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Hark to the ringing words this Easter dawn:

"The Christ is risen — risen as He said!"

He stands with outstretched arms to meet your needs.

The Christ is risen, the Christ is risen indeed!



I came home two weeks ago after being in California for six weeks. God blessed in the revivals and special services that I held there. People of the churches there are moving forward for God.

Immediately after I arrived home, I began to work on this issue of the APOSTOLIC FAITH.

Thursday night, March 1, I attended the Bible School Communion and Feet-Washing Service. It was a glorious meeting. Dean Bishop spoke on "Strength for the Journey," and students, faculty members, were refreshed.

At the close of the service, I received a telephone call from my mother in Picher, Oklahoma. My father had just had a cerebral hemorrhage. I have been with him since. They give us no hope of his recovery as his complete right side is paralyzed.

Due to my father's illness, I have not been able to work on the paper. Wilbur D. Fullbright has graciously consented to complete this issue of the paper, and I am most grateful for his help.

We have had some response in regard to the publishing of a special souviner edition of the APOSTOLIC FAITH. The Lord willing, we expect to publish this special edition next month.

We plan to give a lot of information concerning the outpouring of the latter rain fifty years ago.

CHRIST IS RISEN

"Oh, we see Him in the spring-time,
When each bud and leaf and flower
Bursting from its deathlike sleeping
Speaks of resurrection power!

When all nature wakes in gladness,
Birds sing out their tuneful lays,
And the earth, bedecked with blossoms,
Joins in its Creator's praise."

Genuine heart service is always acceptable to God whether rendered in kitchen or cathedral.



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PRAYER LIST

Your prayer request will receive personal attention. Blest and anointed handkerchiefs will be sent on request. Whatever your need may be, trust in God. He is ready to hear and answer prayer for you.

Belle Stewart
Leota Jacobs
Hattie Riddle

ANNOUNCEMENT

Rev. and Mrs. George Bollinger, pastors of the church at Cave Springs, Arkansas, announce the arrival of a baby girl, Linnie Lea, on January 16. Baby weighed 7 pounds and 14 ounces. Linnie Lea has a sister, Cheryl Dove who is two years old.

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More Than We Expect

V. Raymond Edman, President,
Wheaton College

More than we expect — that is God's way of doing things for His children. And at this Easter season, that is our glorious prospect for the future — provision unlimited!

Our unbelief is always inclined to discount His interest in us and to limit His ability to help us, but the Almighty continues to surprise and to shower us with His lavish care and provision. When we come to the end of our resources and have no way, we begin to apprehend dimly that His ways are much higher than our ways as heaven is higher than the earth.

The women found that divine principle in operation on the first Easter morning. After daylight hours of painful preparation and long night hours of tears and fears, they went early in the morning, before the break of the day, to bring their spices and ointments to the revered remains in Joseph's tomb. They expected difficulty in rolling away the stone and sorrow in their sad task of embalming that beloved body. But instead — the stone was rolled away, the guard gone, the tomb empty except for abandoned grave clothes and angels. Above all, the Saviour was risen! Far more than they had ever dared ask or even imagine — done for them.

It has always been that way. Abraham trudged wearily up the steep slope of Moriah with heart that was numb with desperation, for at the summit he was to offer as a sacrifice his only son, the child of promise. Beyond Moriah there would be only broken hearted obedience and blinding tears, a valley of Baca and of the shadow of death with no son to be his so-lace and heir to bear his name. But what did Abraham find at the altar of sacrifice? Not only Isaac restored to him to be his

light and joy all his days, but "Jehovah-Jireh" as well — a new revelation of the Most High as the God who provides. Isaac plus the Infinite!

Jacob learned something of the ways of Jehovah when his sons returned from Egypt with food in the time of famine. The old patriarch had faced numerous problems and perplexities, but no sorrow had gone so deeply into his heart as his mourning for the lost son of his Rachel. As the grief-stricken father handled the bloodied



coat he groaned, "Joseph is without doubt rent in pieces . . . I will go down into the grave . . . mourning."

Long years later, as he came to life's sunset and was required to send not only older sons but also Benjamin the youngest to Egypt for help from famine, it was with resignation: "If I be bereaved of my children, I am bereaved." Eyes that were dim and ears that were dull could not believe themselves when Reuben and the others returned with jubilation — abundance of food and the good news that "Joseph is yet alive, and is the governor over all the land of Egypt!" Joseph? Alive? Egypt? Governor? Yes, the exceeding abundantly — joy at journey's end plus Joseph!

Moses could pray only in

broken fragments of a petition: "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." Gods of gold and hearts of clay, sacrifices of sin and dances of indecency on the part of his people; and the Law-giver could plead only for the justice and compassion of the Judge of all the earth; and if not —.

"And the Lord said unto Moses, Depart, and go up hence . . . I will send an angel before thee. My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest." Forgiveness? Yes, because of the Faithful One. Mercy. Yes, because of the Merciful One. Blotting out? No, because of the blessing of the Blessed One. For Moses it was forgiveness for the part of his people plus God's presence for all the future! Goodness plus God.

Ruth labored steadily and diligently not only to provide for herself and her mother-in-law, but also to heal the loneliness of heart. All of life was behind her — the coming of Mahlon, the courtship, the congratulations of delight, the wedding day, the new home, the numbness of dread, death and widowhood. Naomi's homeland with its strangeness was preferable for the homeless Moabitess to the scenes of suffering and sorrow. In Judah she could glean in barley fields even though life's cup overflowed with bereavement. But in the fields of Bethlehem there was more than grain and a bare livelihood with ache of back and bruise of heart, there was Prince Charming and brightening prospects; and Ruth learned the Lord's exceeding abundantly — Bethlehem plus Boaz! A new homeland plus a home!

Hezekiah knew the zenith of hopefulness and the nadir of nothingness in the day when the Assyrians "came down like a

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The Land of Promise

Josh. 1: Go in . . . Possess the land. Deut. 1:

By Irene Dilworth

I was in the Ozark Mt. country in a revival; and because I couldn't find a place where I could get alone with God, I took my Bible and climbed the mountain to where there was a large flat rock where I could see the country for miles around. I was sitting there thinking of Moses when he went up in the mountain to meet God; and I heard a voice say, "Go in, possess the land." I knew it was the Lord and that he did not mean the land I was looking at, and I asked, "What Land, Lord?" "What have you in your hand?" he asked. I held up the Precious old Book that I had carried for years, and heard him say, "It is the land of promise. Go in and possess it, as I said to Joshua and Moses, every place the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given you." All that wonderful land of promise was before me and I could have everything my faith would claim. I knew He meant what he said and I began to write my name over every promise that I found. How wonderfully God has kept his word; He has been more than he even promised to be, a wonderful Father and Friend.

God said that land was a land of milk and honey, of corn and wine, a land of blessing, of power and achievement, a land of victory; and I have found it so. When God wanted to take Israel over into the land of Canaan, Moses sent spies over to view the land and they brought back wonderful fruit; the grapes were so large it took two men to carry one cluster, and they brought figs and pomegranates. Caleb and Joshua said it was a goodly land, but the other ten brought evil report: the walls were high and giants were there. Caleb and Joshua said they were able to possess it but the people were discouraged and refused to go into the land. God was wroth and de-

clared that none of the men who refused should ever possess the land, and he let them wander in the wilderness until all who had murmured had died.

I am looking back today thru the years to 1900-1901, to where God brought his people out of bondage into the glorious light and liberty of this Full Gospel, and how he manifested his power in such wonderful ways and told us to go forward and possess the land of promise. He gave us power over the enemy; but instead of going on, folks seemed to be satisfied with the manna and were not willing to fight for the land where there was corn and wine. There were a few Calebs and Joshuas who were anxious to go on, but they met with discouragement by the majority who said, "If we go on, it means that wild fire and fanaticism will come in and we surely cannot have that. This is a sane religion and we must be careful to keep it above reproach." Every time I read in the book of Genesis (Gen. 11:31-32) how Abraham, his wife, and his father took Lot and started for the land of Canaan, and came to Haran and camped there, and stayed there so long that Terah, Abraham's father, died there, I get a picture of God's people starting for the land of promise and camping at that place we will call "Tongues" until many of them died there. "Haran" means "parched ground"; and seems to have been the home place of Abraham's people, as Abraham sent his servant there to get a bride for Isaac, and Jacob went to Haran when he left his father's house and fled from the wrath of Esau. I think of the many hundreds who accepted this gospel; many of them after a time drifted back to their old home church (parched ground) and like Terah, they died there (spiritually). They looked with longing eyes toward the land of

promise with its blessings, but giants were there — giants of criticism, of persecution and ostracism — and they were afraid, so they camped on and lost their vision of the greatness of the God of Israel. Many who did not go back to the old home church met the giants of ridicule and were afraid to go on. I they tried to go on and prove that God was a God of miracles, the miracles might not happen; so they let the giants of fear chase them when they could easily have slain them, for ANYONE who will live close to God will be honored with the power of God for any emergency. No doubt, you have seen the giants of unbelief. They are fierce fellows always warring against those who venture over into the land. You have nothing to fear; There is a weapon called the Sword of the Spirit that will overcome them. God promised Israel he would drive out their enemies before them and he did. He tore down the walls of Jericho when they obeyed him and went in to possess the land. Aren't you glad you belong to Israel, Abraham's seed, and are heirs of the promises?

Yes, the land of promise is a goodly land. Gal. 5:22, 23 says there are nine fruits of the spirit that flourish in that land. The fruit of LOVE is mentioned first because it is the greatest. Love is the Spirit of Christ. Many call it charity (I Cor. 13:1). Without the Spirit of Christ we are nothing. Today many Christians have lost their first love. They neither love one another nor the lost as they used to. We had better repent and get back that first love. God's people need a new kind of love so they will love each other with pure hearts fervently. Divine love will take out the criticism, fault-finding, and jealousy and create unity; then God can manifest his power. I heard a woman say recently, "I don't want anyone coming to me with their troubles. I have troubles enough of my own." God's

Word says: bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ, and that the strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak. We need to have an overwhelming compassion for the need of others. Jesus said (Matt. 22:37-40) "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all they mind; this is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." He says if you love him you will keep his commandments. He makes obedience the test of love. If you do not keep his commandments, you are a long way from the Kingdom of God.

Another fruit of that land is joy. It grows because love is there to nourish it, and when love and joy abound, peace grows with little cultivation. Love, joy and peace! How they fortify the heart to be long suffering and gentle under misunderstanding and persecution. We often appear sweet, but what about the heart of us? Do we feel kind and gentle toward our persecutors? When Jesus was reviled, he opened not his mouth. When he was crucified, he prayed, "Father forgive them, they know not what they do." Another fruit of that land is goodness. A really good man is a righteous man. If we wear the breastplate of righteousness, how the fruit of faith will grow. Righteousness is what gives a person faith; the closer we live to God, the more faith we will have. Fear is a great giant and is always warring against faith, but perfect love will cast him out. Are you afraid of giants? If you are, you will always be a weakling. Remember young David slew a giant with a sling shot and a stone. The account of this incident was written for our sake that we may know that we too have the sling shot of faith and the rock of God's promises. No

giant can overcome us if we use what God has given us to fight with. Giants of fear and doubt and unbelief, carnal giants of jealousy, selfishness, and lust are warring all the time against our progress; but God has promised to give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Why don't you prove God? Aren't the blessings of the land worth fighting for? I always thought they were. The fruits of that land are ours if we strive for them. II Peter 1:5-11 tells us there is a straight path for us to walk in. "Giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge, and to know-



ledge temperance, and to temperance patience, and to patience godliness, and to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness charity, for if these things be in you and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather Brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure; for if ye do these things ye shall never fall . . ." Had you ever realized how much it meant to be a real Christian?

The gifts of the spirit are all in that land of promise and available to anyone who will covet them and seek for them. When the Holy Spirit comes to those who seek for him, he does not come empty handed. He al-

ways brings some gift of the spirit with him. The reason why the church has been so helpless is because they have not understood the working of the spirit. There are nine gifts of the spirit and also nine fruits of the spirit. The gifts are all mentioned in I Cor. 12: 8-11: "For to one is given by the spirit the word of wisdom; to another, the word of knowledge by the same spirit; to another, faith by the spirit; to another, the gifts of healing by the same spirit; to another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues; but all these worketh that one and self same spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will." When God says he will divide his gifts severally as he will, and that they are given to every man to profit withal, I believe he meant they should be in operation, else how could they profit anyone. When the Holy Ghost was poured out on the disciples in Acts 2:4, they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak in other tongues; and in Acts 10:44-46, where the Holy Ghost was poured out on the Gentiles at the house of Cornelius, they spake with tongues and magnified the Lord. Because of this too much stress has been placed on the speaking of tongues. Speaking in tongues is surely one of the gifts of the spirit, but it is also the evidence of the presence of the Holy Ghost, and when a person receives the Holy Ghost there is no doubt but that they will speak in tongues. This is what makes it differ from every other blessing. Any other blessing you receive by believing you meet the conditions and believe you have what you ask, and God blesses you to show you it is done. The Holy Spirit comes by believing just as other blessings come, but he not only blesses you, he spake in some language that you do not know

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ITEMS OF INTEREST



TO PALESTINE

Rev. and Mrs. Ben Barker and Rev. Marcus L. Adair are planning a trip to Palestine. They will leave from New York City March 16, and will be gone for 15 days. Besides visiting the Holy Land, they will visit London, Rome, Paris, and Athens. This trip will be of immense value to Brother and Sister Barker and Brother Adair. Pray that God will make their trip a blessing to them, and a blessing to all of us when they return.

FORMOSA REPORT

The spiritual invasion of Formosa continues with the blessing of Generlissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek and Governor T. O. Wu.

Dick Hillies, Youth for Christ team captain, recently reported that in six weeks more than 200,000 people had heard the Gospel in 300 meetings. In a two-week period confessions of Christ were made by 5,000.

Madame Chiang personally has requested that 100,000 New Testaments be sent to the 600,000 National troops stationed on Formosa.

In the city of Yuan Lin, Bob Finley recently preached to the entire student body of the Provincial high school. The pupils stood at attention for fifty minutes as Finley addressed them. More than 100 decisions were made, and follow classes are now being conducted.

FREEDOM FOR PREACHING

The United States Supreme Court has declared unconstitutional a municipal ordinance of New York City requiring a police permit for a religious meeting to be held in a park or other public place.

Orphanage Approved By State

"O, give thanks unto the Lord: call upon His name: make known His deeds among the people."

We are happy to report the blessing of the Lord upon the Community Church and the Children's Home. On February 20th we commemorated the third anniversary of the opening of the Home for unfortunate children. God has been present to save, heal and to meet every need. He has done wonderful things, whereof we are glad.

We desire to take this means of expressing our appreciation to all of you who have been so kind to assist in this work, some with clothing, some with bedding and linens, others with offerings. It all has helped to lift the load and add to the comfort of the children. You have been so thoughtful in remembering the children at Christmas and Easter and other times. It means much to them to know that there are those who care. May God reward you.

"In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done in unto me."

By way of explanation; this is a non-profit institution. Our sole motive is the love, care and christian training of the children. Aid is accepted when they are eligible. Children without aid from any source are readily admitted, knowing that God is able to meet every need.

Our blue prints have been approved by the state. As soon as we have finished the required recommendations, (adding doors, windows, changing ceilings, foundations and putting in a complete fire alarm system, etc.) the State license will be completed which will allow us to receive children from any

State. We feel there is no limit to what can be accomplished for God in the lives of unfortunate children if only we could have the necessary facilities.

Eighteen children under 16 years of age is our limit with the present housing. Several children are now on the waiting list and will be admitted as soon as accommodations are available. As the Lord permits we hope to build another dormitory. The kitchen and dining room are adequate to care for many more than the sleeping rooms will accommodate.

Sister Hintergardt and Leola Buschman have labored faithfully the past year and their efforts are to be commended.

We would like to extend an invitation to all passing this way to visit the Children's Home and church.

Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Davis
Route 2, Box 70
Madera, California

CAMP MEETING

of the Apostolic Faith

LAVERNE, OKLA.

AUGUST — 1951

For further information write

Rev. Jack Barker

Laverne, Oklahoma

SONG BOOKS AVAILABLE

The new songbook, Heavenly Echoes, Nos. 1-2-3 combined, written and published by Mrs. E. A. Greever of Spearman, Texas, is available to all upon request. The songs that are in No. 1 and No. 2 are also in the new book with an additional 31 page section, in all making 90 songs. Please state number wanted for special singing or for congregational singing.

Every song is a new song, given by divine inspiration, some of them were published in 1949 and others in 1950 and this is the first release for the No. 3 edition.

Address all orders to Mrs. E. A. Greever, Spearman, Texas.

THE CRUCIFIXION

Rev. A. H. Vick

"My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" Matt. 27:46.

The crucifixion of Jesus was a preview of God's judgment upon sin and sinners. If God had chosen to answer the "Why?" that came from His Son's agonized soul, the answer would undoubtedly have seen that God could not fellowship with sin. Since Christ in that hour was being "made sin for us," the withdrawal of the Father's presence was inevitable. Sin is the great Estranger; the great Alienator; the great Separator! We must be separated from sin or sin will separate us from Christ forever.

Jesus, on the Cross, was fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah 53, "He (the Father) hath laid on Him (Jesus) the iniquity of us all." The accumulated sins of the World were focused on Jesus at the Cross. Since He was taking the sinner's place, the Father would make no exception, even for His Son.

Therefore, we say, the Crucifixion was a preview of God's judgment upon sin, for all the spiritual agony; all the terrible desolation; all the tragic despair conveyed by the awful words, Forsaken of God, will be experienced by the unrepentant sinner at the judgment bar of God. If God "SPARED NOT His own Son" the agony of Calvary, how shall any man dare think that he will receive lighter treatment at the hands of a righteous God Whom he has spurned for years?

But, thanks be to God, the Crucifixion speaks not only of death; it speaks of Life; not only of condemnation, but of forgiveness. The glorious truth shines from the Cross, that if the sinner accepts the vicarious sufferings of Jesus for his sins, he will never be "God forsaken." Because He bore my sin on Calvary and paid the full penalty, I shall never be "forsaken" of my Father, for the debt, once paid, cannot be required of me again.

EASTER EVERY SUNDAY

The late Dr. Dale was writing an Easter sermon, and when he was half way through, the concept of the risen Lord broke in upon him as it never had done before. "Christ is alive!" he said to himself. "Alive!" and then he paused. "Alive! Can that really be true? Living as really as I myself am?"

He got up and walked about, repeating, "Christ is living! Christ is living!" At first it seemed strange and hardly true, but at last it came upon him as a burst of sudden glory. Yes, Christ is living! It was to him a new discovery. He thought that all along he had believed it; but not until that moment did he feel sure about it.

He then said, "My people shall know it; I shall preach about it again and again until they believe it as I do now."

The Living Christ became his one great theme; and there and then began the custom of singing an Easter Hymn in his church in Carr's Lane every Sunday morning. A visitor was surprised, on a November morning, to hear the hymn given out, "Christ is Risen: Hallelujah!" He mentioned it to Dr. Dale afterwards and he replied: "I want my people to get hold of the glorious fact that Christ is alive, and to rejoice over it; and Sunday, you know, is the day on which Christ left the dead."

"As surely as the sepulcher of Christ became an empty sepulcher, so surely shall the sepulchers of His people become empty sepulchers also; as surely as He got up and sang a jubilee of life and immortality, so surely His people come up out of the grave." —Beaumont.

"Everything in Christianity depends upon the resurrection of Christ from the dead. Only if you have an empty tomb you have a full gospel. Only if you have a full tomb you have an empty gospel." —Revelation.

FACULTY MEMBERS — APOSTOLIC BIBLE SCHOOL



Seated, left to right: Robert Girouard, Prophecy; Roy Wooster, Doctrine; Wallace Bingham, Ass't Dean; Elvis O. Bishop, Dean; Wilbur D. Fullbright, Music Theory, Art, Accordion; Grady Adcock, Evangelism.

Standing: Marsena Mahan, Nursery; Mary Ross, Piano; Pearl Yeakley, House-Mother; Lorraine Fullbright, English; Lavonda Barker, Piano.

Special Closing Services

Apostolic Bible School

MARCH 22 — 23 — 24 — 25

Special closing services of the Apostolic Bible School will be held in the Chapel Auditorium, 10th and Lincoln, beginning Thursday night, March 22. Student ministers will be in charge. Special music will be an attraction — numbers will be furnished by students of the piano, accordion and chalk drawing classes. The Chorus Choir will be featured each evening. On Saturday night, March 24, the choir will present an Easter Cantata, "When Christ Arose" under the direction of Wilbur D. Fullbright.

Ordination Service

SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 10:00 A. M.

Master of Ceremonies	Rev. Grady Adcock
SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 10:00 a. m.	
Congregational Singing	
"Ready Am I"	Chorus Choir
Prayer	
"Make Me a Blessing"	Chorus Choir
Scripture Reading	Rev. Pearl Yeakley
Sermon	Rev. Robert Girouard
Ordination of Minister and Gospel Workers	
Benediction	

Homecoming Service

A special home-coming service will be conducted Sunday, March 25, at 2:30 p. m. Special singing and sermons will be given by former students of the Apostolic Bible School.

Commencement

SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 7:30 P. M.

"Onward Christian Soldiers"	Congregation
"The Lord's Prayer"	Chorus Choir
Invocation	Rev. Roy Wooster
"O What a Day"	Mixed Octet
"Wake, Awake for Night is Flying"	Chorus Choir
Presentation of Speaker	Rev. Elvis O. Bishop
Speaker	Rev. Gail W. Schultz
Presentation of Diplomas	Dean Elvis O. Bishop
Benediction	Wallace Bingham

CROWN HIM!

Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem
drowns
All music but its own!
Awake, my soul and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless
King
Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Son of God
Before the worlds began,
And ye, who trod where He hath
trod,
Crown Him the Son of Man,
Who every grief hath known
That wrings the human breast,
And takes and bears them for
His own,
That all in Him may rest.

Crown Him the Lord of Life
Who triumphed o'er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing
Who died, and rose on high;
Who died, eternal life to bring,
And lives that death may die.

IN CHRIST

In Christ there is no East or
West,
In Him no South or North;
But one great fellowship of Love
Throughout the whole wide
earth.

In Him shall true hearts every-
where
Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord
Close binding all mankind.

Joins hands, then, brother of
the faith,
Whate'er your race may be.
Who serves my Father as a son
Is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both East
and West

In Him meet South and
North;

All Christly souls are one in
Him

Throughout the whole wide
earth.

— John Oxenham

Apostolic Bible School

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Class of 1951



“Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.” Mark 16:15.

Brief Mention

ROCKDALE CHURCH DESTROYED BY FIRE

On January 28th, the Rockdale Tabernacle was almost completely destroyed by fire. The fire started before Sunday School and the origin could not be determined. The church carried some insurance on the building but none on the contents. This occurred on the last day of the revival held by Evangelist Claude Pruitt, Claude Bishop and Henry Fuller. God gave a good revival, 12 were saved and reclaimed, 9 baptized in water, several sanctified and 13 filled with the Holy Spirit. The Lord was present to heal the sick, and a number testified to definite healings.

The congregation is now holding regular services in the High School Auditorium. A building fund has been started and all churches or individuals desiring to help can send donations to the church treasurer, Mr. Guinn Eiland, Route 1, Rockdale, Texas. Rev. and Mrs. James Ahrens, Pastors.

PONTIAC, MICHIGAN

Evangelist and Mrs. Homer Coberly and party recently held a good revival in the church at Pontiac. Rev. Fred Peters is pastor of the church.

VICI, OKLAHOMA

The Lord is blessing in the work at Vici. The spirit of the Lord is drawing in new families. The church is buying some lots and a payment has been made on a large building and they expect to convert it into a new church in the near future. Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Beers, Pastors.

RALLS, TEXAS

The Lord is blessing in the work at Ralls and the church as a whole is progressing. The church is praying and expecting a revival soon. Claude Pruitt, Pastor.

CAMP MEETING

The Southern Camp Meeting to be held in Mississippi, is announced for July 12-22. Plans are under way for this Southern encampment and arrangements are being made for a common table. The people of this locality are raising gardens, chickens, and food stuff of all kinds to take care of all coming. Tents and rooms will be available for all. The camp site is located 20 miles southeast of Quitman, Mississippi at Threadville.

The directors of this meeting will be: Rev. Elvis Bishop, Albert Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Eaken. For complete information write: Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Eaken, Route 1, Crandall, Mississippi.

Rev. Marcus L. Adair has conducted special services at the Laverne church recently. God blessed in a special way, and the people of God were refreshed and inspired to do greater service for God.

Evangelist and Mrs. Glayron Rees are now in a revival at the Evangelistic Chapel, Guymon, Oklahoma. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Depew are assisting in the revival. Rev. and Mrs. Sidney Rees, Pastors.

HEMPSTEAD, TEXAS

The church at Hempstead is planning a revival soon. God is blessing in all the services. Regular services are held on Friday night, Sunday morning and night. Some work is being done on the church with asbestos siding on the outside. Joe B. Dewees, Pastor.

ALIEF, TEXAS

The Alief church extends an invitation to all ministers to come by for services. God is blessing in the services. Bennie Stanberry, Pastor.

CAMP WOOD, TEXAS

Brother Francis Sutton is continuing to hold forth the gospel message in the Camp Wood Church.

NEOSHO FALLS, KANSAS

Evangelist Bob Gregory and party held a good revival in the Memorial Hall at Neosho Falls. The church at LeRoy along with the pastor, Sol Getz, assisted in the meeting. Regular services and cottage prayer meetings are being held and the work of the Lord is progressing.

DECKERS PRAIRIE, TEXAS

The work of the Lord is continuing to progress at Deckers Prairie. The Bible Study night has been changed from Thursday to Wednesday night, making it possible for the Todd Community Church to attend these services. The pastor extends an invitation to all ministers to pay the church a visit when in the vicinity. A. B. Corl, Pastor, 1037 Peddie Ave., Houston, 9, Texas.

STELLA, MISSOURI

Evangelist and Mrs. Robert Cooper and family are now in evangelistic work. The Lord is blessing their ministry.

ALVIN, TEXAS

Rev. and Mrs. Earl Sherwood and family are now residing in Alvin and pastoring the church. God is blessing and the church is moving forward.

SENECA, MISSOURI

The Lord is blessing in all the services at Seneca. Rev. and Mrs. Bill Handley are now pastoring the church.

SNELL, MISSISSIPPI

Evangelist and Mrs. Billy Sparks are now pastoring the church at Snell. Sunday School and church attendance is growing and God is blessing in all the services.

BRIGHTWATER, ALABAMA

Evangelist and Mrs. Billy Sparks, pastor of the Snell, Miss., church are now in a revival in Brightwater, Ala. God is blessing and many are believing on the Lord Jesus Christ. W. I. Nutt, Pastor.

CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA

Regular services, as well as Sunday School are now being conducted in Chula Vista. The last report 62 were in Sunday School and 15 have been saved in the regular services of late. God is blessing in every service. Sister Jaunita Johnston is assisting in the work. Rev. Etta Mae Peters, Pastor.

SOMERVILLE, TEXAS

The work of the Lord is progressing and services are now being held in the new church at Somerville. The entire church started into the new year with the realization that the time is short and they are seeking God that they might be drawn closer to Him. Sister Alice Williams, Pastor.

ENID, OKLAHOMA

Evangelist Jack Shandley recently held a good revival in the church at Enid, several were sanctified and received the Holy Spirit and many sought God and gained personal victories. Mitchell Modrick, pastor.

KINGS MILL, TEXAS

The Lord is abundantly blessing in all the services at Kings Mill. The church has been blessed of late by the ministry of visiting Evangelists. The entire congregation is manifesting more interest in God's work than ever before. Evangelist and Mrs. George Clay are pastoring while the regular pastor, Mrs. Pearl Yeakley, is serving as House-Mother at the Bible School in Baxter Springs, Kansas.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Mrs. Opal Ferry and son, Bob, have recently visited the Bible School. They gave a wonderful report of the work of the Lord in Chicago. They have recently purchased a nice church in a good location in Chicago. The church is a beautiful structure and is well furnished. Many new people are coming to church. May God bless their labors there.

HARDESTY, OKLAHOMA

Evangelist and Mrs. Otto A. Busch are now in a revival at the church in Hardesty, Oklahoma. The Lord has been blessing the church in a gracious way. Donald D. Dibbens, Pastor.

DUMAS, TEXAS

Evangelist and Mrs. Jack Barker have recently concluded a revival campaign in Dumas, Texas. The entire church was revived, and the people are on fire for God. Rev. and Mrs. John Modrick, Pastors.

CRANDALL, MISSISSIPPI

Good reports come in from the work at Crandall and vicinity. The church is still moving on with victory and blessing. Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Eaken, Ministers.

WALLER, TEXAS

Brother Ed and Sister Frances Stork are now entering their second year as pastors of the Waller church. The church has made great strides in spiritual things. The church building has been leveled and new sills put in, windows repaired, and two coats white paint on the outside with new full length screens. On the inside woodwork has been refinished in white, two new Sunday School rooms built, also new pulpit and venetian blinds.

Evangelist Beulah Clay recently held a good revival, the church was really revived, many victories gained and some received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Regular services every Thursday night, also Sunday morning and Sunday night. The Young People's service each Sunday evening is led by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Flora.

LOGAN, OKLAHOMA

Rev. and Mrs. Kay Kerr are pastoring the Midway Country Church, Logan, Oklahoma, while its regular pastor, Rev. Marcus L. Adair is on a trip to Palestine.

Obituaries

George Galen Fullbright was born October 5, 1945, and departed this life February 6, 1951.

Though only a child, little George liked to memorize scripture. Two of his favorite scriptures were "The Lord is my Shepherd," and "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found."

He leaves to mourn his passing, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orville H. Fullbright of Spearman, Texas, two sisters, Orlene and Cloetta Kaye, and a lot of relatives and friends.

Mrs. Jewell Thomason, wife of Wilborn Thomason of Elmwood, Oklahoma, was fatally injured as the result of an auto accident on December 24, 1950.

Emma Jewell was the oldest daughter of George and Carrie Shook and was born near Salem, Missouri, May 13, 1903. She had lived in the Elmwood community since 1923. She was converted and baptized by Rev. Johnnie Modrick in March, 1932. She with her family was faithful in her attendance at the Apostolic Faith Church in Balko.

She is survived by her husband, Wilborn Thomason; one daughter, Marie; two sons, Raymond and Ervin; a sister, Mrs. Lee Thomason; a brother, Vernon Shook; a stepmother, Mrs. G. W. Shook and five half-brothers, Duard, Delmar, Dean, Arlen and Jesse Shook, all of Beaver.

Funeral services were held in Beaver with Rev. John Whipple officiating, assisted by Rev. H. Cecil Hull.

George Kivel, 88 years of age, of Port Huron, Michigan, passed away at his home on January 28, 1951. Brother Kivel's home was open for many years to ministers and Gospel Workers and all visiting in the north always found a warm welcome. May God bless the memory of this Christian friend.



MISSIONARY PAGE



GREETINGS FROM ALASKA!

We trust God is blessing you abundantly in your services since returning from Europe. I know you have seen and heard many things that will be of help in your ministry.

We did appreciate the last Missionary offering and it was applied to the building fund and may God bless those who made it possible.

Have had a number of good reports from the Bible School. We are happy God is blessing as He is . . . we wish many times we could be in the meetings.

Almost a year has slipped by since we returned to Alaska. The Lord has been very gracious to us in the building effort. The inside of the building is to be completed yet as well as about three or four weeks work outside. But having it far enough along to meet in is a miracle to us and we give God the praise for it all. The cold weather this winter has proven the heating system is too small and we want to enlarge it this summer by installing a new furnace. We had services at 40 below and the building was a bit cool to have a long service at 58 or 60 degrees inside. We have a service every night but Tuesday and that has been our "work-night." So the work goes on under full schedule.

The war outlook from here isn't too good. For sometime now the interceptor fighter groups have kept at least one jet fighter warmed up and ready for action any hour of the day or night. They are kept busy in "alerts" that come quite frequently now. These are practice alerts only. I don't think there will be a mass evacuation from here but the wives and the children of military personnel have plans already outlined to follow should it become necessary. There is certainly a lot of activity in the air all

the time.

Some have asked about our "New Life" paper and an issue will be coming soon, but it had to be discontinued from the monthly basis.

We really miss the Rees'. Have recently received a sermon from them by tape recording. This has been used on our broadcast. Those visits on tape are very real and we appreciate hearing the voices of friends this way.

Remember us in prayer. May God bless every effort for Him in these last days.

Bob, Twanda and
Mark Palmer



ALASKA . . . A Mission Field

Out of a population of 135,000 in Alaska, only 25,000 are church members and 14,000 of these are Roman Catholics. Roman Catholicism is the leading denomination, with 50 churches. The Assemblies of God are second, having 18 assemblies. Alaska is an open field. Pray for Alaska and our own missionaries, the Robert Palmers who are carrying on an extensive work in the church and by way of radio in Anchorage.

A BOY FOR BEYDLERS

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Beydler, Missionaries in Hawaii, have adopted a boy who was 1 year old on February 19. He weighs 22 pounds and is 28 inches high. He has brown hair and eyes and is of fair complexion. They have named him Richard Wayne.

EVERYONE MUST BE A MISSIONARY

The following is the standard set by a Christian group in India among the untouchables. Anyone wishing to be a member of the church must satisfactorily fulfill this sevenfold requirement:

1. He must conduct family devotions in his own home, so that his family may realize what is involved.

2. He must learn to read in order that he may read the Bible.

3. HE MUST ATTEND ALL SERVICES OF HIS CHURCH DURING THE WEEK AND ON SUNDAY.

4. He must tithe even though he may be able to give only a handful of rice.

5. He must attend a class in which he studies the doctrines of the Christian religion.

6. HE MUST BREAK COMPLETELY WITH HIS CASTE by eating in public with Christians who have originally come from other castes, thereby proving to the non-Christian group that he is really in earnest.

7. He must win some one else to Christ.

When he has done these things, HE MAY THEN BECOME A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH.

The Gospel is greater than the bounds by which humans would limit it. Jesus died for both Jew and Samaritan; for all, Jew and Gentile.

"I have never heard anything about the resolutions of the disciples, but a great deal about the Acts of the Apostles."
—Horace Mann.

We are indebted to the Book of books for our national ideals and institutions. Their preservation rests in adhering to its principles.
Herbert Hoover

"A church that is wrapped up in itself is a small package."

Alive Forever More

He is risen . . . Come, see the place where the Lord lay." Matt. 28:6. This was the word of the angel. But the priests said, "His disciples came by night, and stole Him away." Whom are you going to believe, the truthful angel or the lying priests? Do you believe in a risen Christ or in one stolen out of the tomb? You have to believe the heavenly testimony or the earthly perversion.

It was a complete resurrection. The angel said, "Come, see the place where the Lord lay." Peter saw the tomb empty. An empty tomb! What did it mean? It was the harbinger of the fact that, sooner or later, every tomb would be emptied, that every being who has died will be resurrected. How? It is written in Psalm 33:9, "He spake, and it was done." Worlds were formed by His word. And He can easily cause atom to come to atom, gases to solidity, and spirit to reinhabit the resurrected body.

If the spirit could be kept alive in paradise for thousands of years, God is surely able to cause the outer covering to be re-formed and re-assembled and fitted for the spirit that once occupied the earthly body. The angels that left their first estate were kept in prison, and God has preserved the elements that made up the bodies of the departed.

Do you say that, because you cannot see the particles of the body that was buried years ago, they have disappeared? They have not. Suppose an immense factory was burned down. A few walls and other items are left. Do you say, "It is all gone." It has changed its texture, but not a particle is lost.

Death is not the end. Job said, "In my flesh shall I see God." Job 19:26. He spake for righteous flesh. All will have to come forth from the grave, "they that have done good, unto

the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation," John 5:29.

It is written, "Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept." I Cor. 15:20. He is raised from above the earth into the heaven of heavens, now to appear in the presence of God for us. He is the forerunner. And He says to believers, "Where I am, there ye may be also." John 14:3. He, the glorified Man, lives. God raised Him from the dead, far above all principalities and powers, and seated Him at His own right hand, triumphant over the material, over fallen angels, and over the prince of the fallen ones.

Earth is closer to heaven today than it was before the fall of Adam. The Son of God, who came from heaven, shed His blood upon the earth. The blood of God's own Son stained the earth. By that precious blood He redeemed men. By that same blood He redeemed the earth. There is a time coming when the victory purchased by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ at Calvary will be seen to be effectual in the undoing of all the curse of the earth. The serpent's trail, and all the curse appertaining to the occupation of the earth by Satan and his hosts, will be counteracted, cleaned and removed on the grounds of the full redemption that Christ paid in the shedding of His precious blood. Then shall we see the full manifestation of the complete redemption purchased on Calvary; every thorn and brier will have to be nullified.

The redeemed ones will occupy the redeemed earth. The paradise regained will exceed the paradise lost. Even Adam will have to confess that the latter glory was greater than the former. The rule of the earth will

not be entrusted to Adam but will be given to David's Son, the last Adam, and He will never lose the heritage. He shall sit on the throne of His father, David, for ever and ever. Luke 1:32, 33.

Christ is risen! Risen, never to die again! And He shall reign for ever and ever! And He the Risen One gives to His redeemed a commission; He entrusts to them a task. He bids them, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15. He will be with His own for all time and even in the distant vistas of eternity. He gives assurance to those that are His, "Because I live, ye shall live also." John 14:19.

INCREASE YOUR VALUE

It is said that five dollars' worth of raw steel, when taken into a watch factory and made into hairsprings, becomes worth more than sixty thousand dollars. This same steel may be made into knives, or a number of other things, but no one of them will be worth as much as the springs.

In every piece of steel there is locked up the possibility of hairsprings. The steel may go to make something else worth less, but all the time it has possibility of being greatly increased in value.

The life of every young person is like that piece of steel. You may not appear worth much to the world now, but your value to the world is not altogether in what you are now, but what you may become.

How can you make your life reach its highest value? By investing it in the place where the greatest and highest use of it can be made. There is only one such place and that is in serving God. The life that is devoted to God's service always brings out its greatest possibilities and increases its value to the highest possible degree.

The sword conquers for awhile, but the Spirit conquers forever.

MORE THAN WE EXPECT

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wolf on the fold." To his captains and soldiers he could say, "Be strong and courageous, be not afraid nor dismayed for the king of Assyria, nor for the multitude that is with him, for there be more with us than with him: with him is an arm of flesh, but with us is the Lord our God to help us and to fight our battles." But to his God he could pray, "Save thou us out of his hand."

"And it came to pass that night that the angel of the Lord went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five thousand . . . so Sennacherib king of Assyria departed." Hezekiah received the defense of the city plus the death of the oppressor's army so that the wolf came not again upon the fold of Judah!

Daniel mourned deeply for the desperate moral and spiritual condition of his people in captivity with prayer, supplication, fasting and sack cloth and ashes, saying, O Lord, to us belongeth confusion of face, because we have sinned against thee . . . O Lord, forgive, O Lord, defer not, for thine own sake . . ." From the depths of despair he was lifted to revelation, "The street of thy city shall be built again, and the wall, in troublous times." Not only did there come to Daniel by word of Gabriel the glad message that the captivity would be concluded and the capital city soon rebuilt, but beyond the seventy "sevens" there was to be the promised Saviour. A message from heaven plus the Messiah! Jerusalem plus Jesus!

The "exceeding abundantly" of divine promise is not limited to the days of the Old and New Testament. Luther at Worms, on the eve of appearing before Charles V and the Diet of German nobles, was overwhelmed by a sense of inner meekness and unworthiness. Hear him pray with tears and impassioned cry-

ing, "Almighty God, how dreadful is the world, behold, how its mouth opens to swallow me up! O! the weakness of the flesh and the power of Satan! . . . Help me against the wisdom of this world! . . . For-sake me not, for the sake of thy well-beloved Son, Jesus Christ, my defense, my buckler and my stronghold." Out of weakness made strong, out of trembling made to triumph, out of faltering prayer to fearless speech, out of the fear of man to faith in the Highest came Luther to testify before the mightiest prince in Christendom, and to say, "Here I stand, so help me, God!" Not only victory for the Reformation but also a voice for the Word of God that could not be silenced. Testimony plus triumph!

It was the same on that first Easter morning — for darkness, the dawn of a new day; for the stone, a broken seal; for human inertia, an earthquake; for arrogant guards, angels; for tears, an empty tomb; for mourning, the Messiah; for bewildered hearts, burning hearts; for ache of heart, hurrying feet; for sorrow, singing; for grief, the Gospel; for a corpse, the Christ — in the exultant paean of the prophet, "beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness!" Sunrise plus the Saviour, Easter morning plus everlasting life, the empty tomb plus opened heavens! The exceeding abundantly above all they could ask or even think!

And it shall be best of all — at His coming again. Do we have as much understanding and expectation of the coming of Jesus as the women and the disciples had of the Resurrection? I wonder. We think them slow of heart to believe all the prophets. The Lord himself had told of His being raised from the dead. And yet do we not go from day to day to meet the Bridegroom with bowed head and fainting heart, with confused mind and busy hands, with no real anticipation of his Sec-

ond Coming? Is it to us a "blessed" hope, a purifying hope?

The Coming of Jesus, believe it or not, will be beyond our highest hopes and deepest dreams. What will it be? The trump of God, the resurrection of the dead in Christ, the reunion in the air! Mother will be there and father, the little sister who loved the Lord Jesus and the brother who was a soldier of Christ as well as of his country, the wife who laid down life's heavy load with a smile. All the Lord's will be there — and best of all will be the sight of Him! Loved ones plus the Lover of our soul! Always the plus!

God will give us expectation unlimited, that we walk all our days in the light of Him who does always the exceeding abundantly above what we ask or think. God help us to believe in reality that although "eye hath not seen nor ear heard . . . what God hath prepared for them that love him . . . God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit."

It will be more than we can ask. It may be sooner than we think!

FIVE SIGNS OF THE TIMES

1. The falling away from the true faith, side by side with the development of spiritism and other evil cults. 2 Thess. 2.

2. A mighty and miraculous return of the Jews to Palestine from all countries. Isa. 11:11-16; Jer. 16:14-15.

3. A state of licentiousness which is leading to a condition comparable to the days of Noah, and to the days of Lot. Luke 17:26-30.

4. A time of worldwide terror and commotion caused by threats of war, international rivalries, political discontent, labor strife, and social instability. Luke 21:7-28.

5. The evangelization of the world as a last call preceding the coming of the world's true King. Matt. 24:14.

THE LAND OF PROMISE

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and it is manifest to even unbelievers that you have the Holy Ghost. If you speak in tongues, you have some other gift besides tongues. God said severally divided, so you have more than one. If you are satisfied just to speak in tongues and are not concerned about any other gift, you do not know what he gave you and have never exercised the power he intended you to have. I have spoken in many languages since the Holy Spirit came in nearly 50 years ago, but I have never claimed the gift of tongues because I know he gave me other gifts that have been permanent and are still operating in my life; still other gifts I have experienced at different times when they were necessary in my ministry, so I know the gifts of the spirit are for all of us today. No one will ever get farther than they can see. If you are content to just be a common Christian, just missing the lake of fire, and have no vision of the glories God has prepared for those who will walk close to him, you will never be filled with his fullness. How small we are, choosing to be beggars when we might be kings, heirs and joint heirs with Jesus Christ, the King of Kings. Believe all of what God says. If he meant any of it he meant all of it, and he will prove it if you will give him a chance.

Jesus never intended that his church should be so helpless, or he would never have promised them, "Greater things than these shall ye do, because I go to my father." He intended that we should be equipped to do all he tells us to do. Tongues is a gift, but where are the other eight? Paul tells us to COVET earnestly the best gifts. If you covet a thing, you will strive for it. Tongues edify the one who speaks, and is a sign to unbelievers. Prophecy edifies the church. Never in the history of the world has there

been a time when God's people needed wisdom as they do today. God says his people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Words of wisdom and knowledge are both gifts of the spirit, and we need them — there are such delusions everywhere. So many are wandering around trying to find faith; where are the workers of miracles, and those who can prophesy? Where is discerning of spirits and real interpretation? God hasn't changed his mind or his plan; he has them all for those who covet them and will seek his face believing. Interpretation is just as real as tongues is real. There is no language that cannot be interpreted; even angels were always understood when they spoke to anyone, and if the Holy Ghost can speak in any tongue he can repeat what he said in English. When the interpretation does not correspond with the Bible I refuse to accept it. Some say I don't believe in Pentecost. Yes, I believe in REAL Pentecost. Brother, Sister, if you have something you are afraid to have investigated, you had better pray through and get something real, for there is no foolishness with God or the Holy Ghost; every man's work will be tried by the fire, and he will not give you something that will not stand the test. God has grown tired of a luke warm church that has a form of godliness and denies the power thereof. He is calling his people to move forward. He is surely pouring out his spirit, on everyone who will humble themselves, regardless of what denominational name they carry; anyone who will pay the price can have God's best. If you are not willing to die to your self and lay down your old opinions, your jealousy, and selfishness to get in the will of God, don't be like the dog in the manger who couldn't eat the hay and wouldn't let the ox eat it. Your criticisms only hurt you and will cost you the smile and approval of God.

When Israel went in to pos-

sess the land, they went as a people — not just a few; and God is calling his people as a body right now to move forward and prove him. He is saying to us as he did to Joshua, "Every where the sole of your foot shall tread upon I have given you." The land is full of the fruits and gifts of the spirit. Come on, let's go! No real believer can be defeated, because his faith is not in himself but in the word of God and His ability to do just what he promised. Launch out; God said he would give you all the land your faith would claim, and he will meet you every step; he is looking for miracle men and women. Will you be one of them? Die out to your own will and way and get into the will of God and you will find that you are in the land. Stir up the gift God gave you long ago. If you have none, seek his face until he rains down righteousness upon you. He is coming soon; He is getting his elect ready; His people are moving forward and no army of giants can stop a band of real believers; we are going to win because he is for us; He knows the world is asking, where is your wonderful God? and he wants us to show them that we have Israel's God and he is the same, yesterday, today, and forever. Get awake, Brother! Get busy! We are already moving forward. Don't disappoint Him. Can't you see the sky is already glowing with the light of his coming? Better get your wedding garment on and your lamp burning bright. He may come any hour. He is coming soon, He is coming soon, with joy we welcome His returning. It may be morn, it may be night or noon, but Alleluia, we know he is coming soon.

God bless you, be sure you are ready!

A PREACHER'S PRAYER

Dear Lord, fill my mind
With worth-while stuff—
And nudge me hard
When I've said enough.

Resurrection

F. W. Smith

"Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures." That fact is good news, and it is a glorious and necessary central Bible truth. But it is only half of the truth. In I Corinthians 15, Paul declares, "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the Gospel, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that He rose again, the third day, according to the Scriptures."

Not only was the preaching of the Cross the apostolic message, but also the bodily resurrection of Christ was an essential part of the apostles' testimony. For "with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus."

But the important question is, What does the resurrection of Christ mean to you? Here are several things that it ought to mean and can mean, to every person. It first means, the way to the abundant life. Christ lives, and He wants to live in your heart; to make His home there permanently. That is abundant life. It also means the abolition of fear. If we have the living Christ, we have the One who holds the keys of death and the grave. Then, too, it means we have a glorious hope. Because He was resurrected, we too, shall be resurrected, "We shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is."

All of these promises, however, are conditional. And that condition is, that "The Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you." You see, "If any man hath not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His." But if Christ is in you by faith, then the Holy Spirit is there, and you have all these promises as yours.

The justified believer will not come into judgment but has passed from death unto life.

