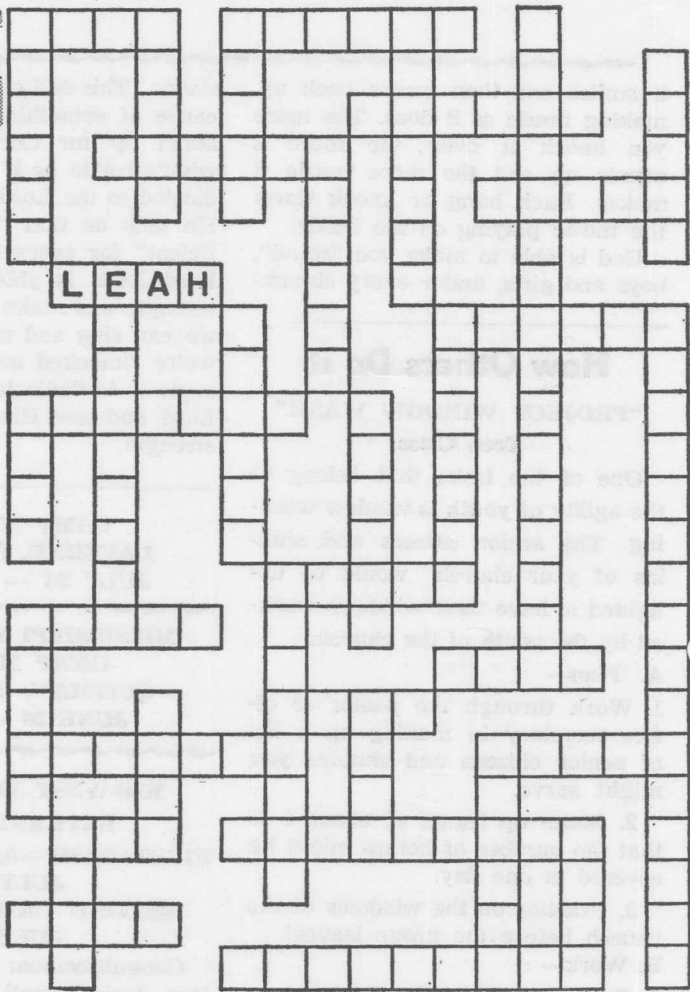
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Crusaders for Christ

WOMEN OF THE BIBLE . . . ALL the words listed below are related to women of the Bible. Can you fit them into their right spaces in the puzzle pattern? LEAH has been completed to get you started.



- 3 LETTERS**
Eve
- 4 LETTERS**
Anna
Eden
Jael
Leah
Lois
Mary
Pale
Ruth
Wife
- 5 LETTERS**
Diana
Hagar
Lydia
Merab
Naomi
Rahab
Rhoda
Sarah
Sheba
- 6 LETTERS**
Dorcas
Esther
Hannah
Huldah
Miriam
Queens
Rachel
Salome
Sister
- 7 LETTERS**
Abigail
Delilah
Jezebel
Susanna
- 8 LETTERS**
Sapphira
- 9 LETTERS**
Bathsheba
Elizabeth
Priscilla
- 16 LETTERS**
Pharaoh's
Daughter
Rebekah At
The Well



Answer in next month's issue.

GOES TO MISSION SCHOOL

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box will tell you what the Bible says."

Heriman blinked his eyes. He breathed hard and waited. The voice began to sing: "Jesus loves me this I know, For the Bible tells me so. . ."

"Who is this Jesus?" Heriman wondered. Heriman yearned to have a friend who would really love him.

His own sweet mother had loved him, but she was dead. His father had married another woman, but she was not kind to Heriman. Often she was very mean.

"I'd better get on to the mill with this grain," Heriman thought to himself, "or else I'll be beaten. Maybe some other day I'll find out more about this Jesus who loves people."

Heriman lifted the sack of grain to his head. He also picked up the stick he used for a cane. Then he

hobbled off toward the mill.

It was several hours before Heriman was back from the mill with the grain ground into flour. He limped through the door of his father's mud hut. There was no windows in the hut, and at first he could see nothing in the darkness. But he heard his father's voice talking to his uncle.

"I was at the white missionary's house this very day," he was saying. "The people call him Missionary Johnson. I told him that he could have my boy Heriman and keep him for the rest of his life."

"You said that?" It was the voice of Heriman's uncle.

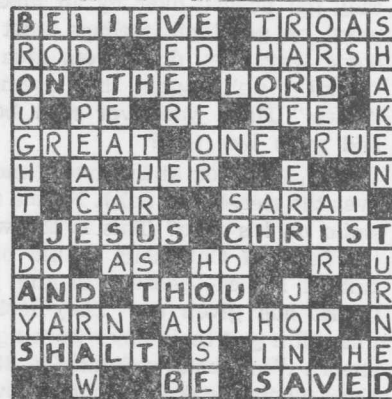
"What else could I do?" Heriman's father answered. "His step-mother hates him. It will be better for him if he goes."

"Did the missionary say that he would take the boy?" the uncle asked.

"He will write to the school for boys. If they have enough room at the school, the missionary will take him."

Heriman could hardly believe his ears. His father wanted to send him away forever! He stood there trembling. Why he had been born in Dindori, and he had always lived in Dindori. How could he leave? But perhaps it would be best, Heriman thought to himself—although the thought scared him!

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Answer To Last Month's Puzzle

Associate Editor

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again, so that we now proudly declare, "Jesus is coming soon." We are living in a great valley called the Gentile Church age, between His first and second coming. While the mockers are mocking and the scoffers are scoffing the harvest is ripening for the time of the gathering of His saints unto Himself and for the great supper of our God when the nations of this old earth will bend and break before His will. Indeed at that time the kingdoms of this world will become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ. Rev. 11:15.

But the church, and I am part of that church, and you are a part of it, as a whole lies sleeping waiting the midnight cry. To be active in membership drives, organization and national and world events does not spell spirituality. On the contrary it most generally bespeaks the truth that their interests and treasures are here.

From the above thoughts I would like to turn your attention to the workers of the Lord that are still faithful in their labor and toll. On the evangelistic field this Spring I have met many that hold a firm line, both among the ministers and laymen as well. Thank God for His faithful few who watch and wait His coming.

Thank you every one who has made possible our work, your open doors, your hospitality, and every offering, so that we had no lack, but were able to minister to you of God's grace. Let us help you. We are just a great big brotherhood contending, not against one another but for the common mutual faith of former year. Jude, "Let us not faint, but excel in well doing." Let us enter into the summer determined to see more accomplishd in every daily vacation Bible School. (Your church is sponsoring one, is it not?) In every youth camp and camp meeting, in continued regular services and in all revivals. May God bless you one and all.

With Christian Love
Gail Schultz

REDEMPTION

In this case we are using the word REDEMPTION in reference to the change that is to come to the people of God who are caught away to God and His throne, Revelation 14:4-5. There is a redemption from our sins through the blood of Jesus; however this thought is not under discussion in this article. Redemption means to rescue, to ransom, an act of reclamation. The word TRANSLATION is also used, meaning to transfer to heaven without death. Enrapture or rapture is sometimes used as meaning to be carried out of one's self. The hope of, the waiting for with expectance, and the glory of redemption should be the desire of every servant of Christ. From the days of conversion, until the consumation of spirituality, even our coming redemption, we are His workmanship, Ephesians 2:10. To be like Him, to be with Him, to be ready for Him, may this be our goal and exceeding great joy.

WHEN WILL REDEMPTION TAKE PLACE?

As to the question asked over and over again, when will redemption take place? Only a general answer can be given. Nobody knows the day or the hour, any more than they know the day or the hour when Jesus will return, only the season, Matthew 24:38. Yet we do know that God has divided time, for six days He worked, and on the seventh He rested. In the same manner, taking a day for a thousand years, I Peter 3:8, man will work six thousand years and rest on the seventh thousand-year period. Two thousand years after the fall of Adam the flood came; two thousand years more and Jesus came as the Saviour of man-kind. That brought in the dispensation of the Holy Ghost, sometimes called the Gentile times, which is to last two thousand years, then redemption will take place. Luke 21:24 and Romans 11:25 speak of the Gentile times. We are now closing 6,000 years from Adam and the time of Redemption is not far off. In II Thessalonians 2:7 we read that the Holy Spirit will be taken out of the way of the powers of the

Anti-Christ. So with the lifting of the Holy Spirit, redemption will take place. Again from another angle we may see that redemption will take place seven years before Jesus comes back to earth again. This may be found in types. In the days before the flood Noah went into the ark and God, not Noah, shut the door on the ark seven days before the rain fell, Genesis 7:4, 10, 16. (Here a day for a year, in time Ezekiel 4:4-6). The lifting of the Holy Ghost and Redemption will close the days of mercy and grace. And a world that rejected Christ, now will be rejected of Him. Then again we find that David was anointed King of Isreal from Hebron, II Samuel 2:4, seven years before he came in as ruler from Jerusalem, I Chronicles 12:38-39. In like manner seven years will be taken up from the time of Redemption until the time that Jesus really comes to earth again.

The 70th week of Daniel is set in here in time, Daniel 9:27. Redemption takes place at the first of the week. The anti-christ reign is set up in the middle of the week. Jesus returns at the last of the week. Speaking of types we might add here that a type of redemption might be found in Enoch in that he was not, for God took him. He was translated without death, Genesis 5:23-24. So is the redemptive class. Another type can be found in II Kings 2:9-13 where Elijah was caught up in the chariot of fire. Philip was given a taste of redemptive power when he, by the Spirit was caught away, Acts 8:39-40. The disciples caught a glimpse of the meaning of redemption on the Mt. of Transfiguration, Matthew 17:1-5. A glorified Christ made the way and proved the power for redemptive glory, Acts 3:13. That the heirs of God will be glorified is Bible, Romans 8:17.

THERE IS A SEAL OF REDEMPTION

A seal is a sign or mark or proof of anything. The Baptism of the Holy Ghost is the seal to the children of God, Eph. 4:30. A person must be saved and sanctified and

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NEWS from the CHURCHES

ENID, OKLA.—

Our church is doing fairly well at this time with attendance in the low forties. However, we can clearly see that there are many good prospects if only we can persuade them of the things of God. We ask an interest in your prayers that we may have a fruitful ministry here. We have accepted the church as pastors for another year and certainly hope to be a help and blessing to all these good people. We appreciate every minister and worker for the Lord coming to see us. In the past several weeks we have enjoyed the ministry of Rev. Doyle Wiles and over Easter weekend Rev. Delvin Wiles and Rev. Earlon Blades. We are looking forward to a better year in the service of the Lord.

Ollie L. Kinser, pastor

ROCKDALE, TEXAS—

The people of the Rockdale church have been favored recently with a few services with Rev. John Blythe and Bro. Claud McLeod, Jr. of Center Point. Our thanks to them for coming our way.

Rev. and Mrs. Roy Wooster stopped by Tuesday morning the 7th and were in attendance for part of our Tuesday morning prayer meeting. We pray they can be back again soon.

We were privileged to have the Chapel Choir stop by our church for four o'clock breakfast Friday the 26th of April. They were certainly a joy to us and we followed them to Alvin and to Katy for the wonderful gospel concerts they presented.

Our plans for Vacation Bible School are progressing. The Lord willing, Rev. and Mrs. Marcus Adair

and party will be here Sunday, June 2nd to begin our night session of Bible School on Monday evening at 7:30. Bro. Marcus will teach an adult class and we do pray it will be well attended and a blessing. We will look forward to Keith and Jerry being here to help and also from the north area will be Linda Adair, Helen Arnold, and Dorothy Kinser. Dorothy has been with us the past four months and will return after a visit with home folks and her sister Shirley's graduation.

The Lord has been so very good to us to let His spirit rule in our services and for that we thank Him. We pray God to bless all who strive to know and do His perfect will.

Winston Barker, pastor

PAMPA, TEXAS—

We would like to report once again on the progress that has been and is being made in the construction of our new church building. At this present time the walls are up and are being covered with siding. The men of the church worked one night to raise the trusses for the roof, and Brother Harris and others working with him are presently putting on the roof.

We have been very happy with the way God has worked things out for us. In spite of the fact that we have not as yet been able to obtain the money that is needed to finish the church completely, several different ones in our Movement have felt led to give, and with this money, the work has been able to continue. We do praise God for this.

We have been hoping to have a revival before this time; however, the Seventh Day Adventists, whose church we are renting, began spec-

ial services before Easter which caused us to have to relinquish our regular time of services for several weeks, making it impossible for us to use the church building several nights a week. However, they have now finished with their series of meetings, and we are hoping to be able to plan a revival in the near future.

Once again, we do give thanks for those who have helped both financially and with the manual labor for the new church, and we do appreciate each prayer in our behalf.

Mrs. Paul Simmons, reporter
Amos Harris, pastor

CENTER POINT, TEX.—

God has been very good to us here at Center Point. We can always feel the presence of our precious Jesus in every service. Rev. and Mrs. Donald Dibbens are our new pastors. We are very happy to have them and feel they will be a blessing to us all. Rev. and Mrs. Blythe are still living here. Sis. Lola and the boys will remain here while he is in evangelistic work.

Rev. Olen Bachler was here for three nights of service showing his film of the Holy Land. We pray God will bless him in his work for the Lord.

We're remodeling the parsonage after which Rev. and Mrs. Dibbens will move in. There is a new interest in the church and God has blessed us in a very special way. Pray that the church will be a lighthouse and we can see many souls saved. We invite all ministers and workers of the faith to come by for services.

Mrs. P. B. Methvin, reporter
Donald Dibbins, pastor

Copy Deadline 20th of Each Month

ROSWELL, N. M.—

The people of Roswell want to Thank the Lord for His many blessings unto them. We have been having some wonderful services.

Easter we had 82 in attendance with several visitors from out of town. The young people had a special part in the service. The Lord's Supper followed, with the Lord touching hearts and lives. The annual Easter lunch was enjoyed by all at the park.

We have seen God's Hand working in our midst. One young Mother was miraculously healed and brought back into the fold for which we want to give Jesus Christ the Praise and Glory.

Sister Peggy Crowhurst is now having a work shop once a week for the teachers and helpers in preparation for D.V.B.S. which is to be June 3rd - 7th. Pray with us that our D.V.B.S. might really be a help to our children, and see more families brought to the Lord.

Leona Winkler, reporter
Jerome Crowhurst, pastor

JOPLIN, MO.—

How thankful we are for every blessing that God has given us. Our attendance has been good and our Sunday School record attendance was broken on Easter Sunday with 109 in attendance. Some have witnessed to definite healings and others have gained personal victories. Let us remember and pray for our youth camps and camp meetings.

Onal Nunn, pastor

SHATTUCK, OKLA.—

Our church is still being blessed of the Lord. Easter Sunday was the beginning of a week of special services with Rev. and Mrs. Jimmy Arnall and family as Evangelist. God was in each service to bless and gave us a wonderful revival with good interest and attendance. The closing Sunday we enjoyed Christian fellowship with a basket dinner. It was hard to say goodbye to the Arnalls but we're praying that the Lord will send us another revival soon.

Rev. Lowell Long came for the Mother's Day service. It was a wonderful service with an attendance of

41. We welcome two new families from Pampa to our church family. Visiting ministers are always welcome.

Florence Fields, reporter
L. J. Ehrlick, pastor

HINTON, ALA.—

Greetings in Christ. The first year of my ministry as pastor of this church has ended with pleasant memories of the past and bright hopes for the future. We are very happy to report an increase in our attendance from high teens to the middle 30's, with 4 souls saved this past year.

I have accepted the Pastorate of this church for the coming year and ask an interest in your prayers in behalf of the work being done here. We extend a very cordial invitation to all ministers and workers of the Faith.

Myrtle Carney, pastor

LAS VEGAS, NEV.—

We are glad that we can report victory. By His precious name we are victorious. The Lord has been blessing us here and we're praying that the Lord will send us a great revival. We're expecting Bro. Gail Schultz out our way before too long and trust that He can hold us a revival.

Our attendance Easter Sunday was 32 for Sunday school with 38 for the Morning Worship Service. There are unsaved in our services and we're praying that they will find the Lord. Continue to remember us here in Las Vegas that souls may be won in the time we have. Surely the Lord cometh quickly.

Frances Dearing, pastor

BEAVER, OKIA.—

Sunday morning service, April 21, closed our three weeks' revival with Rev. and Mrs. Roy Wooster that began March 31. Sis. Peggy Sutton, Lois Riley and Marilyn Lemmons were in charge of the singing. We really enjoyed having these people in our church and trust that God will bless their work for Him wherever they are.

The revival services were a great blessing to our church and we thank God for His word that went forth.

Sis. Marilyn Lemmons will remain in Beaver to work in the church but will also be open for revival work if called.

Leora Woodson, reporter
Lowell Long, pastor

ARNETT, OKLA.—

We are pleased to report that the Lord has richly blessed our church during this year, both materially and spiritually.

A new heating system has been installed, we have new hymnals, a beautiful new piano and carpeting have been placed in the front of the church. We are truly thankful for these improvements. A revival was held by Rev. Vester Clanton in the early spring. The church was blessed by his inspired messages. Sis. Lois Riley has been with us since the close of Bible School. She has greatly enjoyed working with the wonderful people here.

The Blythe's have consented to work here for another year. They sincerely desire your prayers as they labor here for the Lord.

We'd like to extend an invitation to all ministers and gospel workers to visit us anytime.

Our desire is to see God's work move forward.

Lois Riley, reporter
V. E. Blythe, pastor

CROSSES, ARK.—

We're happy to report the continuance of God's blessings on our lives. We appreciate His many blessings every day. At present we're in the process of giving the church and parsonage a general face-lifting such as painting the trim and interior of the church, the outside of the parsonage, etc.

Starting May 26th Rev. and Mrs. Gail Schultz will begin a revival with us. We're looking forward to this time and ask you to pray with us that the Lord will grant us a real burden and a mighty revival.

In these days when our nation and the whole world is faced with trouble without and within, it is such a great privilege to know Christ as our personal Saviour and soon coming King. We extend our greetings to all our friends in the movement. May God bless you is our prayer.

Jim Morris, pastor

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not many days hence." Also see Mark 16: 17; I Cor. 14: 21, 22; Acts 2: 4; "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 10: 45, 46; "And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished as many as come with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God." Acts 19: 6 "And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied."

DIVINE HEALING

The Divine Healing for sickness and disease is provided for God's people in the atonement, all sickness is the work of the devil, which Jesus came to destroy. Matt. 4: 23; "And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of diseases among the people." I Peter 2: 24 "Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." James 5: 14-16; "Is any among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he has committed sins, they shall be forgiven him, confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

**Ordinances, Water Baptism
(by Immersion)**

"Immersion in the name of the Father and the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." as Jesus commanded. Matt. 28: 19; "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost." Our example was Jesus, Matt. 3: 16; "And Jesus when He was baptized, went up straight way out of the water: and lo, the heavens were opened unto

them, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon Him." Romans 6: 3-5; "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized unto His death? Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in the newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of this death we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection;" also see Acts 8: 38, 39; Col. 2: 12.

The Lord's Supper

Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper that we might "shew the Lord's death till He came." Matt. 26: 26-28. "and as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, "take eat, this is my body, And He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, drink ye all of it; for this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sin." Also see Luke 22: 17-20; I Cor. 11: 23-36.

Washing of the Disciple's Feet

John 13: 4, 5, 14, 15; He riseth from supper, and laid aside His garments; and took a towel, and girded Himself. After that He poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciple's feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith He was girded.

"If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet, for I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you."

No Divorce and Remarriage

The word of God teaches that marriage is binding for life, under the New Testament law, the law of Christ, there is but one cause for separation (fornication; and no right to marry again while the first companion lives. Luke 16: 18; "Whosoever putteth away his wife, and marrieth another, committeth adultery." I Cor. 7: 39; "The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will, only in the Lord." Also see Matt. 5: 31, 32;

Matt. 19: 9; Mark 10: 11, 12; Romans 7: 2, 3.

Second Coming of Christ

The return of Jesus will be just as literal and visible as His going away. Acts 1: 9-11; "And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, He was taken up; and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven. John 14: 3; Jesus said, "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am there ye may be also." Matt. 24: 30; "And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven; and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory." Also see Rev. 1: 7; I Thess. 4: 16; Luke 17: 26-32.

Christ's Millennial Reign

Christ's Millennial Reign is one thousand years' literal reign of Jesus on earth, which will be ushered in by the coming of Jesus back to earth again. Jude 1: 14, 15; And Enoch, also the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, "Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgement upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him." Rev. 20: 4; "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgement was given unto them; and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands, and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years."

Rev. 20: 6; "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resur-

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rection: on such the second death hath no power but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years."

During this time the devil will be bound, Rev. 20: 2, 3; It will be a reign of peace and blessing. Isa. 11, 6, 9; Isa. 65: 25; Hosea 2: 18; Zech. 14: 9-20; Isa. 2-4.

The Great White Throne Judgment

God will finally judge the quick and the dead according to their works. Rev. 20: 11-15; "And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake fire. This is the second death, and whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."

Daniel 12:2; "And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt."

Acts 10; 42; "And He commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is He which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead."

The New Heaven and the New Earth

The word teaches that this earth which has been polluted by sin shall pass away after the White Throne Judgement, and God will create a New Heaven and a New Earth in which righteousness shall dwell. Matt. 24: 35; "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." II Peter 3: 11-13; "Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversion and Godliness. Looking

for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Never the less we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness."

Rev. 21: 1-3; "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth for the first heaven and first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the Holy City, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of Heaven prepared as a bride adorned for her husband: And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God." Also Isa. 65: 17; Isa. 66: 22.

**Conditional Immortality
(Life Through Christ)**

John 10; 10; "I am come that they might have life, and they might have it more abundantly." I John 5: 11, 12; "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life."

Romans 2: 7; "To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life:" Immortality is yet future)

I Cor. 15: 51-54; "Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written Death is swallowed up in victory.

Destruction of the Wicked

Matt. 7: 13; Enter ye in at the straitgate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat.

II Thess. 1: 8, 9; "In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power." Romans 6: 23; "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Malachi 4:1; "For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yes, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch."

Tithes and Offerings

Tithes are literally, a tenth part of anything, but especially the tenth of one's increase, whether it be wage income, livestock or crops.

In paying a tithe, one is justified in giving ten percent of his income (the profit), if the income was received from a business rather than in salary. Note Proverbs 3:9. Also note the twenty percent to be paid to the Lord of the tithes is borrowed, Lev. 27: 30-32.

God is not poor, He owns all. Psalms 24:1 50: 10. He could have chosen another way, but chose this way for our sake. Phil. 4:17; Prov. 3:9, 10; Mal. 3: 10; Luke 16: 1-11. Tithing is not only an integral part of God's work, but it is vital to our Christian Life as it flows forth. Since all belongs to God and we are merely stewards of what God has allowed us to have, or has given us the power to earn (Duet. 8: 18), then we may consider it a loan from God.

Malachi 3: 8-10; "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

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