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Report

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

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As of December 31, 1984 the Apostolic Faith Report was in the red \$2,400. At this time there is still an indebtedness of approximately \$1,500 for printing, postage and office expenses. It was decided at the recent meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Apostolic Faith Bible College that until this indebtedness was taken care of no further issues will be printed. It is not the desire of the editor or Board of Trustees that the ministry of the Apostolic Faith Report be hindered in any way but feel this must be taken care of. Your support in the past has been appreciated very much as also your future support will be.

May God bless each of you as you make this a matter of prayer.

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DO YOU CATCH A VISION?

"Have you caught the vision God would have you see? Millions now are dying far across the sea; Who will bring redemption to the shackled slave? Will you go and tell them Jesus Christ can save?"

"Have you caught the vision of a world that's lost? Have you counted, brother, what redemption costs? This old world is drifting down to endless night-Will you go and tell them Jesus is the light?"

"Have you caught the vision what a soul is worth? It is far more precious than the things of earth; Seek to know, my brother, what you need the most-Will you let Him fill you with the Holy Ghost?"

"We must keep the vision, counting not the cost, Have a Holy passion for a world that's lost; Seek His re-anointing, lying at His feet-Bringing souls to Jesus, made in Him complete.

Selected

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.

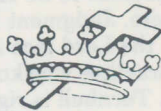
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These basic doctrines shall be adhered to in the teaching of the Apostolic Faith Bible College, which in addition to other doctrinal teachings approved by the Board from time to time if they are not inconsistent with the above listed basic doctrines.

Deadline!

Copy must be in by the
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in the next month's
issue.

Apostolic Faith Bible College Closing



The closing exercises of the Apostolic Faith Bible College were held on May 8-9, 1985. The advisory board meeting and the general business meeting were held on Wed. May 8. It was announced during the general business meeting that in our recent board election the two incumbents Rev. Doyle Wiles and Rev. Jim Arnall were re-elected by a landslide vote. They will serve another 3 years.

Wed. evening at 7:30 the choir of the Apostolic Faith Bible College presented their final concert of this term.

Thursday, May 9, the Ordination-Dedication service, Homecoming Service and Graduation Services were held. The Rev. James Wallis, Laverne, Ok., Rev. Richard Morris, Arnett, Ok., and The Rev. Jacob Regeir, Perryton, Texas were speakers for the services.

Those who were ordained were Rev. Richard Morris and his wife Renee, pastors of the Apostolic Faith Church in Arnett, Ok.

Those who came for dedication were:

Sam and Rhonda Ames-workers in the Church in Baxter Springs, Kansas.

Kelly Stevenson, Clinton Shannon and Ron Noble-dedicated in the ministry.

Janae Harris, Kim Mathis, Karen Mathis, Janis Mathis, Russell Ball, Ron Brening and Kelly Stevenson-dedicated as a summer gospel party working in VBS, youth camps, youth revivals and worship services.

LaDonna Snyder, Valerie Oakes, and Janis Mathis-dedicated as gospel workers.

At the close of the services all of the ministers present came to re-dedicate and re-affirm their service to God. Bro. Albert Durham, Anderson, MO. who was ordained 60 years ago by Rev. Charles F. Parham was present to rededicate himself along with the others.

Those who were ordained and dedicated are ready to work in the harvest. May we all pray for them, support them and open our doors to them.

Where are the Reapers?

Margaret Covington

One night as I was suffering
And lay upon my bed,
I drifted off in slumber
To rest my weary head

It seems I saw a vision-
A scene came 'fore my view;
I saw a beautiful orchard,
And oranges-not a few.

They were so ripe and luscious,
Sugar content was most high;
The trees were heavy laden,
And most beautiful to my eye.

I said, "Where are the reapers?
The fruit must be picked fast,
Lest they shall fall-be wasted-
Come pick them while they last."

I journeyed through the orchard
Looking here and there
To find the slothful reapers,
(For I was in despair).

When, Lo! I saw before me
Some groups, off to one side;
The reapers were discussing
And trying to decide.

Which way was best to pick them?
What methods should they use?
Should they use this step or that one?
But, alas! They failed to choose.

Thus while they were contending
The fruit did finally spoil,
And one by one was wasted-
For the reapers did not toil

I awoke and lay there musing
On the scene I had beheld,
And saw so vividly before me
A vision of heaven and hell.

The field are white to harvest,
The laborers are so few;
And while the reapers are deciding,
There's much that they could do.

There are precious souls that are rip'ning-
Eternity is looming in sight.
Reapers, be up and doing
Before light changes to night.

Groups here and there are bick'ring.
Trying to decide what to do;
And all the while there are precious souls
Bidding this world adieu.

Shame, yes, shame on you reapers,
void of the Holy Spirit of light;
Instead of being divided,
One heart; one spirit-UNITE!

Wherever there is contention,
there is also envy and strife,
"And every evil work" he says,
(The Author of eternal life).

Get up! Shake yourself! Be doing!
Repent while you still have time!
There are precious souls to be harvested-
Groping in darkness and blind.

Hung'ring, thirsting for salvation,
discouraged, disgusted, dismayed;
Seeing division and hatred,
A life of self being displayed.

Shew forth the love of Jesus,
Lift up the standard high;
Of purity, holiness, and redemption-
May he be magnified.

Then you'll reap a golden harvest;
"Well done," you'll hear Him say,
"Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord,"
On that last great judgment day.

No Sin in Pastel Shades

Ralph Turnbull has made a telling point with his comment that "in the sight of God there are no mild sinners, and sin does not come in pastel shades."

Men generally would not have it so. From time immemorial it has been the fashion to "grade" sin. Sins have been classified into "venial" and "mortal", "big" or "little", "spiritual felonies" or "spiritual misdemeanors."

But God does not recognize these distinctions. In His sight, "whatsoever is not of faith" - that is, contrary to the clear convictions of conscience - "is sin" (Rom. 14:23).

As often has been said, there are no big or little sins because there is no little God to sin against. All sin partakes of rebellion against the exposed will of God. It is a breach of love, a betrayal of trust.

The law of God is like a golden chain that holds fast the soul of man. It is useless to argue over which link in a chain is most important. If any are broken, the chain is useless.

This is not to say that different sins may not vary in the seriousness of their consequences for others. Viewed from the aspect of their effects upon their lives, murder is more serious than a lie, adultery is more disastrous than covetousness.

But in the relationship of the individual to God, covetousness and lying are as fatal as adultery and murder. They may not send a man to jail, but they will land him in hell apart from the miracle of divine forgiveness.

The view that there are degrees of sin is the source of much of the smug moralism of our age. Men seem to have lost all conception of the holiness of the One who is "of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity" (Hab. 1:13). But no one, as Dwight Stevenson has said, "can be serious about God who is not serious about sin."

In times like these, no one should object to morality. There is all too little of it to be found in our society. But it must always be said that morality alone will not save. No amount of clean water poured into a muddy pool will cleanse it.

A great many people seem to have the idea that the Lord operates with a sort of ethical scale on which all the sins are piled on one side of the balance and all the deeds of kindness and helpfulness on the other side. If the good outweighs the evil, it is supposed, all is well.

Nothing could farther from the truth. Apart from the grace of God mediated through a personal encounter with Christ, all of us are sinners. Paul said, "For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) dwelleth no good thing" (Rom. 7:18). It is only "the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus" which can make one "free from the law of sin and death" (Rom. 8:2).

Nor does God distinguish between the sins of "Christians" and the sins of the unconverted. With all due allowance for differing definitions of sin, the Bible still affirms that "the soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezek. 18:4,20,24); and "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear" (Isa. 59:1-2).

Rather than that God treats more lightly the sins of those who profess to be His, the evidence of the Bible is directly opposite. Judgment begins at the house of God. Moses, who knew the Lord face to face, was judged more severely than the Israelites who knew Him but afar off.

Dr. Turnbull is right. There are no mild sinners. Sin does not come in pastel shades. Its remedy, and the universal need of the human species, is the Saviour, who died to save all men from sin for all time.

Herald of Holiness

REACHING THE REALM OF CONFIDENCE

Christ boldly spoke of a realm we can walk in where we know that whatever we desire and ask for in prayer; believing we receive, knowing He's heard our request because it's in accordance with His will, we receive without fail. (Mark 11:24, I John 5:14-15) How do we reach this level?

Once this realm of confidence is reached and maintained, there's no possibility of failure to see the manifestation of what's been requested of God. God always answers yes when we pray according to His word. He never answers maybe, no, or later. God is the God of now; He knows no time frame. The promises of God are yea and amen, (strongly affirmed, yes, even so, surely, so be it) II Cor. 1:20.

God always hears when we pray according to His will and if we know He hears us, we know we have our petitions. Before it's manifested in my body or my checking account I know it's mine! We never go to the throne room and come away empty handed (Hebrews 4:16).

Arriving at such a level of confidence referred to in Mark 11:24 and I John 5:14-15 begins with a strong foundation, sure and unwavering. There must be the place of being firmly set on what God himself has spoken in His word concerning your need before the praying begins. Circumstances have absolutely no effect upon the truths of God's word. In the natural it may appear to be impossible, but God's word is the hope builder and hope is what faith takes hold of. "What is faith? It is the confident assurance that something we want is going to happen. It is the certainty that what we hope for is waiting for us, even though we cannot see it up ahead." (Hebrew 11:1 LB) God Himself makes the dead live again and speaks of future events with as much certainty as though they were already past, Romans 4:17. "...Abraham believed God even though such a promise just couldn't come to pass. He was completely sure that God was well able to do anything He promised." (Romans 4:18b,21 LB)

God's Word paints the inward picture of hope: a dream, a vision, a goal. You can't possess what is unseen, II Cor. 4:4. Even salvation is preceded by a picture painted in the heart prior to receiving the new birth. Once that vision is inside, the picture we create with our mouths must correspond. Simply hooking our mouth to our heart prevents any room for wavering. (James 1:6)

God's word always paints a picture of victory, success, healing, life, prosperity, blessing, and positivity; it never portrays the negative. The promises of God expand our visions and encourage high goals. Therefore, once that foundation is laid and that vision painted on the inside, and you know you're asking God to do what he's said He would do which assures you that He's heard, then that confidence is established and your petition is supplied - your need met - your request answered. The manifestation begins to be revealed from that time on.

God watches over His word to perform it, (to make or do in the broadest sense or wildest application what it says). (Jeremiah 1:12) TO FAIL IS IMPOSSIBLE!

Debbie Fish

IF I HAD A SON

If I had a son, I'd feel that it would be my fault if he didn't grow up to be a fine, honest man—a good citizen in every sense of the word.

If I had a son, I'd swear to do one thing: I'd teach him the truth. I'd never let him catch me in a lie, because I wouldn't tell him any lies. I wouldn't skimp the truth either, and in return I'd insist that he tell the truth.

I'd try to be absolutely fair with my son, and to the extent of my capacity, I'd try to be understanding. Boys will get into trouble now and then. They can't help it. So if my boy made an honest mistake, I wouldn't punish him unless he lied about it.

As a matter of course, I'd have my son go to church. What's more, I'd go with him. Apart from religious instruction, church going is a means by which the young man would meet persons of fine character.

But above everything else, I'd try to understand my son. For I fully realize that if I didn't, I'd be a failure as a dad.

J. Edgar Hoover

A FATHER'S LETTER TO HIS INFANT SON

My Son,

You are only a little fellow now—a trifle over fourteen months old. But I have loved you so dearly since you came that it has been on my mind to write you a letter in the event of my being taken away before I have had a chance to tell you many things which you need to know.

Your father wants his boy first of all to love, protect, and care for his mother, giving to her the same kind measure of love and devotion which she has given to you.

Second, your father wants his boy to be sincere, honest, and upright. Be your true self always. Hate dishonesty and trickery no matter how big and how great the thing desired may be.

Third, your father wants you to have a proper independence of thought. Think matters out for yourself always where it relates to your own conduct, and act honestly afterward.

Fourth, your father wants you to be an American in democracy. Treat everybody with courtesy and as your equal until he proves his unworthiness to be so treated. The man and the soul are what count—not wealth, not family, not appearance.

Fifth, your father wants you to abhor evil. No curiosity, no imagination, no conversation, no story, no reading which suggest impurity of life is worthy of your thought or attention. And I beg you never to yield for an instant, but turn your thoughts to something good and helpful.

Sixth, train yourself to be master of yourself, of your thought, imagination, temper, passion, appetite, and body. Hold all absolutely under your will. Allow no thought, imagination, passion or appetite to injure your mind or body. Your father has never used intoxicating liquors, tobacco, or profane language. He wants his boy to be like him in this regard.

Seventh, your father wants his boy to be enthusiastic and earnest in all of his interests, his sports, his studies, his work; and he wants him always to keep an active, actual participation in each so long as he lives. It is my judgment that one's life is most healthy and most successful when lived out on such a basis.

Eighth, your father wants his son to love God as He is revealed to him; which, after all, will be the revelation of all that I have said and left unsaid of good to you, my precious boy.

Affectionately,
Father,

This letter was written by Amos Almonzo Stagg (Football's Grand Old Man) to his son June 23, 1900.,

Father's Day



And ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath; but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Ephesians 6:4

June 16th

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING A FATHER

There are little eyes upon you,
And they're watching night and day
Here are little ears that quickly
Take in every word you say.
There are little hands all eager
To do everything you do,
And a little boy who's dreaming
Of the day he'll be like you.

You're the little fellow's idol;
You're the wisest of the wise;
In his little mind, about you
No suspicions ever rise.
He believes in you devoutly,
Holds that all you say and do
He will say and do in your way,
When he's grown up just like you.

There's a wide-eyed little fellow
Who believes you're always right;
And his ears are always open,
And he watches day and night.
You are setting an example
Every day in all you do;
For the little boy who's watching
To grow up to be like you.

Edgar A. Guest

A.F. Report



Midway, OK

Bro. Calvin Springer finished a week's Revival Meeting on Sunday 29th at the Midway Church, he preached each night under the anointing of the Lord. Two was re-claimed and the Christians were greatly revived. Praise the Name of the Lord.

The Logan Community was saddened to hear of the death of Patsy (Whittkaer) Munter of Norman, OK. Graveside services were held in Beaver, OK. The families of Patsy have our deepest sympathy.

Sister Yvonne Whiteley visited our Church morning services on April 21. Come back any time you can and bring you family, it is always good to have you to stop by and worship with us. We love you much.

Some of the men of Midway Church are working in Laverne, Ok. on the Camp grounds, they are shingling the cabins, dining hall, pop stand, etc. Thanks to all the men that helped from Midway and the other churches also. Nice to work for the Lord, isn't it?

We want to take this means to thank Bro. and Sister Steve Arnall, and Bro. and Sister Randall Bensch for their good work they do with the young folks of our Church, and their leadership. I'm sure the Lord blesses them much for their efforts, and also Bro. and Sister Taylor open their home to the Young Folks each Sunday night for lunch and fellowship together, they have fun. Our young people of today will soon be our Church leaders. Good luck and remember to always put the Lord first in your hearts and lives. He will not leave you nor forsake you at any time. Thank you Jesus.

Bro. Bob Taylor - Pastor

Kingman, Kansas

Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. It is good to have spring. Winter has brought various colds and flu but thank the Lord for restored health and recovery.

We were thankful for Bro. Gene Cornell of Laverne, Ok. to visit and bring an inspiring message one Sunday morning. Also Bro. Ronnie and Sis. Sandi Hoskins of Clearwater, KS. worshipped with us two Sundays. Bro. Ronnie preached a very encouraging sermon one Sunday night. We do appreciate all who visit and their lives bring joy and blessing. We extend a welcome to the Children of God to worship with us.

We were sorry to receive Bro. Mike and Sis. Peggy Brening's resignation as our pastors. They came four years ago from Bible College. We appreciate their labors in our church. Their young son, Jacob, was just a few weeks old when they came. Now they have another son, David. They have been a joy to us. We are going to miss them but we pray that the Lord will be their guide in the church at Bayard, NE. where they will be pastoring. Their last Sunday was May 12.

Rockdale, Texas

God has been good to us in Rockdale. We have finished the addition to the parsonage and are now enjoying the new kitchen and utility room. Our fellowship hall is nearly completed on the outside, then we'll be ready to start on the inside. We are building as the Lord provides.

We enjoyed having the Bible College Choir with us in March. It is always a blessing to see the enthusiasm these young people show in their work for the Lord.

A ladies group has been started recently under the direction of Sis. Peggy Hosek. This has really been a blessing to the church. We desire your prayers for the work here.

Roland Haney - Pastor

Galena, Kansas

Praise the dear Lord for he is good! He has blessed our church in such wonderful ways. We are having good crowds. God is sending in new people. Pray for us as we serve Him each day.

Bro. & Sis. Lyndel Arnall and daughter Lynette were with us on April 24 while Bro. & Sis. Whitely were attending a dinner in honor of their son, Lynn, at Parsons, Kansas. On April 28, Bro. & Sis. Tom Day and son, Chris, were here for services while the Whitelys were in Hardesty, Ok. for a funeral.

May 5 the church had a covered dish dinner to honor our graduates. Mother's Day was another special day.

We want to extend our sympathy to the Imogene Himes family. May God bless you in your hour of sorrow. We will miss Sis. Imogene for she was very faithful to our church.

Remember those on our prayer list; Audrey Henderson, Jack Coberly, Florene Munson, Karen Robeson, Ruth Brown, Ruth Archer, Birdie Noe, Grace Myers and Goldie Myers.

May God bless all of our churches as we serve the Lord together. Psalms 119:114-Thou art my hiding place and my shield. I hope in thy Word.

Howard Whitely - Pastor
May Rowland - Reporter

Alvin, Texas

Hello again from Alvin! We love the Lord and just praise His name for He is worthy to be praised.

Our thanks to Bro. Gaylon Flora for having the Wed. night service on April 3, filling in for Bro. & Sis. Ragan while they were out of town on business. We continued our Bible study on the deeper life in Christ and friends it behooves us to seek that deeper life, for only then can we withstand the wiles of the devil.

We enjoyed having Bro. & Sis. Freeman from Gonzales, TX. with us a couple of times recently. They were visiting the Kenneth Dotys. We enjoyed the beautiful songs and music by Sis. Freeman.

Would like to say, we too have some wonderful talent in our own congregation. We are privileged to have some wonderful singers and musicians. They are all a blessing to us as they minister to us in our services.

Our children also sing to us each Sunday morning from 9:45 to 10:00. They do an outstanding job. We consider this a very special part of our Sunday service. Thank you Sis. Ragan for leading this choir and Bro. Ragan for accompanying them on the piano.

The week of April 17 we were privileged to have visitors from Joplin, Mo. in our services. Sisters Wanda Allgood and Virginia Garren were visiting our pastors who were their former pastors. Hope they enjoyed our part of the Gulf coast and invite them to come back again.

Please remember the sick people of our church in your prayers. We know God still heals, for He said in Isaiah 53:5, "and with his stripes we are healed". Friends that scripture is written in the present tense which means now! Praise God!

Neil Ragan - Pastor
Corrie Coates - Reporter

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THANK YOU !

It is with grateful heart for the healing power fo the Lord and for the family of God who knew the power of prayer and how to use it.

I am gaining slowly each day and hope to walk again some day before long. Thank you to all who visited me, have written, sent cards, flowers, plants, and money. It has all been an encouragement. I can say with the song writer, "I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God."

May the Lord bless each of you. I wish I could answer each one individually but you will get an answer much sooner this way.

He is a big God and able to bring Isaiah 40:31 to pass and there it says, "And they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

Our God is still on the throne.

Thank you,
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Gladys Saulter

Gladys Muriel went to be with the Lord, December 23, 1984. Officiating at the services in the Apostolic Faith church of Baxter Springs, Kansas were Rev. Jack Cornell and Rev. Otto Busch.

Gladys Muriel was born in the Indian Territory, August 6, 1905 to William James (Bill) and Cora Ann Robinson. Gladys received the Lord when she was in her teens and faithfully served the Lord till her homegoing.

October 3, 1923 Gladys was united in marriage to Fred Martin Saulter. To this union were born three sons, Herbert Clyde, Richard James and Johnny Wilford. Gladys and Fred were active in the Lord's work in the Apostolic Faith Church in Baxter Springs, Kansas for many years. She taught Sunday School classes and was president of the Ladies Missionary group for several years. She was always ready to be a blessing and encouragement to the young people of the Bible School when those young people were home sick and needed extra love, until her illness made it impossible for her any longer.

She was preceeded in death by her husband and three sons, also her mother and father, and three brothers.

Survivors are two sisters, Wilma Hamilton of Baxter Springs, Kansas and G. Lucille Denton of Arlington, Texas and several nieces and nephews. She filled the roll of mother to her two sisters when her own mother passed away while they were young, and grandmother to their children. She was greatly loved and will be missed.

June-July 1985

TWENTIETH CENTURY HOME

It was 197 years ago, that a publication first appeared, which for today is often referred to as "the book which everyone intends to read, but never does." This is that monumental epic by Edward Gibbon, THE DECLINE AND FALL OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE.

You probably say, "Why call attention to that? What have we in this 20th century to do with old Rome?"

The answer is, "Much in every stabbing, serious way!" For in more ways than we dare realize, we are fast on the downward way of becoming the 20th century Rome!

In his writing, Gibbon sets forth five primary reasons, or causes, for the catastrophic end of this great empire. I shall set forth these reasons, without comment. But I shall set them forth with a prediction. I shall say that, as you read these reasons, you will not see the old Rome as all, but feel them to be an amazing and accurate analysis of our land today. Here are sharp, flaming arrows directed to the very heart of America!

1. The rapid increase of divorce and the undermining of the sanctity of the home.
2. The spiraling rise of higher taxes and the spending of public money for free bread and circuses.
3. The mad craze for pleasure and the brutalizing of sports in eery imaginable manner.
4. The building of gigantic armaments and the failure to realize that the real enemy lay within the gates in the moral decay of the people.
5. The decay of religion and the fading of faith into mere form, becoming too impotent to serve as a guide to the people.

If this is applied to our country, then earnest prayer for revival, restoration and recovery is certainly needed.

Who can tell? Perhaps even now, in this mad, late hour, we may avoid becoming the "full bloom" of a 20th century Rome, and spare another Gibbon the task of chronicling our decline and fall.

Edwin Raymond Anderson

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A POISON TREE

There is a singular tree which bears the appropriate name of the "Judas Tree." The blossoms appear before the leaves, and they are of brilliant crimson. The flaming beauty of the flower attracts innumerable insects, and the wandering bee is drawn to it to gather honey. But every bee that alights upon the blossoms imbibes a fatal opiate, and drops dead from among the crimson flowers to the earth. Beneath this enticing tree, which decoys only to destroy, is a vivid emblem of the deceitfulness of sin. There is only one remedy for the poison of sin's sorcery, and that is the leaves of the "tree of life," which grows on Calvary.

A Prophecy Study

SARDIS, REVELATION 3

By Ron Noble

During the age of 1517-1750 A.D. the Sardis church age, many religious wars occurred resulting in the death of many lives. Catholics and Protestants fought one another, making the wars and persecutions known as the Protestant Revolt. In 1517, Martin Luther composed a set of corruptions within the Catholic Church, the 95 Theses. Luther didn't want to be separated from the Catholic Church, just to reform some of their teachings. Luther was soon excommunicated and then outlawed. One cannot ignore the fact that Christ was referring these years of wars, supposedly in the Lord's name, and declaring the church was spiritually dead.

To the fifth church of the seven, the Lord states, "...I know thy works, that thou hast a name that liveth and art dead." — another description of the church today. This statement indicates that the Sardis Church had a reputation for their service to the Lord. It was regarded as active perhaps because of their popularity, causing decay of their original convictions. No matter what the reason, the church had backslid. We must remember that it is only the foundation, Jesus Christ, that the church stands today. To build a house on sand is foolish, as only the Rock can withstand the storms of satan, therefore build on the Rock. The very forces of hell will fall under submissions of Him, not of men. Man without God, had nothing to boast of.

Whether or not the Sardis Church realized their backsliden behavior is not the issue. The Lord tells them plainly that their works have not been perfect in His sight, and to strengthen their faith, the things that remain. Strengthen or increase your Christian walk, not becoming stagnant with time. A grave soon develop into a grave. Going to church on Sunday, Wednesdays perhaps, proceeding through the usual motions is an unnoticed, gradual process of spiritual corruption. God still offers the gift of eternal life for those that repent.

He tells His people to watch, not just wait patiently, but to look for His coming with expectation. To many, Christ will come as a thief in the night—sudden, surprisingly. He does not come with out warning because in the Book of Revelation, signs are foretold of the wonderous event. The signs aren't pleasant at all—natural disasters, famine, and bloodshed are among the consequences of shunning God's grace. God is just and merciful, slow to anger, but in the last days His wrath will be poured out without mixture upon those that pollute themselves with the antichrist. "Without mixture" refers to God's chastisements which today are a mixture of wrath and mercy, but no more will that be. What we do here on earth determines the outcome of our judgement. Time here is not to be foolishly wasted. The entire book of Ecclesiastes relates a message concerning the vanity of life and worldly pleasures. Ecc. 1:14 King David declares that the events of life are worthless in the absence of God. "I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and, behold, all is vanity and vexation of spirit." With the Word in our heart, we should have no trouble in wanting to use time wisely.

The Sardis church people had been taught the Gospel story and received blessings but backslid, perhaps without noticing at first. When people start taking the gifts of God for granted, then regretfully, subtly and deceitfully, satan can use feelings of pride and arrogancy, or instability to pry people away from God. Hold fast and repent, two commandments necessary to maintain the course that has been set. The sincerest to God will be heard. The nation of Israel responded to God's call (as every nation should) realizing that Christ is the only salvation to a dying world. God promised to heal their nation—a promise to every infested land. Jeremiah 3:22 "Return, ye backsliding children and I

will heal your backslidings. Behold, we come unto thee; for thou art the Lord our God." The world must realize, as the Israelites, of the fearful danger that exists when the "broad way" is closed. The Lord's arrival is not know by even His angels. If the exact time was known, then many people would wait until the last possible moment to repent. Christians are to be ready at all times.

Among the false reputation of the church, and the insecurity, a few names remained that hadn't "defiled their garments." They have kept the faith and their reward shall be walking with Christ, both arrayed in white—symbol of innocence, purity, and righteousness. "A few names" could be related to the reference of the "Strait gate and narrow way." Matt. 7:14 "Because strait is the gate and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." Life can come only through entering into the way of God, but why be there few that find it? Because few are diligently seeking it! Departing from evil is the highway of the upright; only by keeping the course on the strait and narrow does a person perserve their soul. Pr. 16:17

Are we on the highway to a devil's hell, defiling our garments. The inward man is being corrupted with the filthy influences of the world and seemingly, some people don't seem to mind. His people shall walk in white because they have been found worthy by the help of God. Worthiness comes not from within. The Father offers help to all. Whether people will receive the help is another issue. A worthy character, presented before Christ, should be the desire of the heart.

The promise is to he that overcometh the trials of life, not they, as every individual is accountable for his own soul. Not any person can rely on another's salvation to receive eternal life. Again, the strait and narrow is wide enough only for one person at a time, not entire groups of people. Scripture declares that we must work out our own salvation with fear and trembling. Do not take the offer of salvation lightly. The promise includes a white raiment, persumably literal and spiritually. The Christians name will not be removed from the book of life.

Is there a danger if my name is not in the Book of Life? Rev. 20:15 "And whosoever was not found written in the book fo life was cast into the lake of fire." No amount of money, family social status, or fame will secure eternal destiny with God. Fellowship and unity of mind with Christ please Him, causing Him to confess our name before the Father and the holy angels. evidence of supreme love He gives, but we must first confess Christ before men. There is no name like Jesus, above all others. "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me" Listen to His words.

Christ has no hands but our hands
To do His work today;
He has no feet but our feet
To lead men in His way.
He has no tongue but our tongues
To tell men how He died;
He has no help but our help
To lead men to His side.

We are the only message
The careless world will read;
We are the sinner's gospel;
We are the scoffer's creed.
We are the Lord's last message,
Written in deed and word.
What if the type be crooked?
What if the print be blurred?

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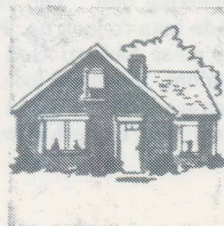
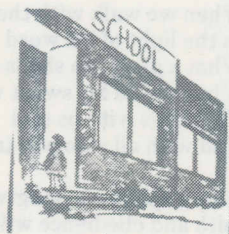
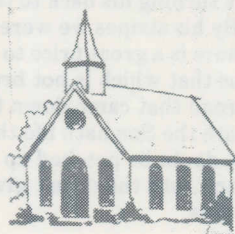
The children's Page

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By Janis Mathis

I'll draw a line from each thing I can do to help, to the building where I will do it.



BILLY JOE WORKS FOR JESUS
One morning Billy Joe left his dump truck in the backyard. He ran into the kitchen. Mother was making chocolate cupcakes. Billy Joe wanted to ask about something his teacher in Sunday School had said.

"Mother, how could I help the Lord? Miss Jones said Moses helped the Lord. She said we can help the Lord too."

Billy Joe liked to do things to help his mother, father, and teacher. Now he wanted to help the Lord.

Mother popped the last pan of cupcakes into the oven before turning to Billy Joe. She smiled and Billy Joe listened carefully as she said, "Billy Joe, I have the best idea. Our ladies' missionary group wants to send some tracts about Jesus to Alaska. They want to wrap them in colored cellophane and drop them from one of our missionary airplanes every trip. They could use thousands of them. Would you like to help us put these tracts into cardboard tubes and twist red cellophane around them?"

"Oh yes, I would like to do that."

"The ladies have so many things to do, it would take us days to wrap these. You can be a big help. If someone gets saved from reading them, you will have had a part in it," Mother said.

"Where do I begin?" Billy Joe asked.

Mother got a stack of cellophane sheets and a packet of tracts. She put them near Billy Joe and showed him how to twist the ends.

Soon Jane came to the door. Billy Joe heard her ask, "Can Billy Joe come out to play?"

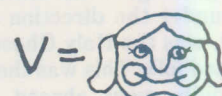
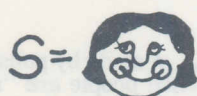
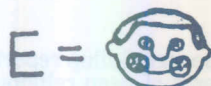
"He is busy for the Lord," Mother said. "Would you like to come in and help him?"

Soon Jane and Billy Joe both were wrapping tracts. The pile of shiny red pieces were growing taller and taller. The clock struck ten. Mother said, "It's time for our two Christian workers to stop for cupcakes and milk."

Billy Joe and Jane were ready. It had been fun to work for the Lord. It was fun too to get a letter from Alaska a few weeks later. The letter said, "We dropped the brightly colored tracts all over Alaska. We even dropped them near lonely miner's and trapper's cabins far from towns. Last week a trapper in the mountains wrote to us. He had found a tract. He had read it and then given his heart to the Lord. Thank you for helping us work for Jesus."

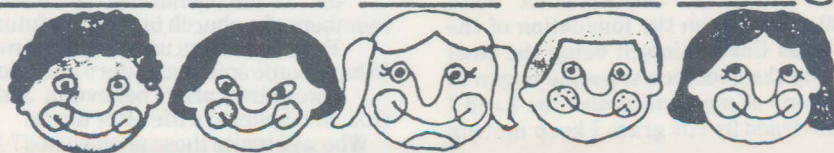
Billy Joe felt a warm gladness go all through him. It was good to know he had helped.

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A victorious Christian

My dear friends, this all depends on you and me. For the word tells us that God is faithful who hath promised. (Heb. 10:23) The Lord is faithful who shall stablish you and keep you from evil. (2 Thes. 3:3) Does it dawn on us that anything we receive from him-it is our first move? God, Jesus, and the Holy Ghost, the three in one, provides every thing we need in this race. When we were so burdened by the sins we had committed, our move was to cry for mercy. When the price was paid by seeking with our whole heart, we were forgiven. It is the same when surrendering our life to him. When God knew it was in reality that the price was paid, Jesus blood covered and we were made holy, sanctified, and set apart for his glory. To receive the Holy Ghost, a gift from God, we tarried until he came in. Now we must hold fast these experiences from the Lord, and we must study. Study what? We must study the Bible, to show ourselves approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. (2 Tim. 2:15) We must keep his commandments and do the things pleasing in his sight. As we pray (the Lord said men ought always to pray) at time we will have a still small voice reveal unto us a weight we must lay aside, for we must walk in the light. If, when something is revealed, we are rebellious and say, "I'm going to be sure this is of God", we just might, by Satan's suggestions, never get it done. At this place we will no further progress in the Lord until we go back and pick up the cross we laid down. For this Christian race is one of self-denial with a cross to carry. The servant is not above his master. (Jesus) If we walk in the light as he is in the light we keep fellowship with him, and in him is no darkness at all." (I John 1) And we certainly must have faith that God is faithful who hath promised-a sincere perfect trust. God will do what he said and the word says without faith it is impossible to please him, (Heb. 11:6) and this is the victory that overcometh the world. (I John 5:4) Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God. (Rom 10:17) Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. (Heb. 11:1) And now abideth faith, hope, and charity. (I Cor. 13:13)

A fully surrendered life is one who loves the Lord with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength, and their neighbor as themselves. It is a joy to keep the commandments and walk in the light, forgetting the things that are behind (when in sin, far from God, with no hope, we press forward toward the mark for the high calling of God in Christ Jesus). If we walk with the Lord in the light of his word, light illuminates our path, for in him is no darkness at all. We don't walk and take the Lord with us, but He goes before us and we follow.

At the beginning, of this century in a Bible School in Topeka, Kansas, under the direction of Charles F. Parham, a man God used, was the Holy Ghost poured out upon the group of consecrated folk. This was the latter rain and from there the news rapidly went abroad of the 2nd chapter of Acts experience and in 1919 and the 1920's we people of the panhandle of Texas and Oklahoma were brought the news. It was known and is still known as "The Apostolic Faith Movement." In Eph. 2:20, "Built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone." When hearing the good news, people began to move out of the organizations of men and praise the Lord I was one of them, and as He leads by His grace I keep moving

as light is given. Healing was received as in the early church age, and praise the Lord I was one of them. It takes the same faith for that as it does for our souls blessings and benefits. Dear friends, what a falling away from this truth I'm made sad to see. Please let me tell you how healing was preached in the above mentioned dates. Get rid of that shelf behind the door with all of its remedies, and mine was thrown away. I believed Jesus healed, for the word they preached told me so, and also said "He is the same yesterday, today, and forever." A double minded man we are told in James I will not receive anything from the Lord. We must ask in faith, nothing wavering. Jesus paid the price by turning his back to the whipping post, and the word says, "By his stripes we were healed." But if we go to man for help there is a great price to pay. So why do we spend our money for that which is not bread? (Isa. 55:2) Jesus said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven that gives life." He that hath the Son hath life that now is and that is to come. We can no doubt be patched up by man. I would be foolish to say we can't, but they can't give life. Praise the wonderful name of Jesus.

When we walk with the Lord
In the light of his word
What a glory He sheds on our way
When we do his sweet will
He abides with us still
And with all who will trust and obey.

I have quoted a song writer, but the word teaches us that faith and obedience will keep one victorious.

In Jesus name with my love,
Mrs. E. A. Greever

MAN MADE TO LOOK UPWARD

The Greek word for man, anthropos, means "the uplooking one." The animal kingdom looks down, but God made man to look up. Fallen man must be born from above. He must look to God to redeem him. When man needs wisdom, he must look up and "ask of God" (James 1:5), because: "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down" (James 1:17).

George Sweeting

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