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Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

Serve the Lord with gladness;

Come before his presence with singing.



Know ye that the Lord he is God;

It is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;

We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

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.



## SERMON OF THE MONTH

### "WHAT THINK YE OF CHRIST?"

By REV. DONALD D. DIBBENS

Our scripture reading is found in Matt. 22:34-46. We have chosen verse 42 as the center of our thinking. **"Jesus asked them, saying what think ye of Christ? Whose son is He? They say unto Him, the Son of David."**

From the beginning of Jesus' ministry, different ones or groups had tried, unsuccessfully, to trap him. They had used almost every means that could be thought of to do this. The Pharisees tried to trap Jesus with the question, "Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not?" Jesus readily answered this question, **"Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's."** The Sadducees, on the same day, questioned him about the resurrection, trying to entangle him, but Jesus astounded them with His explanations and answers. Then the Pharisees attempted once more to catch Him on the question, "Which is the great commandment, in the law?" Jesus was very pointed in His answer and left them no room for doubt. **"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God, with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy 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."** Before the Pharisees could get away, Jesus turned the tables and put them on the spot. He asked them this question, **"What think ye of Christ?"** I would present to you this same question.

The answer lies in one of two extremes, or somewhere between these two extremes. The extreme "lack of love" is portrayed in the example of Judas Iscariot, who betrayed the Lord. On the other hand, extreme "love" is exhibited in the example of Mary Magdalene. I mention the example of Judas Iscariot merely to show this side of the question. I don't want to deal with

the bad side, but we cannot entirely ignore that side. Because, to me, Mary Magdalene represents the essence of true love and devotion, I have chosen her as the extreme good example. There are many who could be used in this example, and perhaps you might choose some other character. However, regardless of what character we individually might choose, I think we all understand the true meaning. These two, Judas Iscariot and Mary Magdalene, answered the question, "What think ye of Christ" by their actions and deeds. Beloved, we too will answer this question by our actions and deeds. Our lips may speak great and eloquent words and make fine assertions, but our actions speak so loud no one is able to hear what we say.

I would like to call four great Bible characters to our attention and ask them the question, **"What think ye of Christ?"** I feel that these four great men can inspire us to more noble actions and deeds in making our answer.

First I would call on Pilate. This man was the Governor of Judea. He was high in political and social ranks. Not only was he a sound thinking man, and a man well qualified for the position which he held; but he was also a man whose judgment was recognized as fair, and balanced. Though he may have pulled political strings and put over some shady deals, yet he was counted as a fair judge. After listening to the accusation of Jesus, by the High Priests, he questioned Jesus quite thoroughly. Pilate, "What do you think of Christ?" His answer is recorded in Luke 23:4, **"Then said Pilate to the Chief Priests and to the people, 'I find no fault in this man'."** Let us note that Pilate spoke this to the chief priests and to the people. These people and priests were the ones who were putting the pressure upon Pilate; yet he spoke words and gave an answer that has been echoed again and again, **"I find no fault in this man."**

Let us call on John the Baptist. This is the preacher of repentance who came as a light from the Judean wilderness saying, **"Repent ye,**

**for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."** He had one of the greatest messages that the world has ever heard — REPENTANCE. Beloved, that message is still needed today. True repentance will do more for an individual than any other one thing I know. It puts us in a position where God can do something for us. John was baptizing one day in the river Jordan, and saw Jesus coming toward him. John, "What think ye of Christ?" The answer is found in John 1-29 . . . **"Behold, the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."** John leaves no doubt in our minds as to what he thinks of Christ. His life proved true. He faced the murdering hand of Herod and the subtle planning of the Queen with this reassuring message from the Man of Galilee—**"Tell John, the lame walk, the blind see, the deaf hear, and the poor have the Gospel preached to them."**

Now let us call on Simon Peter. Mat. 16:13-18, **"When Jesus came into the coasts of Ceasaree Philippi, He ask His Disciples, Saying, whom do men say that I the Son of Man am? And they said, some say that thou art John the Baptist: some Elias: and others Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, but whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, thou are the Christ, the Son of the Living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but My Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."** Simon Peter answered with more authority than just word of mouth. He answered by divine revelation, **"Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God"**. Let me go on record right here that I too, with Simon Peter and a host of others, believe in the trinity of the Godhead (Father, Son, and Holy Ghost). Again the life of a man proved what he said. Simon Peter gave his all for what he thought of Christ. These three men—Pilate, John the Baptist, and Simon Peter—were personally acquainted with Jesus. They met Him, talked with Him face to face, and then left these testimonies which have echoed down

the corridors of time.

Our final example was a man who was not privileged to have this personal association with Jesus, but he knew Jesus and had a definite contact with Him. Let us call on Brother Paul. Paul, **"What think ye of Christ?"** We read in his letter to the Philippians, Chapter 3, verse 8, the feelings of Paul's heart. **"Yea, doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ."** Paul left no doubt about his meaning this, as his life's history proves these words true. His estimation of Christ was of the highest order. He gave his all just to obtain a righteous resurrection, just to be more and more like Jesus every day.

We have called four Bible characters to record on this question, **"What think ye of Christ?"** I want to go just a little further. These four men are enough to satisfy any question in our minds, but let me put the icing on the cake by calling a few more to record.

Jesus is able to meet any phase of life from the lowly beggar to the highest social order. This is one of the great mysteries of Christianity. It is at home in any field of endeavor. I realize that an individual can include or exclude Christianity from his field of endeavor, and I know that Christianity will not compromise with some fields of endeavor, but basically Christianity will meet any need and fit into any picture.

Let us call some of the fields of endeavor to record and ask them the question, **"What do you think of Christ?"**

The Artist — "He is the one altogether lovely."

The Architect — "He is the Chief Corner Stone."

The Astronomer — "He is the Sun of Righteousness and the Bright and Morning Star."

The Baker — "He is the living Bread."

The Biologist — "He is Life".

The Jeweler — "He is the Pearl of Great Price."

The Builder — "He is the Sure Foundation".

The Carpenter — "He is the Door."

The Doctor — "He is the Great

## Apostolic Faith Bible School

**Come one, come all, to the longer term of the Apostolic Faith Bible School. Enrollment will be on Nov. 4th. There will be a fine, well qualified and consecrated faculty to instruct you. Each class will be a blessing. Every service ordered of the Lord. This is a time to grow in the Lord, and be taught of Him. Bro. R. D. Wooster, as superintendent, will take a personal interest in each one of you. Make this the largest and best term ever. Students, make it a matter of prayer, and you will find that the Apostolic Faith Bible School, Baxter Springs, Kans., is the place for you.**

### CONGRATULATIONS TO —

Rev. and Mrs. Larry Welsh of Camp Wood, Texas, on the birth of a daughter on October 2nd. She was named Elizabeth Diann.

Physician."

The Educator — "He is the Great Teacher."

The Farmer — "He is the Sower."

The Florist — "He is the Rose of Sharon, the Lily of the Valley."

The Geologist — "He is the Rock of Ages."

The Philanthropist — "He is the Unspeakable Gift."

The Servant — "He is the Good Master."

**What Is Christ To You?** I feel it is only fair to warn you that you are molding your answer every day that passes. It is good to say "I love the Lord", but it is better to prove it by daily actions and deeds.

Let us be like Paul and, when our race is run, be able to say, **"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing"**. Someday your answer will be lifted high for all to see. There is no way to avoid answering this question, **"What think ye of Christ?"**

## NEW CHURCH DEDICATED AT SPEARMAN, TEXAS

We the people of the Spearman Country Church are now at home in our new Apostolic Faith Church on South Dressen and West 9th streets in Spearman, Texas. We are so grateful to the dear Lord for permitting us to have this nice new building and cordially invite everyone for services and extend a hearty welcome to all ministers and gospel workers of like precious faith to come by, bringing encouragement to us with gospel messages and songs, and ever we desire the prayers of all.

We also wish to thank everyone who have prayed or have helped in any way in the building of this house.

Dedication was at 2:30 p.m. Sept. 15th. Many of the pastors and evangelists with others from the neighboring churches were present this day. This filled our hearts with praise, making us to remember the scripture, "We are labourers together with God."

Service began by singing the old song, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name". Several weeks ago this song was requested by Sister Irene I. Dilworth. Opening prayer by Bro. Robert Girouard, followed by congregational singing led by Marcus L. Adair. Constitution and by-laws were read by Bernard Byers, who is a member of the board of trustees. Three special songs were: "Follow Me" by Bro. K. Kerr, "When the Curse Is Lifted," a duet by Bro. and Sis. Floyd Lamunyon; and "God Bless This House," a solo by La-Moyne Barker. The message was delivered by Bro. Ben Barker of Enid, Okla. Dedication prayer was by Bro. F. P. Copeland. Before dismissal, three small children brought by their mothers were dedicated unto the Lord.

Because of the Lord's presence in the service, it was certainly a time of rejoicing.—Mrs. E. A. Greever, pastor.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO —

Rev. and Mrs. Harrol Waterbury on the birth of a daughter born October 7th. She was given the name, Sherri Renee.

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## From My Viewpoint

By Gail Schultz  
(EDITORIAL)

Have you ever stopped to ponder the Glory of the Lord and the wonder of His doings? Surely it is worth our while to serve the Lord and give an account unto Him. He watches over each of us, moves in our hearts and lives, so that we find an assurance that gives us light and strength.

Here we are at Lovington, New Mexico, (Oct. 14) and we feel the Lord has sent us here for a purpose. I cannot predict the outcome of this revival, or any other revival, for that matter, but we are told to "preach the Word" and that is what we are doing. Yesterday morning we had as our guests Bro. and Sis. Ware and son from Seagraves. We enjoyed them coming so much. Then last night we had Bro. and Sis. Moses and family from Andrews, Tex. We enjoy them too, and hope that all of them can return many times to this meeting. We understand that it is difficult to get people from Lovington to attend the church here. The church is an extra nice building and in a perfect location, so let us agree in prayer that the Lord will turn

### WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Worth of Las Vegas, Nev., announce the marriage of their daughter, Lorraine, to Mr. Frank F. Pavalillo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew R. Pavalillo of Niles, Ohio. The groom is now stationed at the Nellis A.F.B. in Las Vegas. The wedding was solemnized in the home of the bride's parents, with Rev. Etta Mae Peters officiating.

### BOOKER, TEXAS—

Bro. Bob Russell is on an extended evangelistic tour in the west. He had been in service at El Centro and as reported to me is doing all he can to get a meeting at Las Vegas, Nev. This is a place that needs this Gospel. Do pray that God will hear the cry of these people.

His favor upon the work in such a manner that it will grow, even if people have to come in, that is move in from other points. Our God has never lost a battle, so let us go forth with courage. I feel before long that this will be a great place of service with many souls reached.

Thank you one and all for helping the paper grow as it is. Keep sending in new names and your offerings. There is a growing demand from Apostolic Faith Gospel tracts. Shall we print a few? We need some good ones on salvation, others on other important subjects of the Bible.

I wish that you folk could see how badly we need a filing cabinet for the addresses. One will cost about \$100.00. I have not checked this price exactly. We are now getting so many cards and so many trays that they are most difficult to handle without the cabinet. I had to order some more new trays last week. So again we ask your prayers that we might see this need filled.

The paper will go out this month, that is the November number while we are away. Bro. and Sis. Methvin will take charge and do this work with the help of others. I could not carry on with out this kind of help. May God bless each of them and you too that continue to make possible this paper.

## Lines From The Co-Editor

May God's blessings be upon every one of you Report readers.

We have surely enjoyed God's love and goodness since the last time we were together, but it's good to be coming your way again.

Thanksgiving is here again and we have so much to be thankful for. We in America are surely blessed of God. But sometimes I wonder if God isn't forgotten just a bit. Let us take a glance at some of the blessings of God: Our Family, our friends and loved ones, our brothers and sisters in the Lord, the clothes we wear, the food we eat. Then there are the beauties of nature we are allowed to view such as the trees, flowers, rivers, birds, etc. All these God allows us to enjoy, for which we thank Him very much. But the greatest blessing of all is God's son, who gave his life a ransom for each one of us. For this expression of his love to mankind, we give him our deepest thanks and love.

Let us all remember not only in the Thanksgiving season should we be thankful to God, but in our every day life let us look always to our great God and be so thankful we came in contact with our Father.

Christian Love,  
M. D. Methvin

### LAVERNE, OKLAHOMA—

Here at Laverne the work of the Lord is progressing nicely. They are still happy about the revival that the Lord gave them in the early fall. There is a growth in the church and Bro. and Sis. Waterbury are putting forth every effort to see more souls reached. You can't go wrong when you call this church, your church home.

### KINGS MILL, TEXAS—

October 9th was the beginning date of the revival that is in progress at Kings Mill. Bro. and Sis. Amos Harris are the evangelists and Bro. and Sis. Edwin Waterbury are the pastors. God is blessing in this work—don't pass it by if you are traveling that way.

## "MY THOUGHTS"

By MARY LUCILLE GAINES

The Holy Spirit revealed to me this afternoon concerning the church as a whole. How beautiful and perfect it was set in order by God back in the book of Exodus. Moses being called up into the mountain. Aaron and his sons set apart for the priest's office. Every good and perfect gift came from above.

Back in the Book of Genesis chapter 2, verse 7 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. This man's name was Adam, he gave names to all cattle, and the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field: but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him. And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made He a woman, and brought her unto the man. Everything was good until the serpent deceived Eve. Then came man's shameful fall. Down through the ages man has tried to change things to suit himself. As the little boy said one time, "Me wants to do what me wants to do," not realizing what "Thus saith the Lord."

Here we are in a great time of trouble such as the world has never had neither shall it be again. Esau sold his birthright for a mess of pottage and has been plundering around Jacob's people ever since, which are the Jews. We might look at our church world like this, Jacob a type of the church—Esau type of the world or state. One wants to do what they want to do, forgetting what God would have them do. All He asks is our reasonable service. Man and woman have become so unreasonable. It is so difficult for the Holy Spirit to get through to condemn and convict and show the judgments that are sure to come.

Corporation we need—yes, Compromise—no. This last word compromise is what has our country, church and state in the perilous times we have. This means we are

living in dangerous times. Everything is so uncertain. Our people living dangerously, committing the same sins, seeking the same pleasures as they were in the days of Noah. As it was in the days of Noah so shall it be in the day of the coming of the Son of Man.

Christians let us mortify (1. make ashamed; humiliate. 2. overcome bodily desires and feelings) by pain and self-denial, the deeds in our own bodies so when the trumpet blows, the dead which are in Christ shall rise first, then we which remain will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. So shall we ever be with the Lord. Praise His Name.

Any power, man or woman that denies incarnation, I Jno. 4th chapter 3rd verse, is anti-Christ. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh, is of God: and every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh, is not of God. And this is that Spirit of anti-Christ, whereof ye have heard that it should come, and even now already is it in the world. Anti-Christ spirit is—Hate, Jesus Christ is God—Love. And this commandment have we from Him, that he who loveth God love his brother also. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his the fearful, and unbelieving, and the God, and he shall be my Son. But abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

God's word never changes, it is the same yesterday—today and forever. With all my heart I pray we will all be hid away with Christ in God, protected with His great Love for the truth as we find it in Christ Jesus until we all meet at Jesus feet around the Throne of Our God.

Queer thing, but we always think every other man's job is easier than our own. And the better he does it, the easier it looks.—Eden Phillpotts.

Faith is the daring of a soul to go farther than it can see.—(William N. Clarke).

## NOTES FOR HEALING FOR SPIRIT, SOUL AND BODY

I Thess. 5:23-24.

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.**

1. Be preserving healing - lasting.
2. What kind of spirit do you have? (Do you seek deliverance or sympathy?)
3. It is said by spirituality that we reach a higher frequency and a new dimension? Could this be? Let us seek God for His best things.
4. Sometimes our actions make us sick or we make others sick, because we seek human strength and aid in place of God's.
5. It is now a known fact that the attitude of the mind can produce sickness. (Satan working in place of faith.)
6. Often Psychiatry is sought because people do not trust in God.
7. Your surroundings may invite sin and sickness. (Look away to the Cross.)
8. Your surroundings may produce sin and sickness. (Eternal values are forgotten—and you sink, in place of rising.)
9. **Rom. 14:7.** For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. Believe God for healing.
10. Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.
11. I want to be healed and get rid of sickness, so that I may glorify God in a well body.
12. I believe now that I can be healed, for the Glory of God.

## LOVINGTON, NEW MEXICO—

These are just the beginning days of a revival (the revival began yesterday, Oct. 13) in the new church here located at 4th and K Sts. This is such a beautiful church, and so well located. Your editor and wife are the evangelists. I can see nothing to keep this work from growing. Bro. and Sis. Steve Welsh are doing a good work here. Ministers don't forget to give this place a service when possible at all.

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**Letter from . . .  
Brother Abraham**

Hebron,  
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Kerala, India  
Sept. 26, 1957

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:  
Greetings to you all in the Sweet Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Thank God for this another opportunity to write this letter to you. As we are unable to write you individual letters as often as we desire, we hope to take some space of the Report and write a few lines to you. So far the Lord has been good to us and He has been blessing us in the Work here.

From the first week of June till the middle of September, the Lord helped me to teach in the Bible School at Kumbanad. This school was started in 1930 by my father (Rev. K. E. Abraham, whom some of you might know) and each year the school is held for three or more months, as the Lord provides the means. This is a Faith School and thus far the Lord helped to carry on the work. We are proud to say that each year several young men and women are trained here and sent out into the ministry. Praise the Lord.

Although the School is over now, I am continuing staying here and am in His Service. I am helping my father in the publication of a monthly paper in Malayalam, our native language. Am also in the ministry as the Youth Director of this area and the Lord is blessing us. During the first week of September we had a very wonderful Youth Camp. The work at Secunderabad too is progressing by the grace of God. The Sunday School work and the church work there, the Lord is blessing. The Lord is saving souls. Praise His Wonderful Name. I know that you, dear ones there, are praying for us.

Let us also take this opportunity to thank you for all the help you are sending us. Some have written and asked, how to send money to us in India. For their information may I say, if you wish to send us any help the best method is to send the same by International Money Order.

**SPRING VALLEY, CALIF.—**

Bro. and Sis. Bob Taylor report from this point that the Lord is blessing in the services which consist of a Wednesday night prayer meeting and Bible Study with different one taking complete charge, then on Friday night there is a "Singtime" service. Every two weeks the Imperial Beach (Palm City) and the Casa De Ora (Spring Valley) churches meet and have a singing convention. This is a blessing to both churches.

Bro. Roland Busch started a revival at Imperial Beach on October 17th. Later on it is the desire of the Spring Valley church to have a revival. Since the property of the Apostolic church has not been declared a restricted business center, there is a deal on to sell, buy or trade, so that the church will have one acre for building and parking in a beautiful location overlooking the valley. Do pray that every thing will work out for them, for they have expended to their limits in the small building that they are in, besides street noises bother the meetings. A request for prayer is made for greater victory and more new souls. May God bless this work.

You may also send checks, but when you enclose checks in the envelopes it will always be safer to send the same by registered post. So the best method is to send the money by International money order. You may send the same in the address given above or to our address at Secunderabad (T. S. Abraham, Gospel Herald Office, Lallaguda P. O., Secunderabad, India). But for your convenience sake, you may send whatever help you wish to send to us, to Rev. Marcus Adair, Box 4, Follett, Texas, and he will send it to us. Thank you very much.

My family is O.K. and send their greetings to you all. We are praying for you. Please continue to pray for us. Your hands to help the work in us. May God bless you and strengthen you. With Christian love and greetings.

Yours in Christ in India,  
T. S. Abraham.

## When We Are Tried

"Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him." Words spoken by the Apostle James, bring to our minds the necessity of our trials. Notice that after we are tried, we receive the crown of life. The prophet Daniel says, "Many shall be purified, and made white and tried." How wonderful to be purified and made white, but how few are willing to go through the trials and tests of refining. In Zechariah God says, "And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried;" And in Malachi we find these words, "And He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; and He shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness."

Perhaps we should think of some of the ways in which our trials or tests might come. Some may come in afflictions. Job was tried with an affliction of sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown. Satan was allowed to destroy all of his household, sons, daughters, servants and stock, and these are the words of Job "But He knoweth the way that I take; when He hath tried me I shall come forth as gold." Through all his trials, Job sinned not, and God blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning. Daniel said, "Before I was afflicted I went astray." We must search our hearts, and if our hearts condemn us, God is greater than our hearts and knoweth all thing. But if our hearts condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God, and know that whatsoever we ask of Him we receive, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. Our affliction isn't always the result of sin, for when Jesus healed the blind man, the question was asked, "Who sinned this man or his parents?" and Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents, but that the glory of God might be revealed." How often have we thought of the

words of David when he said, "Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivereth out of them all." How true that God doth deliver out of them all. The apostle Paul said, "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." Whom the Lord loveth, He chasteneth. Therefore despise not then the chastening of the Lord, for afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

Then there's tribulations. After Jesus had told the Disciples of His departure, he said, "These things have I spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulations; but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." We find Paul, after being stoned and left as dead, exhorting the Disciples to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulations enter into the Kingdom of God. Can we say with the Deciples, we glory in tribulation, knowing that tribulations worketh patience; and patience experience; and experience, hope; and hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. John saw a vision of a great multitude stand before the throne and the Lamb clothed with white robes and glorifying God. And one of the elders answered saying, "What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?" And He answered to me, "These are they which came out of great tribulations, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." Perhaps now we understand more the need for all our tribulations. So many times we wonder "Why Lord?" We may never know why, but we do know that all things work together for good to them that love God.

Now our faith will be tried. James says, "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." Peter says "That the trial of your faith, being much more

## PERRYTON, TEXAS—

We did not get to have a service here because of our limited time, but in our short visit with the pastors we found every one doing nicely, and all reports reaching us were fine. The church is working and growing and Bro. and Sis. LaMunyon are doing an out-standing work. You need this Full Gospel center of worship so make it your place of attendance.

When great decisions are pending, You do not know just what to do, Questions of weight seem unending, You can't see the wisest way through, Go to the great God who made you, And spread it before Him in prayer, Ask for direction and guidance, And then leave the whole matter there.

His hand will guide and direct you, His wisdom, your wisdom shall be. He said, in labor and trouble, Let My children come unto Me.

In the big cities, some of the churches now feature music through loud speakers, prayers by a vending machine, candy and Biblical comics for the children and neon signs outside.

Next step we suppose is the religious super-markets where, with the big economy size sermon, trading stamps and a set of dishes are given away.

precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ." Who also said, "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you; But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings, that, when His glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy."

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love Him. James 1:12.

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## Ye Must Be Born Again

JOHN 3:7

By LELA A. BARFIELD

To find the real beauty of words spoken by the Master we must meditate upon them and meditation always leads to a more fervent quest of God's Word.

Nicodemus believed that Jesus was a teacher come from God yet Jesus said, "except a man be born again he cannot see the Kingdom of God." Nicodemus, a man of worldly wisdom, could not understand how that could be because he had not been born of the Spirit. He could know the things of man by the spirit of man that was in him but the things of God were spiritually discerned. He lacked this spiritual insight because he had not been born of the Spirit. (I Cor. 2:11-14).

Did you ever stop to think of life? Of birth? Take the life of man or beast; or of birds, or of plants. There you always find two stages; namely: conception and birth. There **must** be a time of conception. When does conception take place in the spiritual man? As is the natural, so is the spiritual. The Bible uses natural things to convey the meaning of the spiritual.

In studying the parable of the Sower in Matt. 13th chapter, we find three classes of Christians: the thirty-fold, the sixty-fold, and the hundred-fold.

The thirty-fold christian is the converted man. In other words the seed sown by the Sower fell on good ground which brought forth fruit unto **Repentance**. Remember, part of the seed sown brought forth no fruit as there was merely a root or a plant that was smothered out by cares of this world, pleasures, tribulations, persecution or some other thwart of Satan. This thirty-fold man must have been converted before there could be any fruit or even belong to God. He, I shall liken as in the stage of conception. As is the natural so is the spiritual birth. There must be a time of conception — a time when **Life** begins. As I previously stated a man before conversion does not belong to God and there is **No** life in him. (I John 5:12)

The converted man is the man

who has seen the lost condition of his soul has a real sorrow for his sins and desires to depart from iniquity. He cries out to God in repentance and God saves him the moment he accepts Jesus. **Life** then begins in that man (John 3:16). (I John 5:12) Life begins the moment conception takes place.

This man is saved. He has eternal life if he abides in Christ. As is the natural, so is the spiritual. If life continues and we develop normally there is a period of growth (a time of abiding) before birth takes place. As surely as night follows day a man will be born into the kingdom of God if he abides in Him and is not cast out pre-birth as are many natural. Children who never come to birth. It is the doer of the word and not the hearer that is justified. (Rom. 2:13; James 1:22,23)

In John 1:11 to 13, we find: "He came to his own and his own received him not. But to as many as received Him, to them gave he power to become the Sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." This does not say that the believer is the son of God but the believer **has power to become** the son of God. The believer has life—(John 3:16; I John 5:12) He is conceived by the word and has power to be born again —into the Kingdom of God, and become a real son. But he must exercise his power. He must grow and in growing abide in Him and be fed by the word of God until he is Born Again—not of the flesh but of the Spirit.

"He that doeth the will of God abideth forever" (I John 2:17) and we find that "**this is** the will of God, even your sanctification (I Thes. 4:3) (Heb. 10:10)—"by the which will (of God) we are sanctified by the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all". (II Tim. 2:21; John 17:17; Heb. 13:12 and 13).

Before sanctification (birth) takes place a believer must have reached the stage of consecration. He finds in himself a war among his members that when he would do good evil is always present and he does that thing which he hates; that thing he has resolved time and again not to do. He is yet carnal sold under SIN. Read Romans 7th chapter.

A man has two natures: the natural, sin loving nature before con-

version and the spirit loving nature after conversion. When a man is converted his multitude of sins are forgiven but the old SIN principal remains as is evidenced in Rom. 7. "Let not Sin therefore reign in your mortal body to obey it in the lust thereof." (Rom. 6:12-16) man is still in the flesh as long as the Sin principle remains. This struggle that takes place in every saved man's life—this struggle to do good when "evil is present" is the pre-birth struggle. A child before birth goes through its hardest struggle and I liken this struggle as the **death** of Self and to Self. Paul says in Romans 7:24 "O, wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" The answer in the next verse is: "I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord."

The believer in being delivered from this death struggle and before he becomes a child in reality must seek God to deliver him from the sin-principle. He must consecrate his all on the altar; he must die to self. "That which thou soweth is not quickened except it die." I Cor. 15:36. Did you ever look at the root of a new plant? There you will find the hull of the former seed and out of it springing a new body fresh and tender. It is not that seed that was sown for the old seed is dead and a new life has taken its place.

And a little baby chicken! That chicken was a chicken, or had the making of a chicken, all the time it was under the old hen, but my! what a difference when the old shell came off and out stepped a new creature ready to begin a different stage of life and growth!

Paul says, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, hold, acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service." In old times people had to be cleansed by the blood of bulls, or of goats, before they could enter the "Holy of Holies". They presented a ram or a goat without spot or blemish to God and if the sacrifice were acceptable, He sanctified it.

We are to present out bodies without spot or blemish spiritually cleansed by the blood, unto God. If our offering or sacrifice is acceptable unto God and He knows the heart, He **sanctifies** us and we come

forth of the old man a new creature, **born** into the Kingdom, a "vessel meet for the Master's use and take our inheritance among all them which are sanctified. We have been born again.

Life begins when **we accept** Jesus. Through His shed-blood we have access unto God **who accepts** us. Birth comes when we are accepted of God. The "thirty-fold man has increased to "sixty-fold".

Going back to the newly born things of natural life: There is always a period of rest-cuddled safely in its mother's arms, or hovered safely by the old mother hen! And, O, the mother love for the new creature.

There is a rest to the child of God. Labor to enter that rest. We cannot rest as long as the war is going on in our members—but as soon as we **cease** from our labor, or self-struggle we enter a rest. It is a struggle from conception until birth but O, the sweetness The calm security when we enter that rest for our souls to be kept by a loving and powerful Father.

Business picks up when a chicken comes out of the shell and so does the child of the spiritual kingdom. His eyes are opened. He sees and knows his Father. Before birth there is little, if any, spiritual understanding and he sometimes doubts his conversion. But when one is born of the Spirit he surely opens his eyes and spiritual discernment is given. **He knows his Father!** There is a witness in one's life that tells him he is God's child. "The Spirit itself beareth witness with **our spirit** that we are the children of God." Rom. 8:16 "and we know on whom we believe and that He is able to keep that which is committed unto Him against that day." II Tim. 1:12.

The SIN-PRINCIPLE has been slain, Christ has taken his reign in the heart and an overcoming grace is given. He is no longer under the old law of sin but dead to sin and alive unto Christ. Rom. 6:6-14.

"We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not" (I John 5:18) and that "whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in Him and he cannot sin because he is born of God", (I John 3:9) and "whosoever abideth in Him sinneth not! whosoever sinneth hath

not seen Him, neither known Him."

He that sins is still in the pre-birth stage. He is still letting SIN reign in his mortal body to obey it in the lust thereof and is a servant of SIN—for to whom we yield our members to obey, his servants we are whom we obey. We know that "whosoever is born of God overcometh the World", and as long as SIN remains we are still in the flesh and have not been overcomers through the sanctifying grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

And we know that "they that are in the flesh cannot please God" (not meaning the mortal body). "But ye are not in the flesh but in the spirit if so be the Spirit dwell in you." Rom. 8:8,9. We know that "as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

If we then are led by the Spirit, we are free in Christ Jesus, the children of promise, of the seed of Abraham and no longer the seed of the **bond woman, bringing forth fruit** unto holiness without which no man shall see God.

Then as a child of God we must go through a period of growth just as the natural child must grow. We are fed the sincere milk of the word until we leave childhood. Food for spiritual growth comes from God's word and we grow as we eat it and digest it properly. The more we grow the better able we are to digest the strong meat of the Word.

There are aenemic children in the Kingdom today; there are dwarf children today because of the lack of spiritual food properly given, or because Satan has upset the digestive organs. God grant unto us good spiritual digestive organs that we may grow up unto Him "a perfect man unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ," worthy of receiving the "promise of the Father" which is the enducing of power from on high that we may witness for Him, fully baptized with the Holy Spirit. Then as the fulness of the man in Christ we bring forth fruit an hundred-fold.



#### HARDESTY, OKLAHOMA—

Dear Bro. Schultz,

We will write you a few lines to let you know that God is blessing in our services here in Hardesty, Okla. We just had a very good revival in our church. It was conducted by Bro. and Sis. Jerry McClenagan of Roswell, New Mexico, and Bro. and Sis. Harold Bollinger of Arnett, Okla. Bro. Truman Summerford and Bro. and Sis. Bill Cornell assisted with the wonderful singing in the meeting, they had a male quartet that sang every night that the people enjoyed so much. There were several saved and the church was blessed by the meeting. We do feel that our church is in much better shape than it has been in a long time. We do covet your prayers that God will bless our labors for the Master here and that we will see many more saved in our services.

Yours in the Master's Service,  
Bro. and Sis Eugene Cornell,  
Pastors.

#### LAS VEGAS, NEVADA—

When most of our readers became acquainted with Sister Mable Worth, she and her family resided at Lemon Grove, Calif. They helped to get the work started there at Spring Valley. They now live in Las Vegas, at 1329 Bartlett St., Vegas Heights, and are interested in seeing an Apostolic Faith church in their town. Surely there is an over-ripe harvest here, let us pray that many souls may be rescued. Sis. Etta Mae Peters has been working with these people for the past few weeks.

## CONVOCATION NOTICE

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## Baptism of the Holy Spirit

By IRENE HOLLIS

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is the gift or the receiving of the Holy Spirit in baptismal form in our life. He is the third person of the Godhead. He is a person possessing power and is equal with God the Father and Jesus Christ the Son. Matthew 28:19 "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

The Holy Spirit is called the "Promise of the Father", "The Comforter," "The Spirit of Truth", "A Seal", etc. and "the promise is unto you and to your children and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." Acts 2:39. The Holy Spirit that was sent on the day of Pentecost, is still here and will be here until redemption takes place.

It is God's commandment that we have the Holy Spirit. Acts 1:4 "And being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father which, saith he, ye have heard of me." Luke 24:49, also indicates that we need to receive the Holy Spirit. This scripture says, "And behold I send the promise of my Father upon you, but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high."

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is a definite experience, but in order for an individual to have this experience there are certain conditions that must be met. He can dwell only in a holy or sanctified place. We are the temple of God and the temple of God should be holy, that the Holy Spirit may come and dwell in us. I Cor. 6:19 and II Cor. 7:1. It is the duty of every christian who does not have this gift to have their temples cleansed and ready that they might receive him.

Speaking in tongues is the evidence or the outward sign of the Baptism. The main object when seeking for the Holy Spirit is not to speak in tongues but to receive power, after that the Holy Ghost will come upon you. The tongues

are only for a witness that you have received the Holy Spirit. It is the biblical evidence of the receiving of the Baptism. Acts 2:4, Acts 10:44-48, and Acts 19:6 are three witnesses to establish the word.

Eph. 4:30 "Grieve not the Holy Spirit whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption." II Cor. 1:22 and God hath also sealed us and given the earnest of the spirit in our hearts. The purpose of a seal is to keep secure that which is considered precious, and one of the most precious possessions we can have is the gift of the Holy Spirit. As long as he abides within the heart we are sealed unto the day of redemption, but just because we have this seal, that doesn't mean that the seal cannot be broken. To grieve the Holy Spirit is to break the seal.

In seeking for the Holy Spirit two important words to remember is patience and faith. Hebrews 10:35-36 "Cast not away therefore your confidence which hath great recompence of reward." For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the Will of God, ye might receive the promise. Gal 3:14 that we might receive the promise of the spirit through faith. Hebrew 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: For he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Sin has many tools, but a lie is the handle that fits them all.—Holmes.

After all there is but one race—Humanity.—(George Moore).

### DUMAS, TEXAS—

Dear Bro. Schultz,

Greetings in the name of our Lord. Just a line today to say hello and that we are enjoying the blessings of God while working with the people here in Dumas. Bro. Eugene Raney held us a good two weeks' revival in the latter part of September. Sis. Barbara Robinson helped and we appreciate her help very much. The meeting was a blessing to us and the church. Sunday services at 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Mid-week service, Wed. 7:30 p.m.—Lealand Grimmer, pastor.

### GALENA, KANSAS—

(Empire Mission of North Galena)

Bro. and Sis. Ted Jackson are now pastoring this work, and feel that the Lord is blessing in their efforts. They have a full schedule of services and extend an invitation to all of the Apostolic Faith ministers and workers to come by any time. If you live near this church, make it your church home.

### OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.—

The Midwest Apostolic Faith church is located at 9300 East Reno Street, Oklahoma City. This location is about 10 miles east of downtown, but is easy located and reached. Why not make this your church. Bro. and Sis. Frank Stimson is still pastoring. Their address is 3143 Southwest 20th St. Since all the ministers of the Faith have an invitation to come by at any time, let us all put forth a real effort to go by and help this work grow. We are all needed in order to see more accomplished.

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