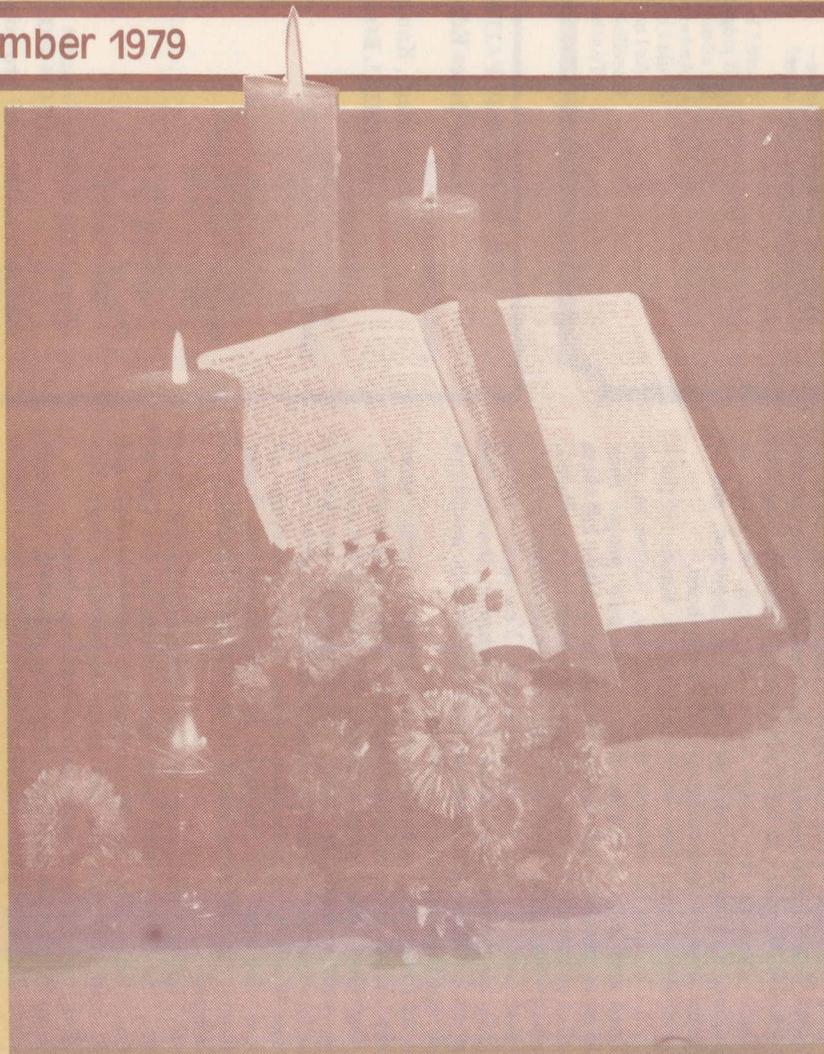


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## LET US GIVE THANKS

Let us give thanks for  
Everything  
The charm of fall,  
the cheer of spring, the  
Unmatched splendor of the skies  
Songbirds, brooks and butterflies  
Let us give thanks for all  
Good gifts  
Inspiring words and faith that lifts  
Various joys of every kind  
Enduring health and peace of mind  
Let us give thanks for all  
That cheers  
Home and family, fruitful years  
Abundant blessings on our land  
Neighbors, friends who lend a hand  
Knowledge, ventures to pursue  
Sleep and rest when day is through  
God's love to guide us on our way  
For all these things, on this glad day

## LET US GIVE THANKS

Lucille Boesken



"In our celebrations Christmas follows Thanksgiving; this was instituted by the Pilgrim Fathers, who were Puritans in religious faith. They left England on account of religious differences. They made a ten-year stop in Holland, after which they started for America, starting with three ships, but two founded at sea, and a hundred and two people came through on the Mayflower. On arrival the ship was leaking and part of its sails were destroyed with the winds and storms of the voyage. They set sail for America September 6, 1620, and reached what is now called Massachusetts, December 21. They called the land of their adoption "New England" and called a great rock on the shore "Plymouth Rock" after Plymouth in England, the place from which they came.

These Puritans were the first emigrants to America (except a few English people who had settled in what is now Jamestown, Virginia, in 1607). In coming to shore, they had to wade through icy water from the ship to land. In unloading, a child fell overboard and was drowned, and at the same time, in their company a child was born.

In coming to land, there were no houses or homes for them to go to; no one to welcome them and say, "Come in, get warmed and fed and clothes dried." The only people they could meet were the half savage Indians who might kill them for all they knew—What hardships they must have suffered, especially that first winter, which was exceptionally cold, and their arrival being late in December. Yes, in six months half of their number were dead. In the summer, they buried their dead in the corn fields so that the Indians would not know that their number was reduced.

In 1621 they built seven houses and planted twenty acres of corn and six acres of barley and peas. The corn grew well, but the other grains were a failure. Still for failures and all, these people held the first "Thanksgiving" service to Almighty God for the harvest and help He had given them. George Washington recommended the annual observance of this service and set the date for November 26. Later Abraham Lincoln established it on the last Thursday of November.

The Pilgrims' preaching service commonly lasted three hours. The men carried their guns to church for fear of Indian attacks. The children walked to church in their old shoes and changed and hid them somewhere near the building, and changed back again on their way home.

These Pilgrim Fathers were prayerful, devoted, spiritual, self-denying, experimental, and practical. They put religion to the front and were an example to succeeding generations. It is not so much what Christ has done for us, as to what He has done IN us, that counts. And the Pilgrims fathers had a real heart-felt religion.

In this year of 1979 and in the coming year of 1980 God is still able to meet every need of his people if we but stay true to Him. Yes, we truly have something to be thankful for, a God who never changes. The same God who led the prophets of old through many trials and dark times is still able to lead us today in the midst of confusion, deception, hatred, strife and all the powers of satan, and to give us complete victory over all. The Psalmist David could have not given better words than those found in Psalms 100:4-5. "Enter into His gates with Thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations." I'm so thankful that my God never changes.

K.O.

**Could I Be  
Called A  
Christian If—**

Could I be called a Christian  
If everybody knew  
My secret thoughts and feelings  
And everything I do?  
Or could they see the likeness  
Of Christ in me each day;  
And could they hear Him speaking  
In everything I say?

Could I be called a Christian  
If everyone could know  
That I am found in places  
Where Jesus would not go?  
Or could they hear His echo  
In every song I sing;  
In eating, drinking, dressing—  
Could they see Christ in me?

Could I be called a Christian  
If judged by what I read,  
By all my recreations  
And every thought and deed?  
Could I be counted Christlike  
As I now work and pray—  
Unselfish, kind, forgiving  
To others every day?

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# Thanksgiving

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"ENTER INTO HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING, AND INTO HIS COURTS WITH PRAISE: BE THANKFUL UNTO HIM; AND BLESS HIS NAME. FOR THE LORD IS GOOD; HIS MERCY IS EVERLASTING; AND HIS TRUTH ENDURETH TO ALL GENERATIONS." Psalms 100:4-5.

Thanksgiving Day is being observed throughout all our good land. This day is traditional in our lives since it has been observed for many generations, yet we do not find it in our hearts to object, because we know that Thanksgiving in itself is proper and right. God is pleased with it.

In Philippians 5:18 we read, "In every thing give thanks: For this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." Of course we find it easy to give thanks for the special blessings that flow to us from the throne of God. We thank Him for salvation through Christ, for the blessings of sanctification and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. We thank Him when our sick are healed. We thank Him for good health, for comfort of life and for the way God supplies all our needs according to His riches in Glory. But we should thank Him for our responsibilities too. We should be thankful for being witnesses for Him and for the privilege of letting our light shine among men to glorify our heavenly Father. The apostle Paul in writing to the Philippians church gave several pointed admonitions such as: 1. Rejoice evermore. 2. Pray without ceasing. 3. See that none render evil for evil. 4. Quench not the Spirit. 5. Prove all things and cleave to that which is good, and 6. Abstain from the appearance of evil. Each of these contain wonderful thought and a sermon could be preached from each text. But among these things he also said, "In everything give thanks."

God wants us to be a thankful people. It is hard to think of the children of God as an unthankful group. In fact, the Bible classes the unthankful with the unbelieving and unholy. But the giving of thanks is not entirely an obligation. We do not observe it as a command or a response to sheer duty. It is a willing service from the heart. It is the grateful expression of the soul. Thanksgiving is a joyful experience and is regarded as a privilege by the true Christian. We pay our debts, we pay our taxes, and we work as we are ordered, but when thanks are given it is not a payment but a gift of thanks, hence Thanksgiving. After giving thanks one feels an inner calm that comes from no other source. It is like testifying in a testimony meeting. It brings blessings three ways: First, it glorifies God; next, it blesses those who hear; and last it blesses the one who testifies. This is the basis and foundation of Thanksgiving, it gives glory, praise and honour to our God. Thanksgiving helps us believe God for the things we ask of Him. It helps us have faith. It drives away our fears and doubts. In Philippians 4:6 we read, "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."

The giving of thanks and special days of thanksgiving are not new. The Pilgrims did not stumble upon a new discovery. Thanksgiving always has been practiced by wholesome people. The children of God throughout the history of the Bible were thankful to God and often worshipped Him. God's people give thanks while selfish people make personal demands. When we take our requests to God, we do not approach Him and demand or command Him to fill our requests, but with humility and thanksgiving we beseech Him for our desires. In the Psalms we read, "O, that men would praise the Lord." Immediately after Noah left the ark that saved them in the flood, he builded an altar unto the Lord and offered burnt offerings to the Lord which was a sweet smell to God. (Gen. 8:20). Moses and the children of Israel sang a song of praise unto God immediately after their safe crossing of the Red Sea in which their Egyptian enemies perished. (Exo. 51). Joshua made a monument of twelve stones to show the coming generations how God dried up a path through the swollen Jordan for their safe passing. (Josh. ch. 4). Peter and John after their release from prison had a special prayer meeting with the other saints of God and worshipped Him for the privilege of being His servants. (Act ch. 4). Likewise the pilgrims in 1621 observed a special Thanksgiving Day. Although they had suffered great losses the preceding year, they found it in their hearts to give thanks to God. Despite our losses, our hardships, and our trials and afflictions, we truly owe thanks to God for His bountiful blessings to us.

We firmly believe in worship. The very earliest writings in the Bible record how men worshipped. We are instructed in Genesis to worship God. We are also instructed to worship no other gods. There are scores of scripture passages that tell us to worship. Praise is also a Christian's privilege and obligation. In fact, praise and worship mean practically the same to us. Where shall we place thanksgiving? It seems to blend in with worship, praise and adoration to God. Malachi the prophet wrote, "Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for them that feared the Lord and thought upon His name." To fear the Lord then is to worship Him, to think upon Him, to praise Him, to speak to each other of Him and give thanks to His great name. Read Psalms 22:23 concerning those that fear the Lord, "Ye that fear the Lord, praise Him; all ye seed of Jacob, glorify Him; and fear Him, all ye seed of Israel." Often God's people are oppressed in different ways. Sometimes they are mistreated by their fellowmen. Sometimes it seems misfortune follows them everywhere. The enemy of their souls seems to camp on their trail. They could take the stand or attitude that they do not owe God praise and thanks. On the contrary they do owe God praise and thanks. Regardless of the state of our affairs we can

Thanksgiving—con't.

always find others who fare worse. The Bible tells us to **consider Jesus who bore such contradictions of sinners.** We have not yet resisted against sin to the shedding of blood. Again we read in Psalms 74:21, "O let not the oppressed return ashamed; let the poor and needy praise thy name."

What about the thankful? We might say, "Others never give thanks, never fear God, never make a sacrifice and never pray a prayer or bear a burden for God, yet seem to prosper more than we." The Psalmist testified he nearly backslid when he was envious of the foolish and looked upon the prosperity of the wicked. When he went into God's sanctuary and received understanding, he learned that God had set the wicked in slippery places and their destruction was sure. Instead of making man our example let God be our pattern. Let the Lord Jesus show us the way. God loved us while we were sinners. He sent His Son to die for us that we might live. Christ Jesus loved the church so much He suffered without the gate that He might sanctify and cleanse the church. Not while we were worthy, but unworthy. That is our example. We find His advice in Luke 12:35, "But love your enemies and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be called the children of the Highest; for He is kind to the unthankful and to the evil." Jesus also said that we should let our light shine among men that they would glorify God when they'd see our good works. In Philippians 2:14-15 we read, "Do all things without murmurings and disputings: That ye may be blameless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world." Unthankfulness is a sign of the end-time. Paul wrote to Timothy thus: "In the last days perilous times shall come. For blasphemers, disobedient to parents, men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, unthankful, unholy, —." Unthankfulness is listed here with other evils of the last days.

The Bible says, "Finally my brethren be strong in the Lord." When we think of Christians we think of spiritual strength. Unthankfulness, uncleanness, and wickedness certainly rob people of their strength in God and ultimately will destroy a Christian experience. But faithfulness, cleanliness, Christian virtue and holiness fill the humble Christian heart with satisfaction, joy, and thankfulness. We can rejoice and give thanks on Thanksgiving Day and every other day of the year. In fact, we as God's people will enjoy life better if we make every day a day of thanksgiving. Philippians 4:4 reads, "Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice."

## Pearls Of Promise

Jesus Christ the same Yesterday, today, and forever.

Hebrews 13:8

## A BEAUTIFUL LIFE

Many years ago as I was entering unto the teens, the folks I was making my home with were planning to move to another state. I remember so well how thrilled I was. I told the lady of the home, when we get to our new home, I am going to be a better girl. The lady said, "Ah, Pearl you will be just like you are now." She should have told me, I must have a cleansed heart if I would do better. The saddest thing in the world is the one who tries to make themself good enough with out the new life in Christ. We cannot be our own Saviour. The prophet Jeremiah said, "can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? Then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil." Jeremiah 13:23. "For though thou wash thee with nitre, and take thee much soap, yet thine iniquity is marked before me, saith the Lord." Jer. 2:22.

The poet has said in his song: "Your life can be beautiful, beautiful, beautiful, when you are saved by his redeeming grace." Many a teenager and older one today would like to be different, and would gladly wash with nitre, and take much soap if this was the answer. The answer is much easier than that. At one time all of us had sins that to mens eyes were hidden, but how wonderful we have a precious Savior who loved us so much, he left the ivory palaces of heaven to come down to earth to die for us. For we have all sinned and failed in this life. But if only we repent with a godly sorrow, confessing it to Jesus He will gladly forgive and wash our sins away by faith in his blood and takes the desire to live the old life of sin away. Try Jesus! His Love avails for you. Without Him we are nothing, just spending our life to be lost in death in the lake of fire, not having any hope without Christ, His great love so satisfies.

By Sister Pearl Menke

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## A GOOD WORD FOR OUR LORD

A little girl was once riding a train. While thinking about her heavenly father, she was looking out the window, seeing her fathers big beautiful world that he had made. A man sitting close by overheard her as she spoke aloud. As they passed a beautiful wheat field, she thought that's my fathers field. Then they passed a big ranch with beautiful cattle and stock and she said that's my father's ranch. Soon they passed an oil well. Again she said that's my father's oil well. They passed a big city and she again talked about it belonging to her father. The man listening was not a christian and knew nothing of the father that this girl spoke of. He said to this young girl, "Your father must be very wealthy". She said "He is. The world is his and everything in it. He is the great I AM, the King of Glory. He is all that we need."

I want to do his will so that I can be called his child, walk the streets of gold and receive a mansion not made with hands of men. How about you?

Bertha Stimson

A. F. Report

# Spirit, Soul and Body

By **Dora Beydler**

According to Genesis 2:7, man was made with a body, a soul and the breath of life; "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul". Then in I Thessalonians 5:23 we read, "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ". Here it again mentions three parts of man, the spirit, the soul and the body.

God first formed the human body from the dust of the ground. This body is composed of bones, flesh and blood. Though all three of these parts were there, God had to breathe into the nostrils before there was any life. In Leviticus 17:11 it says, "--the life of the flesh is in the blood--". It took the breath which we breathe to put the life giving oxygen into the lungs so it could be carried by the blood through the flesh. This breath we breathe is therefore "the breath of life". Every beast of the field and every fowl of the air were also formed of the dust of the ground, Genesis 2:19, and though it does not say here that he breathed into their nostrils, it does call them "living creatures". The verse used above, Leviticus 17:11, was also speaking of animals and fowl when it said the life is in the blood. In order to be living creatures they must have the breath of life. But God gave man a special intellect above, or more, than He did to animal or fowl. This special intellect is the very innermost being of man, the conscience, called the living soul.

The body is the tangible part of man. the part that can be seen and touched, the part which includes the five senses and the brain which controls the nervous system. It is a very intricate being, which only God could have fashioned. The body is called the house, or the temple of the soul. I Corinthians 6:19 says the body is the temple of the Holy Ghost. Man, in this life is a mortal being which means he is subject to death or destined to die. Genesis 3:19 says, "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return into the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return".

Now, let us turn our thoughts to the breath of life. The Hebrew defines it as wind, spirit, or wind as resemblance of breath. The Greek gives the definition as spirit, current of air, or breath. Upon the definitions from these two languages in which the Bible was first written, we see the breath of life is the spirit of man. In Ecclesiastes 12:7 we read, "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it". James 2:26 tells us, "--the body without the spirit is dead--" and Job 33:4 reads. "The spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life". When the time comes for this mortal body to die, the spirit or breath of life stops feeding that life giving oxygen into the blood and the body dies. The breath which is last exhaled is the same as any other exhalation, it just goes back into the air from which God gives the breath of life. It cannot be identified any more than any other breath which has been exhaled.

The soul is that third part of man which makes him different from any other of God's living creatures. Both the Hebrew and the Greek define the word as the rational being.

The living soul is the inner-most being, the intelligence, the conscience, which is sometimes called the heart, or the mind. It is that part of man that acquires a distinct character and is able to discern between right and wrong. All sin is committed by the soul, except fornication, I Corinthians 6:18, "Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body". God says in Ezekiel 18:4, "Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die".

When a person is born, his name is written in the book of life, or as found in some of the scriptures, the book of the living, while other places call it the Lamb's book of life. These titles all apply to the same book and it contains the recording of each persons name and his deeds, whether good or bad. "For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be bad", Ecclesiastes 12:14. In Exodus 32:30-33 we read, "And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses said unto the people, Ye have sinned a great sin: and now I will go up unto the Lord; peradventure I shall make an atonement for your sin. And Moses returned unto the Lord, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold. Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin--; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written. And the Lord said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book". The name of each individual is already written in God's book of the living and because of the individual's sins or because of his own acceptance of God's plan of salvation during his life time will determine whether or not his name remains in the book of life; or is blotted out at the time of the judgment. The Psalmist was writing of the ways of the wicked when he wrote, "Let them be blotted out of the book of the living, and not be written with the righteous", Psalm 69:28. Though a persons name is not blotted out of the book of life until the judgment day, when he dies without any acceptance of God, his sins are all there on the record which has been kept by God, to be revealed in that day, and afterward his name will be blotted out of the book of the living. His record shows him to be among the wicked. If a person accepts Jesus as his Savior, his sins are blotted out by the blood of Christ and his record shows him to be among the righteous. Then in Ezekiel 18:26-28, "When a righteous man turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and dieth in them; for his iniquity that he hath done shall he die. Again, when the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive. Because he considereth, and turneth away from all his transgressions that he hath committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die". Each persons record is carefully kept and each deed recorded by a God who desires that all people should repent and inherit eternal life, John 3:16. Then in Acts 17:30 we read that God "commandeth all men every where to repent". Revelation 20:12-15 says, "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 (the grave) 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 of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire". Let us also use, here, Revelation 3:5, "He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before His angels". The books to be opened are the sixty-six books of the Bible, then it says the Book of Life will also be opened. All the dead, from both the graves and the sea, will be judged by whether they accepted or rejected God's laws as well as by their own records of good or evil as written in the book of life. Those who have died while living in their wicked ways and without God, will be blotted out of the book of life; names of the righteous will remain in the book. At the close but the names of the righteous will remain in the book. At the close of this great judgment day, death and hell (hell means the grave) are personified as hindering, or binding, forces and they will be cast into the lake of fire. After this, all whose names have been blotted from the book of life will also be cast into the lake of fire also, where they will be burned up, consumed in the fire, destroyed and become as ashes. This is the second death.

We often hear the phrase "the immortal soul". This is in error. Mortal means subject to death or destined to die and in the scriptures, it pertains only to the natural body of man. In the end time, when the 144,000 first fruits of the christians are raptured, thier mortal bodies will be changed to an immortal body, which will be imperishable, or destined to live. Likewise, when the first resurrection takes place and those which are alive and remain (on the earth) shall rise to meet Him, their mortal bodies will put on immortality. I Thessalonians 4:16,17, "For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord". And in I Corinthians 15:52,53, "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". Here again, it is speaking only of the human body. The scripture does not teach immortality of the soul. That doctrine originated from Greek Platonism and Persian Dualism and was introduced into the teachings of the church during the middle ages. It was consummated in Catholicism and carried over from the papacy into Protestantism at the time of the Reformation. It was not taught by the early church fathers and is not found in the scriptures. Jesus is the only one who has immortality, II Timothy 6:14-16, "That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ: which in His times He shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords; who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honor and power everlasting, Amen". Jesus said, "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear Him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell", Matthew 10:28. We see by this that the soul is not imperishable but can be destroyed by God in the lake of fire after the judgment.

Now let us see what happens to the soul during the time between the death of the body and the judgment. Throughout the Old Testament we often read of the death of someone, especially among the patriarchs or kings, as "he slept with his fathers". When word came to Jesus about the death of Lazarus, Jesus said, "Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep. Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well. Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that He had spoken of taking of rest in sleep. Then Jesus said unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead", John 11:11-14. The dead are asleep and cannot in that state, praise the Lord, "The dead praise not the Lord, neither any that go down into silence", Psalm 115:17. Then in Ecclesiastes 9:5, "For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not anyting, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten". They are asleep and their memory is also asleep but the shall awake, "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", Daniel 12:2. When the time comes and this dispensation has been finished, God will remember all the dead and awaken those souls which are asleep in the grave and give them a new body; an incorruptible body, I Corinthians 15:54. In this new body of the resurrection, we shall all stand before God and receive from Him the rewards for the deeds done in the body. Those who have served the Lord will have eternal life but those who have refused Him will be sentenced to the second death in the lake of fire. "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation", John 5:28, 29.

Indeed, man was made with a body, a spirit and a soul. Life here is temporary and it is necessary that if we want to have eternal life after the resurrection, we must prepare for it by serving the Lord Jesus here in this life because after death comes the judgment.

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Every soul is precious and worth more than any cost.

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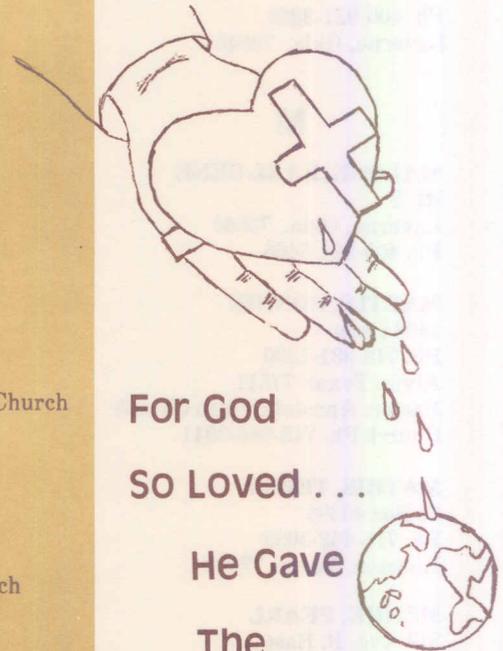
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# Signs of the Times

## RESEARCH SHOWS EFFECTS OF TV VIOLENCE ON CHILDREN

CHICAGO, ILL.—“Displays of TV violence can cause aggressive behavior in children and have a lasting effect on their character and personality,” states Leonard D. Eron, professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago Circle.

This statement is a reversal of his feeling that TV violence was of “no importance” when he undertook research 20 years ago on how children learn to be aggressive. His remarks were made at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Pediatrics (Illinois chapter) here and appeared in the *Newsletter of the National Federation for Decency* (September 1979).

When Dr. Eron began his research, he was interested primarily in relating childrearing practices of parents to aggressive behavior of school children. Sampling included 875 third grade children. Research data indicated for boys there seemed to be a direct relation between violence on television programs they preferred and how aggressive they were in school.

When able to reinterview over half the original sample 10 years later, the most striking finding, Eron states, was the positive relation between viewing of violent television at age 8 and aggression at age 19 in male subjects. There was no relation between a young man's aggression at age 19 and the amount of TV violence he was viewing at that time. The most plausible interpretation of these data was that early viewing of violent television caused later aggression.

It seems there is a critical development period in a boy's life when he is very susceptible to the influence of violent TV. After a while the youngster becomes satiated with violence. There is a blunting of sensitivity. The child becomes apathetic about violence, and it takes more of it to get a reaction from him.

For girls there were indications that viewing violence may have led to lessened aggression. Girls are trained not to act aggressively; thus, TV viewing for them may actually be a positively sanctioned social activity for expressing aggressive behavior.

However, in studies now being conducted there is a positive relationship between TV violence and aggressive behavior in school for girls as well. In 1960 there were no aggressive female models but that has now changed.

Dr. Eron believes the study's findings point to the need for efforts to reduce aggression. One measure is to teach parents and children techniques for counteracting the effects of television violence. Studies are underway for effective ways of doing this in view of the fact that the incidence of violence continues to rise in television programs. Another measure is to direct efforts in the area of values.

Actually television violence on programs a boy prefers is the single best predictor we have as to how aggressive he will be later in life. It's not the only cause, of course, but it is one we may be able to do something about.

Eron asked the academy to consider the large role television plays in a child's life since 96 percent of all homes have at least one TV set. Children start watching TV at least

“Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of Man cometh.”  
Matt. 25:13

2 hours a day at ages 2 and 3; by age 16 more hours are spent in front of the television than in school; and *TV Guide* has a larger circulation than any other magazine in the world.

## THREE-QUESTION TEST SUGGESTED FOR EVALUATING ROCK MUSIC

NYACK, NY.—A West Coast music therapist who has studied the effects of rock music for 10 years calls it “more deadly than heroin.” He says it can cause hostility, fatigue, narcissism, indigestion, and high blood pressure.

“It goes through your brain and you cannot shake it loose.”

The warnings of the therapist were quoted by Christian and Missionary Alliance Evangelist Tom Allen in *The Alliance Witness*. He suggested a three-part test based on Bible passages such as Philippians 4:8, Romans 12:2, and Psalm 119:9-11.

In order to evaluate rock music, one needs to examine the lyrics, Mr. Allen said. “A lot of people have allowed the lewd lyrics of rock music to pour into their subconscious minds. Then these begin to feed their conscious minds and to produce action.”

Mr. Allen referred to lyrics that condone homosexuality, prostitution, and lesbianism as acceptable life-styles.

The second test of music is the life-style of the author. Among rock stars Mr. Allen pointed out those whose lives are given to drugs, sex perversion, Oriental religions. One female recording artist says her “big fantasy is to seduce a priest.”

He quoted a program director in a major American city, who was a disc jockey for 15 years, as saying, “I know what this music is doing to kids today and it makes me feel like a prostitute playing this music when I dislike it so much.”

Mr. Allen quoted some rock singers, as follows:

Jim Morrison said, “I'm interested in anything about revolt, disorder, chaos, and especially activity that has no meaning.”

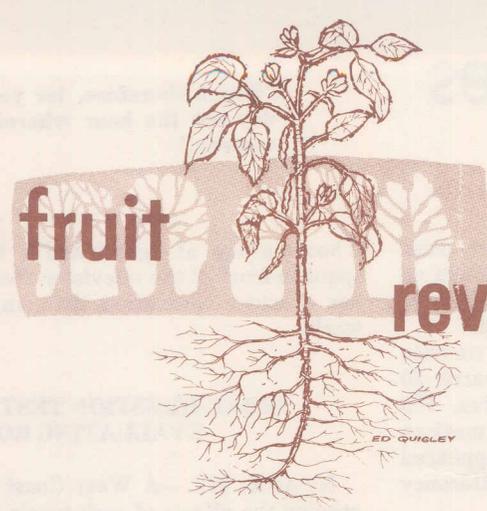
Ray Manzarek declared, “Hell appears so much more fascinating than heaven.”

Spencer Dryden said of audiences, “Get them while they're young. Bend their minds.”

A third question to ask, according to the article, is “What about the loudness of the music, the beat, the tempo?” To show the damage the loudness of sound can do, the author pointed out that the Rolling Stones rock music measured 120 decibels. By comparison, the supersonic Concorde emits 130 decibels on takeoff!

The pulsation and syncopation of rock music appeals to the sexual nature, he said. After the song is finished, youth are left mesmerized. The possessive beat takes control.

Mr. Allen said any music that does not stand up under the six qualifications of Philippians 4:8 should not be a part of the life of a Christian.



# The fruit reveals the root

by Earl Goodman

THE ROOT SYSTEM of a plant is vitally important. The roots stabilize and feed the plant. They also determine the health and quality of the fruit produced. So it is with our lives—the roots will reveal their character in the fruit that is produced.

What can a man be rooted in? What are the basic sources of one's strength? The Bible suggests several sources.

Paul says, "The love of money is the root of all evil" (I Timothy 6:10). The fact that we are basically sinful and evil is our human predicament. Therefore, one possible source of strength is a greedy and unhealthy love of money. This drives many lives—but it is not a source for stability and security, as indicated by the wide fluctuations in today's economy. Unless God helps us, this "root of all evil" will constantly spring up and blight our lives. This noxious weed will sap the strength that should flow to the production of good fruit.

Scripture further indicates that the natural man tries to root himself in the temporary elements of our day, like the seed that falls in thin, rocky soil. "He that received the seed into stony places...yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while" (Matthew 13:20,21). Rocky soil is a poor source for strength, for it yields no fruit.

Even those who are rooted in deep, rich soil are not immune to the attack of noxious weeds. Roots of some plants have an amazing ability to lie dormant for a long time. Hebrews 12:15 speaks of such a root: "Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled." Throughout Scripture we find that bitterness refers to harshness, disagreeableness, and severity. Many problems of human relationships are caused by the subtle

and silent growth of deep roots of bitterness in the heart.

Bitterness should have no part in the life of a Christian. Paul condemns it in Ephesians 4:31, "Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice." We have the power to rid ourselves of this evil thing. James challenges us to examine our lives in this light. "Doth a fountain bring forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?" The author of Hebrews indicates that bitterness can cause great harm; he says the "root of bitterness" will not only "trouble you," but also "many will be defiled."

We need to ask the Holy Spirit to help us cultivate our lives so that every evil root will be brought to the surface and discarded. Let us keep in mind, "Every plant which my heavenly father hath not planted shall be rooted up."

Where can a man be rooted and become stable, well fed, and fruitful: Proverbs 12:3 speaks of true stability: "A man shall not be established by wickedness; but the root of the righteous shall not be moved." Ephesians 3:17 shows us an abundant source of food: "That ye, being rooted and grounded in love...might be filled with all the fulness of God." And finally Paul, in Colossians 2:6,7, gives us the key to a fruitful life: "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: rooted and built up in him."

If we live in the Spirit we can have our roots in God alone. Our source of strength is to be firmly rooted in "righteousness," "love," and "Christ Jesus the Lord."

In these days of instability, let us renew our commitment to the One who miraculously fulfilled the prophecy found in Isaiah 53:2, "For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground." Let us follow in His steps.

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# The Name of Jesus

By Rev. Bob Taylor,  
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Seven Hundred and forty years prior to the birth of Christ, the prophet Isaiah foretold of the miraculous birth and the different names that would be ascribed to Him. All of these names being very fitting, yet Joseph named the babe the exact name that the angel of the Lord advised him to, "thou shalt call his name Jesus; for he shall save his people from their sins". Thank God for that wonderful, Jesus.

In the fourth chapter of Acts, Peter had seen a lame man healed thru his ministry. After being questioned, Peter replies, that is was faith in the name of Jesus that wrought healing to this lame man, who had never walked. Peter also declares, thru the unction of the Holy Ghost, that there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

When we realize the exceeding greatness of Christ's power to usward who believe in the name of Jesus (Eph. 1:18-23) we find the Name of Jesus is far above every name that is name. No name compares with the wonderful name of Jesus. Realizing this fact should cause a deep awe to come upon us each time we hear the name JESUS.

"And this is his commandment. That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ---, writes John in I John 3:23. Since this is a command of God, we must believe in the power of the name of Jesus, if we are to be a christian. It was a part of the stipulations set forth by Paul (Rom. 10:9-10) if we are to be saved.

Jesus, referring to the writings of Isaiah (Isa. 42:1-4) tells us that it is God's plan for the Gentiles to trust in the name of Jesus. What a great privilege we have to trust the name of Jesus for our every need. (Matt. 12:21)

There is an increasing need for the Gentile people to respect the name of Jesus because God has exalted the name of Jesus above and beyond every name. (Phi. 2:9-11) "At the name of Jesus, every knee should bow, of things in Heaven and things in earth and things under the earth." It is imperative that we humble ourselves at the name of Jesus, our wonderful Lord. Not only are we to humbly bow, but "Every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

There should be such a respect for the name of Jesus that we, who claim to be christians should desire, above all things, to depart from iniquity (sin) (II Tim. 2:19). Just the mere mention of the name of Jesus should cause a deep soul stirring.

When we realize the power of God to us-ward who believe in the name of Jesus, we will have a deep respect for Christ's name; we will want to humble ourselves at the mention of His name; we also will realize that the devils are subject to the name of Jesus as the seventy whom Jesus sent out. In the great commission of the sixteenth chapter of Mark, Jesus said, "In my name they shall cast out devils." Jesus did not say perhaps or maybe so, but they shall--PRAISE THE LORD!!

We do not have this authority in our own personal name, nor do we have it in the name of the church but there is authority in the name of Jesus! Referring to the 3rd chapter of Acts again, we find Peter had the authority to demand the lame man who had never walked nor stood on his own two feet to arise and to walk. Not in the name of Peter or any church but praise the Lord, "in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth". There is wonderful, miracle working power in the name of Jesus.

If we can only realize it, there is healing and spiritual blessings that can be ours because we recognize the greatness or the name of Jesus. The name that is above every name! Let us be as diligent about keeping this commandment of believing on the name of Jesus as we are the original ten. It is the divinely ordained plan of God for Gentile people to trust in the name of Jesus. Realizing that God has exalted the name of Jesus, let us bow our knees and confess with our tongues that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God. Let us not live defeated lives but rather realize that the devils are subject to the name of Jesus and we have authority over all the powers of the devil thru the name of Jesus. It was Jesus, who came to this earth to destroy the works of the devil. Praise the wonderful name of Jesus!



## Obituary of Ruth Peck

Mrs. Ruth Monigold Peck, 85, a resident of Katy, Texas most of her life died September 14, 1979. Funeral services were at the Katy Apostolic Faith Church with the Rev. Jim Fox officiating. The Rev. Harrol Waterbury of Perryton assisted with the service.

On June 7, 1916 she married Fred D. Peck who preceded her in death May 1, 1978.

Survivors in her immediate family are three daughters and their husbands: Mildred and Wallace Ditto of Ganado, Lela Kathryn and Roland Busch of Katy, Floy and W. C. Stockdick of Katy; one son and daughter-in-law: Leonard and Ernestine Peck of Houston.

## Obituary of Elsie Hibbs

Mrs. Elsie Groendyke Hibbs was born Dec. 2, 1898 and passed away Sept. 23, 1979 in Liberal, Kansas at Good Samaritan Center. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Jack Barker, O. A. Busch, and M. D. Methvin. Ministering in song were Jack and Katherine Cornell and Dona Barker.

She was married to Clay Hibbs who preceded her in death in 1939. Surviving are one son, Gene Hibbs of Liberal, Kansas and two grandchildren, Doug Hibbs and Mrs. Marvin (JoNell) Waybright, both of Liberal, Kansas.



She accepted the Apostolic Faith message and was true to the gospel to the end.



## NOVEMBER NOTES

### Midway, Okla.

It has been several months since we reported the activities from Midway Country church. It has been a very busy summer and full, but we can truly say with David "I will bless the Lord at all times; his Praise shall continually be in my mouth. O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt his name together. Psalms 34:1,3.

The Lord blessed our community with a bountiful wheat crop and beautiful grass this summer, we give the Lord all praise and thanks. The spiritual blessings have also been bountiful with the appointed sermons by our pastor. We are thankful God has given Bro. and Sis. Taylor a burden to pastor Midway another year. We were happy to have five families from Midway attend camp meeting at Baxter.

In August Bro. and Sis. Taylor held a revival at Bardstown, Kentucky. Bro. and Sis. Jacob Regier filled in while they were gone, and we enjoyed their ministering.

Visiting ministers are always welcome and we have enjoyed Bro. Roland Busch, Bro. O. A. Busch, Bro. Steven Abraham, Bro. Sonny Brown and Bro. Jacob Regier.

The Weatherford Family presented a gospel concert in August which was very inspiring.

Sis. Hazel conducted our V.B.S. in August. The theme was "Jesus is mine and I am his."

We enjoyed the Apostolic Faith Bible College Choir tour being with us on Oct. 12th.

**Bob Taylor, Pastor**  
**Pauline Messner, Reporter**

### Stockton, California

God answers prayer. Last month we were in need of a pastor, this month we are thanking him for sending us one. Bro. Ken Priest Jr. and his family have come to our church. We are all so pleased to have them working with us as they share a very special place in our hearts. The youth are beginning to take new interest, as well as everyone in the church. The Lord blesses in every service and the new addition on the church is beginning to take shape. We thank the men from the Modesto, Calif. church for their time spent in helping on it.

The West Coast Youth Camp was a success this year. Bro. Rene Heil came and helped in it. We also enjoyed Bro. Heil in our service on Sunday evening following the camp. We appreciate every effort, every prayer that is put forth to promote the work of God.

We have purchased a twelve passenger van which we will be using for any church activities transportation for anyone without a ride to church.

Our main concern is to move forward with God, and to glorify his name so that souls may be won for him.

We say again, "Thank you Lord for all of your goodness."

**Ken Priest Jr., Pastor**  
**Ella Swaim, Reporter**

### Rockdale, Texas

The Rockdale Apostolic Faith Church is happy to announce that Bro. Andy Perry, his wife Janice and children, Paula, Cassi, and Adam are now ministering to us. The Lord is blessing and we are thankful to God for his care and love.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Brooks celebrated their golden anniversary in August. It was a lovely occasion with many people coming to wish them a nice day.

An area youth rally was held in the Rockdale Church on Sept. 8th and many attended. Bro. Perry brought the message which challenged the youth to serve the Lord while they are young.

Please pray for the church here.

**Andy Perry, Pastor**  
**Peggy Hosek, Reporter**

### Pattison, Texas

The Lord is still blessing us in many ways. Bro. and Sis. Ray Michener were with us the first weekend of Sept. The Lord blessed in a great way. We have been having singings at the church every first Sunday evening of every month. They have been a blessing to our church. Bro. Darryl Sutton and Sis. Peggy were with us Sunday, Sept. 23. Everyone enjoyed the sermon very much. We appreciate the Apostolic Faith Report and all the good sermons.

**John Scruggs, Pastor**  
**Doris Scruggs, Reporter**

### Crosses, Ark.

We praise the Lord for his goodness unto us. Aug. 6-10 were the dates of our vacation bible school conducted by Tammy Oakes. Lisa Oakes and Rosetta Hamilton assisted her. We are truly thankful that the Lord sent these girls to help us out. Our classes totaled 65 in attendance. The girls did a wonderful job and they won't be forgotten by their students or parents who participated in the school. The main theme was about the parables. We had singing, crafts, and refreshments. Closing services were held Aug. 10, with parents and visitors invited to attend. We were glad to see the parents that took interest in what their children were doing.

Dedication services were held in Sept. Those dedicating their children were Mr. and Mrs. Billy Waggoner-daughter Krystal Renee, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Foster, sons-Aron Levi and Clinton William. We ask for your prayers for these young families.

We are happy to say that in Sept. we had a young man, Delbert Wagoner give his heart to the Lord. Delbert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Waggoner. Remember to lift him up in prayer.

October 7-14 was the date of our revival held by Bro. Jacob Regier. Our Sunday morning services have truly been blessed by the Lord. We have two new classrooms near completion.

We are very happy to see our pastor, Bro. Roland Haney gain the victory over a back ailment, that had bothered him for some time. We are glad to have him at full strength and we are praising the Lord for the victory.

Until next time, God bless each of you and remember us in your prayers.

**Roland Haney, Pastor**  
**Donna Foster, Reporter**

## Gray Oklahoma

God has and is good to his people. Praise His holy name. Last March when the Apostolic Faith College choir was on tour, we began to have a burden to ask a young minister to come and work in our church here at Gray. The Lord blessed us and placed a burden on Andy and Janice Perry and family to come help us. May 13, 1979 was their first Sunday with us. The children came a week later. The people all loved and appreciated their work for the Lord. Sis. Perry has a great talent giving readings. In August Bro. and Sis. Perry announced they would be leaving us to go as pastors of the Rockdale, Texas church. We were all sad to lose them but we wish them God's speed.

May 28 we began our daily vacation Bible School, with Bro. Leland Grimmer as director. The first night we had 50 enrolled. The theme of our school was "I'm His and He is mine".

We enjoyed the group from A.F.B.C. this summer, as they left their testimonies in word and song.

In the month of June we enjoyed having Bro. and Sis. Elmer Christenson and Sandy with us for services. On Aug. 12 we had the dedication of our grandson, Nathan David Stollings, with Grandad Grimmer in charge of this. We also started revival with Savoy Grimmer as evangelist. Gospel workers were Debbie Jean Grimmer, Andy and Janice Perry, and Sharon and David McCane. The messges were encouraging the Christians to deepen their lives in the Lord and not to fool around. Our revival closed Aug. 19 with good services all day and dinner together.

Our pastor, Bro. Leland Grimmer got up that day feeling bad. The doctor put him to bed because he had phlebitis. He is doing much better now but would appreciate your prayers for complete healing.

Sept. 9, we were pleased to have Bro. Jacob Regier in service with us telling us about Apostolic Faith Bible College and asking for support in prayers and financial needs.

We extend an invitation to all our ministers and laity to come by and worship with us at any time.

**Leland Grimmer, Pastor**  
**Edna Lee Grimmer, Reporter**

## Pampa, Texas

Greetings to all our friends in the name of Jesus!! We are still going strong despite the fact that our Pastor, Keith & Charlene Barker have resigned to move to Amarillo. They have labored with us for three years and we appreciate their ministry and pray they find the best of everything in their new work in Amarillo.

After the Barkers resigned we called twelve men to come and help us and be our Pastor. Ten of them said "no", but Brother & Sister Ralph Denton and Brother & Sister Bill Patterson Sr. came and preached for us and then the board met and brought the names to the church for voting. Bro. & Sis. Ralph Denton from Pasadena, Texas came to us on the 15th of September and are settled in the parsonage and have begun their Pastorial duties. They have visited nearly every family in the church and made hospital calls and are very busy for the Lord. Needless to say we appreciate their consecrated effort and their kindness to all church. We are more than encouraged at having such an able "team" to feed and lead us.

Nov. 1979

We, with the pastors, encourage ministers to stop by and visit with us and help in the services.

Our Services go like this:

Sunday School 10:00 AM

Sunday night 6:00 PM

Wednesday night 7:00 PM

"God so loved the WORLD that He gave His only Begotten Son" Let us love the LOST and win them to Christ who has done so much for us!!!

**Ralph Denton, pastor**  
**Anabel Simmons, Reporter**

## Galena, Kansas

Psalms 95:6 O Come let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

Greetings from the Apostolic Faith Church in Galena! God is still blessing in our church. Our crowds are increasing and a good spirit is in our services. We were glad to have Bro. T. S. Abraham in service with us. He brought us a very interesting message and told us of the work in India. We people of American should take advantage of our freedom as Christians and our place of worship. Oct. 7 we were honored to have Tammy Oakes with us throughout the day and evening services. Our young folks enjoyed her helping out in their services.

We have laid new carpet in the sanctuary and we do thank the Lord for supplying this. God is so good to us!

We enjoyed the youth rally held here recently and are looking forward to those services in the future.

Psalms 95:1-2 O come let us sing unto the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

We have enjoyed the Howard Whitely family helping in our church. The Elmer Christenson family are doing a fine job. They are working very hard. There are so many sick and many to visit.

We of our church extend our sympathy to the family of Edith Rogers. She was a faithful Christian.

Please pray for: Birdie Noe, Anna Wade, Mae Tackett, Ray Henderson, Nellie and Carl Clopton and Bernice McCumber.

**Elmer Christenson - Pastor**  
**May Roland - Reporter**



## Blyth

Mr. and Mrs. Brent Blyth announce the birth of their first child, Dana Nichole, on June 26, 1979. Dana was 21 in. long and weighed 10 lb. 4 oz. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Donald Mathis of Hempstead, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Blyth of Rockdale, Texas. Great-grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. Joe Deweese and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Blyth.

## Backstrom

Each day our hearts are filled with joy since God sent this baby boy. His name is Joel Emmanuel. He arrived Oct. 8, 1979 12:48 a.m. He weighed 5 lbs. 15 oz. and was 19 in. long. His parents are Randy and Novetta Backstrom of Fayetteville, Ark. and his grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Carl Scroggs of Waka Texas and Mr. and Mrs. E.H. Backstrom of Fayetteville, Ark.

**Trinity of the God— Head**

1 John 5:7

**Repentance [Act of Man]**

Mark 1: 14\*-15

2 Peter 3:9

Acts 3:19

**Conversion [Justification] [Act of God]**

Matt. 18:3

Acts 13:38, 39

II Cor. 5:17

**Consecration [Act of Man]**

Romans 12: 1,2

**Sanctification [Act of God]**

[A second definite work of grace]

Heb. 13:12,13

Ephesians 5: 25\*-27

I Thess. 5:23

**Baptism of the Holy Ghost**

Luke 3:16

Acts 1:5

Acts 2:4

Acts 10:45, 46

**Divine Healing**

Matt. 4:23

I Peter 2:24

James 5: 14-16

**Ordinances**

**Water Baptism [by immersion]**

Matt. 28:19

Romans 6: 3,4

# Doctrinal Teachings

## Of The

# Apostolic Faith

**The Lords Supper**

Matt. 26: 26-28

I Cor. 11: 23-30

**Feet Washing**

John 13: 4-5, 14

**NO Divorce and Remarriage**

Luke 16:18

I Cor. 7:39

**Second Coming of Christ**

John 14:3

Acts 2:11

Matt. 24:30

**Thousand Year Reign of Christ**

Rev. 20:6

Rev. 20:4

**Conditional Immortality**

[Life through Christ]

John 10:10

I John 5:11, 12

Romans 2:7

**Destruction of the Wicked**

Matt. 7:13

II Thes. 1:7-9

Romans 6:23

Mal. 4:1

**Tithes and Offerings**

Mal. 3:8, 10

Luke 11:42

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