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Bylaws of the Apostolic Faith Bible College, Inc.
ARTICLE VII
Doctrine

It is recognized that the true church of Jesus Christ consists of all believers in the saving grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who have accepted him as their personal Saviour. It is recognized and agreed that no organization or man has been granted authority by the Lord to exclude from or accept anyone into the Kingdom of Heaven, as this is done by Jesus Christ only. It is further recognized and agreed that we as Christians are to love all members of the Body of Christ (Christians), and this love and fellowship derives from the unity instilled by the Holy Spirit. Although differences in doctrinal beliefs and interpretations should not influence our love for one another, adherence to similar doctrinal beliefs and modes of worship have bonded together those of the Apostolic Faith Movement as founded by Charles F. Parham in the early 1900's. The scripture teaches us to adhere to the truth and proper doctrine. These common doctrinal beliefs are essentially as follows:

- Triune God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- Creation and Formation
- Man is basically sinful and in need of Salvation
- Salvation by Grace upon repentance toward God and acceptance of Jesus Christ as one's personal Saviour, which is the conception of Spiritual Life.
- Sanctification of the Spirit, Soul and Body. A second definite work of Grace by the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Baptism of the Holy Spirit; evidenced by speaking in other languages.
- Water Baptism (of all believers) by immersion in water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
- Washing of Feet.
- Divine Healing through Jesus Christ for all believers.
- Do not condone divorce and remarriage. Matthew 19:8-9
- Destruction of the Wicked.
- Conditional Immortality.
- Rapture of the Man Child Class.
- Return of Jesus Christ to earth again; bodily and visibly.
- A Ministry supported by tithes and offerings.

These basic doctrines shall be adhered to in the teaching of the Apostolic Faith Bible College, which in addition to other doctrinal teachings approved by the Board from time to time if they are not inconsistent with the above listed basic doctrines.

**YESTERDAY IS A CANCELED CHECK,
 TOMORROW IS A PROMISORY NOTE,
 TODAY IS THE ONLY CASH YOU HAVE.
 SO SPEND IT WISELY.**



1981 has come and gone. As many of you have done I have been looking back over the past year taking inventory of what has been accomplished. 1981 was a good year. God's blessings were so very real and His presence so sweet. I've seen lives changed, sick healed, discouraged lifted up, souls fed and strengthened, needs met. But it seems that the Lord is now asking-What will you do in 82? We don't have the power to go back and re-do the things we didn't quite get done or change the mistakes we've made but God is giving us greater opportunities than ever before. 1982 lies before us and truly the fields are white unto harvest. Jesus Himself said, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is yet day; the night cometh, when no man can work."

May we as God's children purpose in our hearts to do the work that God has sent us to do knowing that He has promised to be with us and guide us into all paths of truth.

—Karen Oakes

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YOUNG PEOPLE

Perhaps the following is not the whole answer, but it does contain some worthwhile thoughts. It is quoted from the bulletin of a small church:

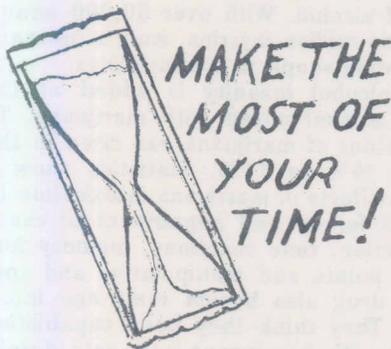
"Always we hear the spoiled, plaintive cry of the teen-ager: What can we do; where can we go?"

"I can make some suggestions. Go home. Paint the woodwork. Mow the lawn. Wash the car. Learn to cook. Scrub the floors. Repair the sink. Build a boat. Get a job!"

Your parents do not owe you entertainment. Your community does not owe you recreational facilities. The world does not owe you a living.

You owe the world something. You owe it your time and energy and your talents. Help your pastor, the Red Cross, the Salvation Army. Visit the sick. Assist the poor. And when you are through-and not too tired-read a book.

Unknown



SAVED IN A GRAVEYARD

Robert Matheson, who became registrar-general for Ireland, once had an hour's wait while changing trains. To pass the time he strolled into a nearby graveyard.

Curiosity led him to remove some weeds from a tombstone. He was astonished to read: "Here lies the body of Robert Matheson."

With startling force he realized that death comes to all. One day, no telling how soon, another Robert Matheson would also lie beneath a tombstone! And, when his soul came face-to-face with its Maker, how would he fare?

From that graveyard he sent up a cry to God for salvation. His prayer was heard, and for the rest of his life he served the Lord.

Robert Matheson never again passed a gravestone without pausing-not to shudder at the grim fact of death, but to recall the happy memory of his conversion. He always remembered the words of King David, "There is but a step between me and death," and was thankful he had called on the Savior before it was eternally too late.

"But a step!" Call upon the Lord while He is near, for the Bible tells us that "whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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 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 recompense 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. Hebrews 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.

FACING THE NEW YEAR

We pledge ourselves to follow through this year
The light which God gives us—

The light of truth, wherever it may lead;

The light of freedom, revealing opportunities for
individual development and service;

The light of faith, opening new visions of the better
world to be;

The light of love, daily binding brother to brother
and man to God in ever closer bonds of friendship and
affection.

Guided by this light

We shall go forward to the work of another year with
steadfastness, courage, and confidence.

—Evangelical Beacon

The Insanity of Sin

“Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a
reproach to any people” Proverbs 14:34.

Through the years of time, Satan has encouraged the
idea that to sin is the smart thing to do. Eve was tempted
to eat of the forbidden fruit under the pretense that it
would make her smart so that she would know good and
evil. It is true that afterward, her eyes were opened and
she realized she had done wrong and oh, how foolish and
insane the idea was. Many people, particularly young
folk, are tempted in similar ways to partake of things that
bind their lives in habits and afterward regret that they
ever participated in the sinful act and realize how insane
it is to sin.

The prodigal son did not realize that he was so foolish
until he came to himself in the pig pen after a meal of
husks. Thru realizing the insanity of his wrong doings, he
repented and returned to be a hired servant rather than
a son. Recently, a young man inherited a sum of
\$100,000 and in less than a year was penniless, without
a home or family because of the insanity of riotous living.

Paul, speaking concerning the nation of Israel,
explains that if they would have known, they would not
have crucified the Lord of glory. Israel thru the insanity
of sin, did crucify Jesus because they thought that He
was an imposter who was trying to take the place of their
Messiah, their deliverer from Roman bondage. Due to
the fact that Jesus did not enter the world as they had
supposed, rejected Him. How foolish was this act, yet, so
many suppose this or that which is just as foolish today.

In the later years of King Nebuchadnezzar, he realized
the insanity of sin in his own life. For a little while, he
enjoyed his pride by boasting concerning his kingdom
that he had built by his power and for his honour. After
an experience on the hill-sides, as an animal, he realized
the insanity of sin. Excessive pride is a very foolish sin
that leads all human beings into insanity.

Those of our society, “who did not like to retain God in
their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate
mind, to do those things which are not convenient
(homosexuals)”.....Romans 1:21-28 now are and will
continue to realize the insanity of their sin. Many would
like to get out of their involved circumstance but the only
way they know of any release is through suicide, of which
many have chosen.

30,000 homosexuals in San Francisco alone is enough
to cause us to know that we are living in a sick society but
God's word is true. From the days of early history (Lev.
20:13) God warned the world against such a life style,
yet man insists that he has a right of choice. It is true
that God has given man the right of choice but some
ways are ways of insanity and death.

Traditional moral values no longer seem needful in our
society. A lot of young parents live together before they
are married and see little wrong with it. This fact of
co-habitation, in our colleges and etc., reveals that
though formally educated the insanity of sin prevails.
Young people, as well as many older members of
society, are involved in such a state of unconscious-
ness and unenlightened understanding of ethical and
moral values to say nothing of the basic and
fundamental Bible commandments.

Human intelligence is not a valid guide by which to
determine right and wrong. In these last days, men's
thinking is perverted because he has no love for the
truth. He is ready to be misled by a strong delusion to
believe a lie and be damned, the insanity of sin.

This insanity of sin has lead to a 400% increase in
teenage arrest, since 1960, for driving under the
influence of alcohol. With over 50,000 annually dying
and over one million injuries, isn't it insane for sin to
cause our young people to live such lives.

To our alcohol insanity is added another lethal
dimension, alcohol mixed with marijuana. The mind-
altering content of marijuana has risen in the last 10
years from 1/2% to 11%. Statistics show the fatal
detrimental effects of marijuana intoxication by mistak-
ing 80 MPH for 40 and impairment of central vision
signal detection, time reactions, memory function for
turning off points and manipulative and coordination
skills. The drug also boosts their ego into a larger
dimension. They think they have capabilities beyond
their abilities. Oh, how insane is the acts of sin!

Paul continues to relate how insane the life styles of
sin are in the first chapter of Romans, verses 29-32. All
the different types of sin but each causing nothing but
trouble, yet those that do them are enjoying them at the
time even though they may perhaps know of the
consequences and the judgments of God.

Many are suffering and causing others to suffer
because of the insanity of sin conducted during a mad fit
of anger. Many, who may usually be of mild tempera-
ment, in a fit of temper become insane to the point of
injuring others and themselves. Revenge is a case of
insanity in which usually leads to serious consequences.

Let us not be guided by our conscience, which may
have become seared, nor by what the “in crowd” may be
involved in but rather be directed in our daily actions by
God's word and the leadership of the Holy Spirit!

“Be not deceived: neither fornicators (those who
participate in pre-marital sex relations), nor idolaters,
nor adulterers (married men and women who participate
in sexual behavior outside the marriage vow), nor
effeminate (men who act the role of a woman), nor
abusers of themselves with mankind (homosexuals), nor
thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers (those
who stir up riotous merriment), nor extortioners
(those who gain money thru violence and threats)
shall NOT inherit the kingdom of God. I Cor. 6: 9-10.

by Rev. Bob G. Taylor

Kids of the Kingdom

It's a brand new year!! January, the first month of the year 1982. This time of year is the time many people decide to do things different than they have done during the last year. Some people call it making New Year's Resolutions. Others might say they are "turning over a new leaf." What are some things we might want to change?

Maybe when Mother or Dad asks you to help them you make excuses or waste time. You are disobeying. I know most of us really don't want to disobey so let's put OBEYING on our list of changes.

Maybe there are words in your vocabulary that don't belong there. They might not be cuss words but many of the words we use are slang words for cuss words. Like darn, gee, heck, and golly. We need to take even these words out of our mouths. On our list of changes lets include PURE LANGUAGE.

Do you ever remember hollering real loud at brother or sister because they didn't do what you wanted? Maybe they broke a toy or wouldn't play the game you wanted to play. Did you get angry? Sometimes we not only get upset at our own brothers and sisters but we get upset at our friends at church and at school. Wouldn't it be better and please Jesus more if we were PATIENT instead of becoming angry. If we aren't careful once we become angry we let ourselves start to hit and throw things and before we know it we are fighting with each other.

These are just a few changes we might need to make. Maybe you have habits you need to break or more Bible reading to do and praying every day and going to church every time you can.

Have you tried to do these things before but found out it didn't last very long? That's because we can't change ourselves. We need Jesus to help us change. The Bible in II Corinthians 5: 17 tells us that if we be in Christ, or if Jesus lives in our hearts then old things are passed away. Old habits, old rotten language and the things we talked about are gone and new things come into our lives. Jesus helps us change. When He forgives our sins and makes us clean, then He helps us change or "turn over a new leaf."



Bible Facts

Did you know.....

The longest chapter in the Bible is Psalm 119. It has 176 verses and the shortest chapter in the Bible is also in Psalms. Psalm 134 has only 3 verses and 44 words.



Change these letters to make words that tell us things that we should do to show we love Jesus.

Scramlets:

1. Dera Bblei
2. Yrap
3. Og ot hcrhcu
4. Beyo
5. Veol Theros
6. Eb Nikd

ANSWERS ON PAGE 8



Granby, Mo.



November 29, 1981 was the date of Dedication and Open House for the new parsonage at Granby. It was built throughout the year by the church men and others on the property adjoining the church, the Gospel Tabernacle. It's outside dimensions are 30 x 72, and it contains 1900 sq. ft. of floor space. The main area of the parsonage contains two baths and three bedrooms, however, the extra space beside the garage contains a special guest room for visiting evangelists, or a study, plus a utility room with another bath. We praise the Lord for providing graciously for this house to be built. Participating in the dedication were board members Roger Ross, Pete Shank, Jerry Patterson, Onal Nunn and Pastor Edwin Waterbury.

Pampa, Texas

Greetings to Each One;

We have been especially blessed in the past months with good messages from our Pastor and then a wonderful Revival with Bro. & Sis. Paul Clanton. His messages were so timely and we all were closer drawn to Jesus and made aware of the need to do more for our Lord & Master. Although Satan hindered I am sure that eternity will reveal how much good was done and how much seed was sown and how much fell on stony ground, good ground and how much by the wayside, but one thing is sure: THE WORD WAS PREACHED! We have had much sickness in our Church and desire the prayers of all that God will have His way in each life.

Brother & Sister Sutton have settled in nicely and are doing the work of a Pastor and God is blessing their efforts. The Church is happy with them.

Austin Sutton, Pastor
Anabel Simmons, Reporter

Snell Apostolic Church
Snell, Mississippi

Matthew 18: 19. "And again I say unto you, That if two shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. The Lord has really been doing just that here at the Snell Apostolic Faith Church. The Lord has filled our pulpit and our pastorium with a wonderful man of God and a wonderful wife and family to help him in the ministry here in the Snell community. For several weeks we were without a pastor to fill our pulpit and anyone who has ever had to go through a trying time such as this knows what this can do to a church. We feel that the Lord has sent the man of the hour to minister to us and to proclaim the gospel message to our people.

We would like to introduce our pastor to all the good Apostolic Faith people of the entire movement. Rev. Henry Todd comes to us from the Southwestern Bible College in Lakeland, Florida. He graduated from Southwestern in May of this year with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religion with emphasis on Missions. He has begun his ministry here in the Snell church and won the hearts of all our community as well as the local church families. Our attendance has been steadily increasing and we are seeing new interest in our services. We are trusting that God will direct our pastor and our church and we invite you to come visit in our services at anytime and we are sure you will receive a very warm welcome from our church. We are looking forward to some good revival services in January with Bro. Roland Busch of Katy, Texas. We have already begun to pray for this revival. You pray for us.

Kingman, Ks.

Happy New Year from all of us in the Kingman Church. As we look back at the past year, we thank God for all His blessings. In November, special services were held by Bro. Mike Brening, and were a blessing to all.

May God bless and keep all of you through the New Year.

Pastor: Mike Brening
Reporter: Phyllis Wimer

Deadline! Copy must be in by the 15th of the month to be in the next month's issue.

Thank You

I want to express my appreciation for your prayers and concern during my recent heart surgery. The Lord has worked everything out perfectly and I am so thankful to Him and to all of you.

Bill Hollis
Baxter Springs, Kansas



WATERBURY

Mike and Betty Waterbury, Waco, Texas, announce the birth of a son, Bryan Michael, on August 22, 1981. He weighed 6 lbs. and was 17½ in. long. Grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Ezra Crawmer, Fairview, Mo., and Rev. & Mrs. F.E. Waterbury, Fresno, California.



Obituary of Walter Sellars

WALTER THOMAS SELLARS

Walter Thomas Sellars, age 80, passed away on September 25, 1981, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital of Snyder, Texas, following a brief illness. Survivors include his wife, Ruby Pearl Sellars of the Snyder home; two sons, William E. "Jack" Sellars of Midland, Texas, and Billy Ray Sellars of Haughton, Louisiana; two daughters, Mrs. W.C. Scrivner of Houston, Texas, and Mrs. Manual Richey of Elverta, California; 18 grandchildren and 32 great grandchildren; three brothers, Clint Sellars and Grady Sellars of Snyder and Elmer Sellars of San Angelo, Texas; and other numerous relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by one infant son and daughter.

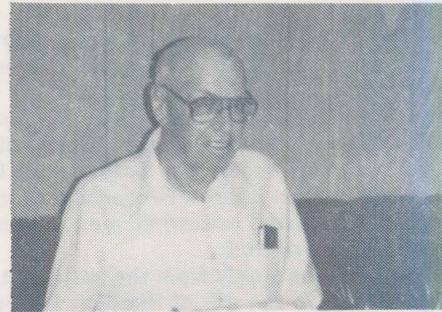
Memorial services were conducted in Snyder at 2:30 p.m. on September 27, 1981, in The Lighthouse Assembly of God Church, with burial in Memorial Gardens of Snyder with Bell-Seale Funeral Home in attendance. The Rev. S.V. "Vester" Clanton, brother-in-law of Mr. Sellars, was in charge of the services. A nephew and four nieces provided the special music at the services presenting "How Great Thou Art" and "What A Day," favorite hymns of the deceased. Pallbearers were the grandsons of Mr. Sellars, Wayne Scrivner, Dubby Scrivner, Billy Jack Sellars, Donald Mack Sellars, Douglas Ray Sellars and Stephen Keith Sellars and two nephews, R.D. "Doyle" Sellars and C.H. Clanton.

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Walter Thomas Sellars was born July 13, 1901, in Comanche County, Texas, to the parents of John N. and Mattie Martha Sellars. He married Ruby Pearl Clanton on May 16, 1920, in Polar, Texas. Mr. Sellars was a retired employee of the City of Snyder and a long-time member of the Apostolic Church of Snyder, Texas, which he faithfully served.

A favorite passage of the Bible, Psalms 23, was accurate for Mr. Sellars as the Lord was truly his Shepherd leading and guiding him throughout his life. This quiet, soft-spoken man "walked" and "talked" and "lived" the preachings and teachings of Jesus. There could never be a doubt in the mind of anyone who met him that he was one of God's children. As the Rev. S.V. Clanton stated in his final services, he spent years with Walter Sellars "fighting side by side as God's soldiers with many long hours spent in prayer." This husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend will be sorely missed; but the strong Christian legacy he left behind will remain a shining example to support all who loved him.

Prepared by a loving granddaughter,
Doris J. Sellars



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Instruction Concerning Spiritual Gifts

I Corinthians 12, 13, 14
by Rev. Winston Barker

Chapter I The Preeminence of Love I Cor. 13: 1-13

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not **charity**, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

We will use the word **love** for the word **charity** throughout the chapter. **Love**—presented in scripture as the very nature of God.

I John 4:8—for God is Love..16..God is Love; and he that dwelleth in Love dwelleth in God, and God in him. I Cor. 13:—The greatest of the Christian virtues: Love—lies at the very heart of Christianity being essential to man's relations to God and man.

Love (noun)—Agape (verb)—Agapao

Agape and Agapao are used in the New Testament to describe the attitude of God toward His Son, and the human race;

John 3:16—For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Romans 5:8—But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. And to such as believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, to convey His will to His children concerning their attitude one toward another, and toward all men, and to express the essential nature of God.

Love—can be known only from the **actions it prompts**. God's love is seen in the gift of His Son. I John 4:9, 10, 11:

9(In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.

10) Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

11) Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

Love—had its perfect expression among men in the Lord Jesus Christ;

II Cor. 5:14—For the Love of Christ constraineth us; constraineth—to compel, to hold together, confine, secure, to hold fast.

Eph. 2:4—3:19—5:2.

Christian Love is the fruit of the Spirit in the Christian.

Gal. 5:22—But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

23—meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Christian Love has God for its primary object, and expresses itself first of all in implicit obedience to His commandments.

John 14:15—If ye love me, keep my commandments.

John 14:21—He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me:

John 14:23—Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words.

John 15:10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love.

I John 2:5—But whoso keepeth His word, in him verily is the love of God perfected.

I John 5:3—For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments.

II John 6—And this is Love, that we walk after His commandments.

Self-will, that is, self-pleasing, is the negation of Love to God.

Love—seeks the welfare of all. Romans 15:2—and works no ill to any. I Cor. 13:8-10—Love seeks opportunity to do good to all men.

Love—is created in the believer by the Holy Spirit.

Romans 5:5—because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

Love—finds its expression in service to our fellow-men.

Gal. 5:13b—by love serve one another.

Love—is the chief test of Christian Discipleship.

John 13:35—By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have Love one to another.

I Cor. 13:2—And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not **charity**, I am nothing.

I Cor. 13:3—And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profited me nothing.

I Cor. 13:4—Charity suffereth long, and is kind: Charity envieth not: Charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up.

A description of the nature of Love, with its noble properties. One might say that Love is personified here, since the description is a description of the life and character of Jesus Christ. However, the picture is directly related to every believer. The **observance** of the

ONE—AND REPUTATION

Someone has said that a corporation may spread itself over the whole world and employ a hundred thousand men, yet the average person will form his judgment of that corporation through his contact with one individual.

If this person is rude or inefficient, it will take a lot of courtesy and efficiency to overcome the bad impression.

Every member of an organization who, in any capacity, comes in contact with the public, is a salesman. The impression he makes is an advertisement, good or bad.

What kind of impression of Jesus do people get from their contact with you?

Answers to Scramlets

1. Read Bible
2. Pray
3. Go to church
4. Obey
5. Love others
6. Be kind

truths of this chapter, will be noted in the following remarks, and will solve the believer's every problem.

Charity suffereth long, and is kind, may be a summary statement of the section with the next eight qualities related to longsuffering and the next four to kindness.

Charity envieth not, (knows no jealousy) is related to the attitude of believers who feel that their gifts are inferior. Love will solve that problem.

Vaunteth not itself, literally, does not play the bragger, and is negative of love.

Puffed up—to puff up, blow up, inflate; puffed up with pride.

I Cor. 13:5—Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; behave—to conduct oneself, indicating one's manner of life and character.

Unseemly—not seemly; unbecoming; indecent.

Seeketh—to make search for or inquiry for. Is not easily provoked, is not strong enough. There is no *easily* in the Greek text. A translator with a short temper must have been responsible for the rendering of the word easily.

Provoked—to make bitter: to embitter: signifying to rouse to anger: to excite, stir up: to provoke to wrath: to provoke to jealousy.

Thinketh no evil—or plots no evil. Evil—Kakos—stands for whatever is evil in character. The use of Kakos may be divided as follows: of what is morally or ethically evil, whether of persons or qualities, emotions, passions, of what is unjurious, destructive.

I Cor. 13:6—Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth.

I Cor. 13:7—Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

Love is never glad about injustice. Iniquity—Anomia—its usual rendering in the New Testament means unrighteousness—denotes a wrong, injury, misdeed, but rejoices whenever truth wins out.

Verse 7 in the Amplified New Testament—Love bears up under anything and everything that comes, is ever ready to believe the best of every person, its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances and it endures everything “without weakening.”

Believeth all things does not include gullibility. It means, rather, that the believer is not to be suspicious. If however, sin is evident, the believer must judge it and support its discipline. Paul was probing into the pen sore of sin in the Corinthian church with this beautiful description of the one thing, Love, that would have met all the believer's problems.

Verse 8—Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

Love never fails—never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end. Love, unlike the gifts of prophecy, tongues, and knowledge, never fails, nor ceases its activity. The point of verse 8 is that there will come a time when the gifts mentioned will be done away with, or cease. As for prophecy “that is, the gift of interpreting the divine will and purpose,” it will be fulfilled and pass away; as for tongues, they will be destroyed or cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away, “that is, it will lose its value and be superceded by truth.”

Verse 9—For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. For our knowledge is fragmentary (incomplete and imperfect), and our prophecy “our teaching” is fragmentary (incomplete and imperfect) Amplified. The fragmentation introduces the explanation of why the gifts will pass away, because a time of perfected knowledge and prophecy is coming.

Verse 10—But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. But when the complete and perfect (total) comes, the incomplete and imperfect will vanish away—become antiquated, void and superceded. Amplified

The coming of that which is perfect can only be a reference of the Lord's second coming. That event will mark the end of the exercise of prophecy, tongues, and knowledge. How then can one speak of these gifts as temporary? The following verse will answer the question:

Verse 11—When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

Verse 12—For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

Verse 13—And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

From the Amplified New Testament, verses 11-13:

When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; now that I have become a man, I am done with childish ways and have put them aside.

For now we are looking in a mirror that gives only a dim (blurred) reflection (of reality as in a riddle or enigma), but then (when perfection comes) we shall see in reality and face to face! Now I know in part (imperfectly); and then I shall know and understand fully and clearly, even in the same manner as I have been fully and clearly known and understood (by God).

And so faith, hope, love abide; (faith, conviction and belief respecting man's relation to God and divine things; hope, joyful and confident expectation of eternal salvation; love, true affection for God and man, growing out of God's love for and in us), these three, but the greatest of these is Love.

Love is the bond uniting all the Christian virtues. It is extremely important to an understanding of Paul's thought to notice the force of the illustration he introduces at this point. The illustration is designed to show the character of the period between the two comings of Christ. With reference to these particular gifts, it may be likened to the growing up of a person from infancy to manhood.

Abideth faith, hope and love. These virtues outlast the gifts and, consequently, are to be cultivated more earnestly. **For if they are earnestly cultivated in our lives then the Gifts will be at work in our lives.** It is not true that “Faith will vanish into sight, Hope will be emptied in delight,” for all abide eternally. How shall faith and hope abide? It is not once for all, it is continually that in eternity faith changes into vision and hope into possession. These two virtues, therefore, abode to live again unceasingly. Love is the greatest force in the universe, and its true source and clearest expression is Golgotha. This Love demands my soul, my life, my all.

THINK ABOUT THIS

HAVE YOU EVER PRAYED THIS PRAYER?

"Almighty God, as I lie here on my couch this lovely Sunday morning, surrounded by the Sunday paper and half listening to a program, it has just come to me that I have lied to Thee and to myself. I said I did not feel well enough to go to church-or I was too tired. That was not true. I was not ambitious enough. I would have gone to my office had it been Monday morning. I would have played golf had it been Wednesday afternoon. I would have attended my luncheon club had it met this noon. I would have been able to go to a picnic had it been today. I would have gone to a meeting if it met tonight. But it is Sunday morning and Sunday illness covers a multitude of sins.

God have mercy on me! I was not ill nor tired-I am just lazy and indifferent!"

A CHRISTIAN IS

A mind through which Christ thinks
A heart through which Christ loves
A voice through which Christ speaks
A hand through which Christ helps
A life through which Christ lives

HOW I AM SAVED

Oswald J. Smith

My works can never save me
No matter what I do;
My only hope is Jesus—
I must be born anew.
Repentance cannot save me,
Or sorrow for my sin;
I put my trust in Jesus,
And lo, He dwells within.
My goodness can not save me,
No matter how I try;
I must decide for Jesus,
And trust Him ere I die.
Religion can not save me.
Nor can the law avail;
My faith must be in Jesus—
God's grace can never fail.
Baptism can not save me,
Or wash away my sin;
The precious blood of Jesus
Alone can cleanse within.
So now I trust in Jesus,
My Savior crucified;
It was for me He suffered,
For me He bled and died.

—The People's Magazine

When the truth is in your way, you're on the wrong road.

70 Weeks of Daniel

by Dora Beydler

"And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years." Jeremiah 25:11. Daniel read this prophecy of Jeremiah's, Daniel 9:1,2. This was in the first year of Darius the Mede which would have been about one or two years before the time of Cyrus coming to the throne in Babylon. Cyrus allowed the captives to return to their homeland in 536 B.C. But there was another 70 years prophesied by Jeremiah in that same prophecy. It is about a desolation of the land. Not only would the Jews be captives in the land of Babylon for 70 years but their land would also be desolate for 70 years. Leviticus 25:4,5 reads, "But in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest unto the land, a sabbath for the Lord; thou shalt neither sow thy field, nor prune thy vineyard. That which groweth of its own accord of thy harvest thou shalt not reap, neither gather the grapes of thy vine undressed: for it is year of rest unto the land." Then a warning is given in Leviticus 26: 27, 28, 32-35 where it says, "And if ye will not for all this hearken unto me, but walk contrary unto me; Then I will walk contrary unto you also in my fury;—And I will bring the land into desolation: and your enemies which dwell therein shall be astonished at it. And I will scatter you among the heathen, and will draw out a sword after you: and your land shall be desolate, and your cities waste. Then shall the land enjoy her sabbaths, as long as it lieth desolate, and ye be in your enemies land; even then shall the land rest, and enjoy her sabbaths.—" This did all happen when the Babylonians destroyed Jerusalem and left the land desolate in 586 B.C. Daniel knew all this and though he knew their 70 years of captivity was nearly ended, he also knew the 70 years upon the land would not be finished until 20 years later. The captivity started in 606 B.C. when the first captives were taken and 70 years later would be in 536 B.C. when the first group returned after Cyrus edict which gave them the liberty to go if they wished to go. The 70 years desolation on the land did not end though until 516 B.C. Daniel was much concerned with what would happen to his people when they went back to their homeland. Daniel 9:3-19 is his prayer for his people and his city.

While he was praying, Gabriel came to answer him in his concern. He told Daniel there would yet be 70 weeks in which God would remember Daniel's people, Daniel 9:24. This 70 weeks is 490 years when we count a prophetic day is as one year as we count time. This period, according to Gabriel, is for the purpose of (1) to finish, or restrain, the transgression, (2) to make an end of sins, (3) to make reconciliation for iniquity, (4) to bring in everlasting righteousness, (5) to seal up the vision and prophecy, (6) to anoint the Most Holy. The first 3 concern doing away with sin—the first 2 speak in general terms while the 3rd speaks of the method. All 3 show the purpose of Jesus' first coming to make atonement for sin. The last 3 refer to His 2nd coming when He completes the plan for a total redemption for all who have accepted and served Him. God reveals His time table here. The first 69 weeks, or 483 years, are

accounted to the remembering of Daniel's people up to the time of the coming of the Savior but it also broadens to include all people of both the Jews and the Gentiles. The 70th week deals with all the Israelites, the Christians and the ungodly from all the world. Though the Jews were not the kind of people God wished them to be, His covenant was still in effect that the Messiah would come to the world through their descendants. They would be God's chosen people until the Messiah came, and because of this covenant, God would still honor it by remembering them for another 70 weeks. But during this time, He would also bring to pass the completion of His total plan for man's salvation and redemption from sin.

In Daniel 9:25 the 70 weeks are divided into 3 parts. There we read, "Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and three score and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times." Gabriel says there shall be 49 years for the rebuilding of Jerusalem and 434 more years until the coming of the Messiah. This is all to count from the time of the command being given to rebuild Jerusalem and the temple. There were 3 different times when the Persian Rulers gave the commandment for Jerusalem's restoration: (1) When Cyrus decreed those who wished to return to Judea could do so, Ezra 1:2-4. This decree was made in 536 B.C. and the group who returned at that time was led by Zerubbabel who was their governor for several years. (2) In 457 B.C. Ezra was commissioned to lead the 2nd group back to their homeland. The command given to Ezra was to first build or set in order the religious teachings which had been so badly neglected. When the children of Israel were in the wilderness they were first given the laws of God for a foundation to build their lives upon before they were to build the tabernacle. Ezra 7:6, 10, 25 reads, "This Ezra went up from Babylon; and he was a ready scribe in the law of Moses, which the Lord God of Israel had given: and the king granted him all his request, according to the hand of the Lord his God upon him. For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments. And thou Ezra, after the wisdom of thy God, that is in thine hand, set magistrates and judges, which may judge all the people that are beyond the river, all such as know the laws of thy God; and teach them that know them not." Ezra was also commanded to carry silver and gold from the king and his counsellors and all of Babylon for the House of God and to buy animals for sacrifices. Ezra 7:15, 16, 27 says, "And to carry the silver and gold, which the king and his counsellors have freely offered unto the God of Israel, whose habitation is in Jerusalem, And all the silver and gold thou canst find in all the provence of Babylon, with the free will offering of the people, and of the priests, offering willingly for the house of their God which is in Jerusalem: Blessed be the Lord God of our fathers, which hath put such a thing as this in the king's heart, to beautify the house of the Lord which is in Jerusalem:" And then in Ezra 9:9 it gives a more explicit direction of what was to be done. "For we were bondmen, yet our God hath not forsaken us in our bondage, but hath extended mercy unto us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to give us a reviving, to set up the house of our God, and to repair the desolations thereof, and to give us a wall in Judah and in Jerusalem." Then in 445 B.C. is the third time the command was given, when Nehemiah led the 3rd group of former captives back to the homeland, Nehemiah 2:1-8 and

also had permission to finish the walls and that he might obtain timber from the king's forest to make the beams for the gates. There are those who favor each of these times for the command mentioned in Daniel 9:25, but to use the first date makes more than 483 years (or the 69 weeks) between the command and even the birth of Christ. The 3rd is favored by many because they feel it contains the most explicit directions of the 3 to rebuild Jerusalem but, when you subtract the date 445 B.C. from 483 years you have 38 A.D. which is after the time the Messiah was cut off (the crucifixion). In the light of these objections a great number use the 2nd time the commandment was given which is the commission given to Ezra in 457 B.C. To subtract that date from 483 years gives us 26 A.D. or the date for Jesus baptism. Gabriel told Daniel in 9:26 that after the 62 weeks the Messiah would be cut off but it did not say just how long as there seems to be no count on that part. Jesus ministry was 3½ years for a date we can now give but at the time of Daniel that length was not given.

Let us look again at verse 25 where the weeks are divided into 3 parts. One period of 7 weeks is given for the rebuilding of Jerusalem. This is a period of 49 years then 62 more weeks or 434 years to the time of the Messiah. This fulfills the first 69 weeks of the 70 given to remember the Israelite people.

The crucifixion of Jesus marks the beginning of an indefinite length of interval in which the Gospel was taken to the Gentiles. This is also called the church age. God did not count the time to be used for the Gentiles but after the times of the Gentiles is fulfilled, Luke 21:24, God will still remember the Israelites for one more week or for 7 more years.

The latter half of Daniel 9:26 prophesies of a prince and his people coming who shall destroy the temple and the city. Many believe this to have been fulfilled in 70 A.D. when Titus and his soldiers killed many of the Jews and destroyed much of the city of Jerusalem. Titus had a coin made depicting the results of this war showing the women sitting under a palm tree weeping for their slain men. However there is a prophecy in Micah 3:12 which reads, "Therefore shall Zion for your sake be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of the forest." Jeremiah quotes Micah's prophecy in Jeremiah 26:18. Jerusalem was destroyed when Nebuchadnezzar came in 586 B.C. and Antiochus Epiphanes destroyed a portion of it and defiled the temple. Titus destroyed much of the city but it was never plowed as a field in any of those times. History says that after a Jewish war for freedom in 132 A.D. the Romans totally destroyed Jerusalem and plowed it like a field. Only a small portion of one wall was left. In a few years a Roman city was built on the site where Jerusalem had been and the Jews were forbidden to enter it with the penalty of death if they did. This destruction fulfilled the prophecy of Micah. When Constantine became Emperor in 324 A.D. he allowed the Jews to return to the Roman city and the portion of the former wall which had been left became their wailing wall. This Roman city was called, in English, the capitol of the Latin Kingdom. Constantine and his mother did much to find and identify many of the original sites and built memorials where they felt were the right locations. The city, though, was never again the city of the Jews until they became a nation in 1948, and even then they only had a portion of it until the 6 day war in 1967 when they took the whole city.

(to be continued)

'Effectual fervent prayer ... availeth much

James 5: 16

PHILIP, THE SOUL WINNER

Philip's witness to the Ethiopian Eunuch (Acts 8:26-40) provides an interesting study in the characteristics of the soul winner.

The soul winner must:

1. Be **Spirit-anointed**. Philip was one of the first seven deacons. Acts 6:3 lists as qualifications for these that they be "full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom."

2. Be **Spirit-directed**. Notice the directions Philip received: "Arise, and go toward the south" (v. 26). "Go near, and join thyself to this chariot" (v. 29).

3. Be **obedient**. It is recorded of Philip: "And he arose and went" (v. 27).

4. Be **enthusiastic**. Philip "ran thither to him" (v. 30).

5. Be **tactful**. Philip's approach to the Ethiopian was, "Understandest thou what thou readest?" (v. 30).

6. **Know the Scriptures**. "Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same Scripture" (v. 35).

7. **Keep Jesus central**. "Philip...preached unto him Jesus" (v. 35).

HAPPY NEW DAY

What has happened to the "happy" new year that we were so well-wished into?

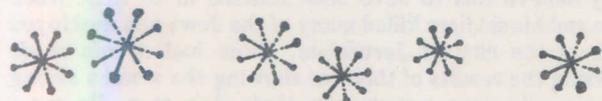
It is not the **year** that bothers us so much but the hours and days that we bump up against. These are where the "rub" comes. So how about spreading this well-wishing (in sincerity) over all the year rather than dumping it all on the area of January 1?

We live in a moment, a heartbeat, an hour, and a day at a time. These make up the year we are hoping will be "happy." "Happy new-moment" or "Happy new-hour" would be rather involved, and hardly practical, but how about the cheerful, meaningful greeting of "Happy new-day" for the husband, wife, or children? How about making it a greeting at work? It might sound strange at first, but it would be something fresh.

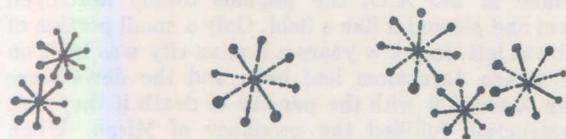
"Happy new day" sincerely said, could change gloom to sunshine and despondency to hope. Someone might even inquire "why" and open a door to speak for Christ!

"Happy new day," my friend!

—J. W. Mellick



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Prayer is so simple.

It is like quietly opening a door
and slipping into the very presence of God,
there in the stillness to listen for His voice;
perhaps to petition, or only to listen,
it matters not.

Just to be there in His presence is prayer!

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