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"And He that sat upon the throne said, Behold I make all things new. And he said, Write; for these words are true and faithful." (Rev. 21:5)

### Jesus Is Coming

By Cora L. Vinal

"And, behold, I come quickly; and My reward is with Me, to give every man according as his works shall be" (Rev. 22:12). This is a powerful end-time message from the throne on high. It is recorded in the last chapter of the book of the Bible. Jesus is speaking from within the portals of the New Jerusalem, and His words coming down through the centuries are living and meaningful today. His promise is true. He is coming again. He is coming soon. He is coming back to this very earth from whence He went away. And His reward will be with Him, to give every person exactly what he merits and deserves. What other word could possibly kindle the hearts of believers with such holy zeal as this prophetic utterance from our Lord Himself? It should arouse every professing Christian to make diligent preparations for that coming event.

In the 7th verse of this chapter we read: "Behold, I come quickly; blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book." And in next to the last verse our Lord testifies again: "Surely, I come quickly." This is His last recorded message to the children of men. Evidently it is a very urgent reminder of a very important matter, a doctrine that should be strongly emphasized in these closing days of time. It is the star of greatest brilliance shining through the deepening shadows of this unbelieving world. Therefore, blessed is the man that hearkens to these sayings of our Lord and orders his life accordingly. Blessed is the one that builds his hopes upon eternal realities. And blessed beyond measure are those that love His appearing. Such ones can gladly say: "Amen. Even so, come Lord Jesus."

"Behold, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced Him, and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him" (Rev. 1:7). Surely this will be the most spectacular and sensational event ever witnessed. Such supernatural glory in the heavens above, and such weeping and wailing on this earth beneath, is indescribable. Was the apostle John dreaming? Or did he misunderstand the words which were spoken? No, for our Lord gave a similar message to His disciples before He went away, saying: "And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory" (Matt. 24:30). And although prophetic students differ somewhat in their interpretation of details, "for we know in part, and we prophecy in part," yet all sincere Christians must agree that the Second Coming of Christ is a very prominent doctrine of the Word of God. The work of redemption would not be complete without His return. And although in some places it may be considered an event unthinkable and unbelievable, a doctrine quite out of harmony with modern-day theology, yet to Spirit-enlightened believers it is a most blessed and glorious certainty.

"Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown" (Rev. 3:11). This message was given primarily to the church of Philadelphia, but it is associated with "the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them

that dwell upon the earth." And are we not living in an extremely trying hour today? an hour of confusion and strife and evil doings? an hour of subtle delusions and shameful indecencies and frightening disregard of God's Word? Are not these the "perilous times" so long foretold? What then shall the followers of Christ do in the midst of such trying conditions? Is it time to bow down to the god of this world and give up all hope of accomplishment? Is it time to grasp for temporal things and allow the precious things of Christ to slip away? The Lord has given this admonition: "Hold that fast which thou hast." Why should the child of God cast away his confidence? Why should the blood-bought believer cease from his devotion to Christ? Why should the minister of the Gospel allow someone else to fulfill his God-ordained mission? No, it will pay greatly to keep on believing, and to keep on fighting the good fight of faith. God is doing great and mighty things in these last days. He has promised to keep His own even in this very hour. Be strong in Him. Let no man take thy crown.

"Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame" (Rev. 16:15). This passage is associated with the battle of Armageddon. The preceding verse warns against "the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of the great day of God Almighty. And surely the spirits of devils are abroad in the earth today. And many nations are being vexed with strife and distressed. And many rulers and great men are being woefully deceived and misguided. Not by means, but by devilish devices. And to what end? Evidently to the great conflict of the ages. "Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments." It is too late to be going about dressed in the unclean and tattered rags of self-righteousness. It is too late to be asleep, or off-guard, and too late to compromise with the ungodly elements of this world. It is time to be vigilant and on the alert against the devices of the wicked. It is time to beware of everything that savors of ungodliness. For the great Day of the Lord is fast approaching.

"For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God . . ." (1 Thes. 4:16,17). That shout will be far different than the broken-hearted cry of the suffering Son of man on the Cross. It will be the shout of a King, the shout of an Almighty Conqueror and Deliverer, the shout of the heavenly Bridegroom coming in power to claim His own. It will be accompanied with the voice of the archangel, and all the hosts of heaven as they go forth to gather His elect from every tribe and nation. It will also be attended by the grave-penetrating, life-giving, victorious blast of the trump of God. "For the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed" (1 Cor. 15:52b). And that is not all, for we read: "then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord." Something to look forward to with joyful anticipation.

"And He said unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb" (Rev. 19:9a).

And now we come to the time of delightful associations and supreme happiness.

No more walking with weary feet upon the rugged pathways of this sin-cursed world. No longer counted as the off-scouring of all things. No longer hated and shunned because of devotion to Christ. No longer unknown and unwanted. But "arrayed in fine linen, clean and white, for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints." Are we worthy? No, not of ourselves. We have been redeemed by the blood of Jesus. Do we have anything to boast about? No, when we were utterly lost and undone He sought us out and brought us to Himself. Will He cast us off sometime? No, He loves us with an everlasting love.

"And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away" (Rev. 21:3,4). Will this future blessedness be experienced gradually as mankind becomes more self-reformed and more high-cultured? Will human beings ever reach that state of perfection where God will be pleased to pitch His tabernacle in the midst? Hardly. It will be brought to pass by the finished work of Christ on Calvary's Cross, and because of the wonderful grace and power of God to change the human heart. It is the eternal dwelling-place of the redeemed ones of earth.

"And He that sat upon the throne said, Behold I make all things new." And that means an uttermost and eternal deliverance from all the effects of sin. No more curse. No more thorns to infest the ground. No more pests to destroy the fruitage. And no more sickness to make life miserable. "And they shall see His face . . . And there shall be no night there . . . and they shall reign for ever and ever." Goodbye trouble and sorrow! Goodbye strife and evil doings! Goodbye old world with all of its burdens and cares! God has promised a better place for His own. "Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of Him in peace, without spot, and blameless" (2 Pet. 3:14). For Jesus is coming soon.

### JESUS IS COMING SOON!

Therefore be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of Man cometh. Matt. 24:44.

### Not Home Yet

After a trip to Europe, the much-traveling preacher Henry Morrison returned to America on the same ship which brought Teddy Roosevelt home from a hunting trip. At New York, thousands swarmed to the docks to welcome the noted hunter, but not one soul was there to greet Dr. Morrison.

"Aha," said Satan to the minister as he wended his lonely way thru the throng who ignored him completely. "See how they greet the men of the world, and you — one of God's preachers — without a single soul to greet you!"

And a lump crept into Morrison's throat, until he heard his Father whisper softly.

"Yes, Henry, but you are not Home yet." — Selected.

### Song of the Sparrow

I'm only a little sparrow,  
A bird of low degree;  
My life is of little value,  
But the dear Lord cares for me.

He gives me a coat of feathers—  
It is very plain I know,  
Without a speck of crimson,  
For it was not made for show.

But it keeps me warm in winter,  
And it shields me from the rain;  
Were it bordered with gold and purple,  
Perhaps it would make me vain.

I have no barn or storehouse,  
I neither sow nor reap;  
God gives me a sparrow's portion,  
With never a seed to keep.

If my meat is sometimes scanty,  
Close pecking makes it sweet;  
I have always enough to feed me,  
And life is more than meat.

I know there are many sparrows—  
All over the world they are found—  
But our heavenly Father knoweth  
When ONE of us falls to the ground.

Tho' small, we are never forgotten;  
Tho' weak, we are never afraid;  
For we know the dear Lord keepeth  
The life of the creatures He made.

I fly through city and country,  
I alight on many a spray;  
I have no chart or compass  
But I never lose my way.

I just fold my wings at nightfall,  
Wherever I happen to be;  
For the Father is always watching  
And no harm can come to me.

I am only a little sparrow,  
A bird of low degree;  
But I know that the Father loves me,  
Dost THOU know His love for THEE?

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**A Jamaican Report**

By H. J. Smith

For some months I had experienced a great desire to once again journey to the Island of Jamaica for a time of Missionary-Evangelistic effort. After much prayer I asked Brother Ted Whitesell to accompany me and pray for the sick as he had done in the great crusade in Kingston two years ago. After he had prayed, he too felt it was God's will that he take part in such a meeting this year.

As it drew near to the time that Brother Ted and I were to leave Los Angeles, I became more conscious of the presence of the Lord and the fact that we were moving in His perfect will. I shall never forget that last service at "Old Pisgah." A host of friends had come from all over the area to pray with us and wish us traveling mercies for our journey. Included among these were many of the "Spirit-filled" from various denominational prayer groups. As we together began to worship the Lord "in Spirit and in Truth", we became conscious of indeed being seated with Christ in heavenly places. A time of sharing experiences and exhortation followed, after which prayer was offered and hands were laid upon a large shipment of Herald of Hope papers.

As the service drew to a close and those who desired to be filled with the Spirit or had need of healing moved into the prayer rooms, I knelt at the altar and requested that those who felt led to do so should lay hands upon me that I might be more effective in the service of Christ. It was then that the Spirit of God moved upon one of his chosen ones and prophecy came forth declaring that the coming meetings in Jamaica would be the greatest we had ever seen. How true and reliable are the words of the Lord and how faithful are His promises.

We had a blessed trip to Miami, Florida where we were met at the airport by Russ Gray, President of the local chapter of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship, who arranged for our over-night accommodations and our return to the airport in the morning. In Kingston, Jamaica we were greeted by Rev. Luke Summers, Island Overseer for the New Testament Church of God, who had offered the Herald of Hope the facilities of a large open-air tabernacle at 65 Waltham Park Road. Brother Summers also graciously invited us to be guests in his own home during our crusade.

It had been arranged and announced that Brother Ted Whitesell would pray for the sick in a special service each afternoon from six to seven o'clock. God's healing power was so greatly manifest that people from every where began to pour into these afternoon meetings until it became necessary to advance the starting time to as early as four o'clock. Healings were marvelous and miraculous and the number prayed for numbered into many thousands. As miracles of healing took place, those who had been touched by the mighty power of God would make their way to the microphone to announce their healing to those yet waiting for prayer. This was a tremendous stimulant to faith. On the last Sunday afternoon of these healing services, Brother Ted personally prayed for over one thousand people. Marvels and miracles were done in the Name of Jesus.

From the very first meeting in Kingston we sensed the determination of God to bless mightily and each night we were filled with keen anticipation. Scores came to the Lord night after night, and toward the close of the first week, on Saturday night, after we had sent into the counseling area those who had come to accept Christ, and after we had dismissed the congregation, we extended an invitation to those who desired the in-filling of the Holy Spirit to come forward and be seated in the front section of the Tabernacle. After a few minutes of exhortation on the scriptural validity of this experience, and a brief word of instruction concerning the way to cooperate with the Holy Spirit, those who were hungering and thirsting after God and His righteousness entered in by faith into the fulness of the Baptism with the Holy Spirit. On some nights the hunger of the people was so great that before I could finish the exhortation, some would enter the fulness and begin "to speak with tongues as the Spirit gave utter-

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and after reading pray concerning the information contained in the letter "To Our Readers and Prayer Band" found elsewhere on this page.

**To Our Readers And Prayer Band**

As we write you this letter we know you will rejoice with us concerning the wonderful visitation of God we had during our recent visit to the beautiful Island of Jamaica. Please read carefully the article in this issue entitled "A Jamaican Pentecost." Truly these meetings were the greatest we have ever seen in that island.

After leaving Jamaica we journeyed to Puerto Rico we drove to Orocovis, a not to stop off in Haiti at the time. In Puerto Rico we journeyed to Orocovis, a mountain town in the center of the island, where on a Sunday afternoon and night Brother Ted Whitesell and I ministered to the sick and unsaved at the local Baptist church. The Lord blessed with many deliverances. Before we left Puerto Rico, we had a service with Sally Olson in the down town prison in San Juan. God has given Sally special favor in this prison even as He had done in the Penitentiary where she has labored for many years. Now many of the prisoners have been converted and a real change has taken place. During our visit there on Monday night about thirty of the boys came forward to give their hearts to the Lord. What a change the Gospel makes in the lives of men. Even in prison the Gospel of Deliverance will change hearts of stone.

Our radio work continues daily here in the Los Angeles area and if space permitted us to do so we could recount many miracles of Salvation and healing that could be directly attributed to the radio program.

The orphanage and mission work in Mexico is going forward with God's blessing. Three branch missions have now been established and a dental clinic and laboratory set up at the orphanage.

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H. J. Smith, Editor

**Without Fear**

Someone has pointed out that we often misread the verse of Psalm 23 which says, "I will fear no evil: for thou art with me." We read it in our minds as if it said, "I will suffer no evil," or "I will not be called on to endure evil."

That is not the message of the Psalm. Indeed, the Psalmist was speaking of "the valley of the shadow of death" when he wrote the words. The evil may come upon us. Sickness or sorrow or pain or loss or some other trouble may be our lot, but no matter what hardship or disaster we may be called upon to face, there will be no fear in the heart.

God will give us the courage and the strength that we need in every circumstance of life. He is with those who trust in Him. He will not suffer them to be tested beyond the power He gives to endure. In Him we are "more than conquerors." — **The Christian Observer.**

Fear knocked at the door. Faith answered. No one was there.

ance." For the most part these meetings were very orderly, but were certainly charged with the mighty power of God.

During this Jamaican crusade, possibly two thousand or more made confession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. This number does not include all those who accepted Christ in the healing services. In the last week of the meetings alone we believe that more than five hundred were filled with the Holy Spirit. The truly outstanding miracle of these Holy Ghost meetings was not alone in the numbers filled, but the fact that almost all of those who received the experience came from non-Pentecostal churches of every denomination on the Island.

Truly, God did as He had spoken before we left Los Angeles. These were the greatest meetings of this kind we have ever seen. We give the glory to Jesus.

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## What Meaneth This?

By Robert Frost, Ph.D

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Someone has said that the most important thing in all of life is to determine how God is moving and then to move with God. We are living in unique and important times. On the cover of every issue of *The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists* is the face of a clock. The hands of that clock are set at five minutes to twelve. The secular world realizes that time may be shorter than we think. No Christian can afford to be less aware of the seriousness and urgency of our time.

The forces of evil are finding increased expression at all levels of life as if the Adversary, "knowing he hath but a short time, has come down unto us having great wrath." Pathetically, the Church of the 20th century has not met the challenge of its time with the same power and vitality that characterized the first century Church. A dimension has been lost; a dimension which was to give the Church a freshness as of the morning, a fair beauty as of the moon, a revealing brightness as of the sun and a fierceness as of an army terrible with banners. (Solomon 6:10) There are repeated indications, however, that this dimension is being restored.

### Undercutting Denominational Barriers

The Holy Scripture declares that in the last days God will pour out His Spirit upon all flesh. (Acts 2:17) These may well be the last days. Certainly a spiritual awakening is bringing new life and power to the Church of our day. Furthermore, this move of God is completely undercutting denominational barriers of all kinds and is uniting believers in a simplicity which acknowledges the Lordship of Jesus Christ. One's church, neighborhood, city, in fact any area of influence, then becomes a mission field. The mission is the reality of Christ as only the Holy Spirit can make Him known. Group prayer meetings suddenly become alive with His presence. The spiritual fruits and the gifts are manifested in lives in a natural, simple, but very real way which literally transforms "life as usual" into a world of wonder.

It is beyond our comprehension to realize that God has chosen people from all walks of life to fulfill His will in these closing days of time. He is calling forth men and women in every denomination, from the high Episcopal Church to the humble mission. He is calling forth men and women from every vocation, business and profession. We might add at this point, greatly to our joy, that college students and professors are no exception. The only obligation humanly speaking in realizing God's will for our time is complete abandonment in faith to the Holy Spirit's desire to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ in our midst.

Any genuine move of God will always crowd us closer to Jesus Christ, for in Him the full desire of the Father finds complete satisfaction. God the Father loves the Son. They have loved one another for all eternity past and it is the express will of the Father that we might be conformed into His image. This is our divine destiny, to become like Jesus, the Son of God's love. (Romans 8:29).

When the significance of what this means breaks upon us, it at once seems both fantastic and utterly impossible. Christ-likeness means to be and to do what Jesus was and what Jesus did. He was altogether lovely, and He did mighty and marvelous things to glorify His Father. The stamp of God's Son bears both the beauty of His character and the power of His work.

The Scriptures declare we are destined to share in His character and work, but, with the Virgin Mary, we can only cry out, "How can this be?" How can the beauty and power of Jesus find expression in our lives?

### Holy Spirit or Frustration

The answer lies in the person and work of God the Holy Spirit. (II Corinthians 3:17-18) This is the Father's way to realize His will. His will centers in His Son; His way centers in His Spirit. If we try to realize His will our way, not only will we not be satisfied, but neither will God. (Isaiah 55:8) To be a stranger to the person of the Holy Spirit can only lead to frustration. Yet so many do not know the Holy Spirit in a personal, intimate way. Sadly for some, He is nothing more than an impersonal force or power. The Scriptures declare, however, that He is a warm, real, wonderful Person who feels, thinks, and moves. He loves, desires and can be grieved. Furthermore, we are to have fellowship and communion with Him. (II Cor. 13:14) When we do, we shall quickly find the common interest around which we are united will always be just one thing — the person of Jesus Christ. It is the purpose and desire of the Holy Spirit to make Jesus more real to us and through us now

than He was to the disciples before the Comforter came. (John 16:7-15) As we make room for the Holy Spirit in our lives, He will make room for the Lord Jesus Christ in all that He is and all that He can do. The beauty and power of our Lord will only find increased expression in our lives as we grow in the spiritual graces and manifests His gifts.

The gifts and the graces of the Holy Spirit are the Father's way of conforming us into the image of His Son. Graces are grown; gifts are given. It is possible to have either without the other, but it is impossible for either to have full expression without the other. The love of God not only is beautiful, but it acts powerfully. Every manifestation of the Holy Spirit must be appreciated in terms of the Giver and the purpose for which it is given. No gifts of God are trivial or ever to be depreciated for they are expressions of His love and a means of fulfilling His divine purpose in and through our lives.

### Safeguard Against Abuses

Herein is the safeguard against abuses and disuses of the spiritual gifts. Always such expressions must edify (build up in Christ) the body (believers) and glorify the Head (Jesus). To fall short of this is to fall short of God's eternal purpose and to frustrate His love. To attain to this end is to endow the Church with the freshness, beauty, brightness and power She so desperately needs in these important times.

A relationship with the Person of the Holy Spirit in His fullness is the only way that the Father's full thought concerning His Son can find completion in our lives. The early New Testament believers were characterized as being full of faith, boldness, wisdom, grace, joy and the Holy Ghost (Acts 6:5, 11:24, 4:31, 6:3, 13:52).

How was the gift of God's Spirit in His fullness initiated in their lives? We know at conversion the Holy Spirit convicts and convinces us of our need of the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour. As we will to place our confidence in His Saviourhood, the Holy Spirit baptizes us into the Body of Christ and indwells us as the Spirit and life of Christ. (I Cor. 12:13) We abide in Him and He abides in us. We are all indwelt by the Holy Spirit at the time of regeneration (Rom. 8:9). The focal point of this experience is our justification. We are complete in Him. (Col. 1:9,10)

But there is another side to the coin, for not only are we to be complete in Him, but He is to be complete in us. (Col. 4:12, Gal. 4:19) This is our sanctification which is to find progressive expression. Christ becomes complete in us as we become conformed into His image. It is a beautiful and powerful image as has already been discussed. Only as we are filled with the indwelling Spirit will the power of God begin to find full expression in our lives. The Apostle Paul admonishes us to be so filled, and indicates this relationship with the Holy Spirit is appropriated by faith as was our justification. (Eph. 5:18, Gal. 3:2,14)

The pattern by which the early New Testament believers appropriated the fullness of the Spirit is meaningful. On the first Pentecost the promise of the Father was given to the Church by the Lord Jesus. As the 120 waited in faith and obedience in the upper room, they all were filled and flooded by the Holy Spirit as John the Baptist had prophesied during his ministry and Jesus had reaffirmed before His ascension. (Acts 2:4, Matt. 3:11, Acts 1:5).

### Outward Evidence of Inward Work

The outward evidence of the inward work was startling, for they all spoke in tongues as the Spirit directed. The content of the heavenly expression concerned the wondrous works of God. It was a beautiful evidence of praise and worship. Peter related that which was seen and heard outwardly to the inward work of the Holy Spirit personally. (Acts 2:33) Furthermore, he indicated that following repentance and baptism the same promise was for the bystanders, their children and all who are afar off. (Acts 2:38,39) This pronouncement first found fulfillment in Scripture at Samaria where following baptism (an outward sign of the inward regenerating work of the Holy Spirit), Peter and John laid hands of faith upon the new converts. One by one (William's translation) they too entered into the Gift of the Spirit's fullness, and again an outward evidence was observed as indicated by the response of Simon the sorcerer (Acts 8:14-19).

### The Pattern Confirmed

The pattern was repeated at the house of Cornelius, where, as Peter ministered the Word (God's Spirit always confirms God's Word and honors God's Son), the Holy Spirit filled hungry hearts to overflowing as evidenced (to Peter's full satisfaction) by their prayer and praise in other tongues. (Acts 10:44-48) That they so magnified God in this divinely given way was at once accepted by the Church at Jerusalem as evidence of the Spirit's initial infilling work in the lives of these new Gentile converts. (Acts 11:15-18)

Once again we see the pattern confirmed in the lives of the twelve disciples

at Ephesus where Paul, after baptizing them, laid his hands upon them in faith and they too glorified God in a heavenly language as the indwelling, infilling Spirit divinely directed their praise. (Acts 19:1-7)

When God repeatedly chooses to evidence an inward work of the Spirit by unique and particular manifestation of the Spirit, we have the right to ask ourselves why. In fact, we dare not willfully ignore any purposeful pattern that God chooses to reveal. There is meaning and significance in God's choices, and ultimately we know they will be related to the Lord Jesus, the Son of His love.

Man is the highest form of God's creative majesty. Only Man was created in His image. Only man has the capacity for conceptual thought. Only man has the power to project his mind in meaningful communication with others. The ability to think and communicate with others is related to man's capacity to manipulate word symbols. The Genesis record indicates that at his creation man was endowed with the gift of conceptual thought and speech. Here is the symbol of the soul. "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he." (Prov. 23:7) "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." (Matt. 12:36) Here is the divinely given instrument by which man as a free moral agent may bless or blaspheme, may praise or curse. No wonder James implies that the power which can tame the tongue can tame the man. (James 3)

### Touches The Very Citadel of Man

When God related the manifestation of tongues with the fullness of the Spirit in the Book of Acts, He chose an evidence that reaches down and touches the very citadel of man's being. What a beautiful and powerful picture: the complete surrender of the soul to the Spirit's control. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." (Acts 2:4) As always, when the Spirit is in control, one's attention is directed to God in praise and worship. "And they spoke of the wondrous works of God." (Acts 2:11) "For they heard them speak in tongues and magnify God." (Acts 10:46)

Furthermore, this privilege of divinely inspired praise is to find continual daily expression in our devotional life. While not all may be called upon by faith to exercise the gift of tongues for the edification of the Body of Christ in group worship (I Cor. 12:30), Paul clearly indicates the use of devotional tongues is for all. Just as the initial outward evidence was for all 120 in Jerusalem, for all at Samaria, for all at Cornelius' house and for all twelve at Ephesus, so Paul desires that his hearers might all pray and sing in the Spirit in this divinely-given way in their private worship. (I Cor. 14:5,15) He indicates there is a two-fold significance to this manifestation of the Spirit.

On the manward side Paul indicates we are by-passing the limitations of our minds, for in the Spirit we are speaking mysteries. (I Cor. 14:2) Here is prayer and worship transcending the limitations of self-controlled speech. Furthermore, such Spirit-directed prayer is edifying to the individual. (I Cor. 14:4) This is of great significance for it speaks of our being fashioned into the image of God's Son. There is a divine awareness of His conforming touch upon our lives that cannot be objectively analyzed, only subjectively experienced. But it is transformingly real. Praise God!

"Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." The Holy Spirit desires to liberate, release and unleash the beauty and power of Jesus Christ in our lives. This liberty begins with our worship. There is a releasing power in praise that influences our entire being and every area of life experience. No wonder Paul exclaims with great feeling, "I thank my God I speak in tongues more than ye all." (I Cor. 14:18)

### "Giving Thanks Well"

On the Godward side we discover again from Paul's inspired writing that we are "giving thanks well." (I Cor. 14:16,17) Such divinely directed praise and worship to God's Son is well-pleasing to the Father. The Song of Solomon so powerfully presents the deep desire of God that His great love for us might find its completion and return in our worship. There is nothing more satisfying and significant in all of life than to recognize and express the worthship of Almighty God. Yet, who hasn't in times of deep devotion found he was unable to find words to express the great longings of his soul for God? How good of God to give us such a beautiful gift. What a marvelous expression in return. Surely, it was with much meaning that Paul wished we might all speak in tongues. Only within such a context could or would Paul make such a statement.

### Spirit in Divine Control

There is yet another symbolic meaning found in this God-given and God-chosen manifestation of the Holy Spirit. As we read the record of the first Pentecost we find that "they spoke as the Spirit gave them utterance." (Acts 2:4) That they

spoke was not supernatural; it was their lips, their tongues, and their voices. But what they spoke was supernatural, for the Spirit was in divine control. This is a forceful picture of how the Spirit of holiness desires to take and control not only this our most unruly member, but every member of our being to the praise and honor and glory of God's Son. Here we see a wedding of all that God is with all that we are (and are not) to accomplish His divine purpose. In His great grace He has chosen to work out His perfection through our imperfection, if we will submit ourselves without reservation to the perfecting power of His Spirit.

One sees rather quickly that initially and progressively the cross of self-emptying always accompanies the crown of the Spirit's infilling. The proud self-centered person would never in faith have submitted himself to the hands of the Apostles for the fullness of the Holy Spirit in early New Testament times. Some did however, and the then known world was turned upside down. Oh, that our world might be so shaken! There are repeated indications that it may happen, for as the Apostle Paul humbled himself at the hands of Ananias that he might be filled with the Holy Spirit (Acts 9:17), so many today are humbling themselves before the hand of God and finding, much to their joy, that the heavenly pattern for spiritual power and holiness has not changed.

How in a practical way can one enter into such an experience in the Holy Spirit as we find repeatedly recorded in the Book of Acts? We might find the answer most clearly explained by comparing the Gift of God's Son with that of His Spirit. There are many meaningful parallels.

### Appropriated By Faith Alone

First, both are gifts of God's grace and appropriated by faith alone. (Eph. 2:8,9; Gal. 3:2,14) It is not necessary to beg God for a gift He has already given, but rather to believe and receive with thanksgiving the given gift. The simplicity of something so right, so real and so easily entered into is disarming. In fact, the Adversary will immediately flood our minds with a host of doubts and reservations, for he knows the moment we step out in faith without hesitation God will fulfill His promise.

The doubts and questions all fall into a similar pattern, for both the Gift of God's Son and the Gift of God's Spirit. All are devilishly designed to undermine our faith. All can effectively be met by God's Word, which the Spirit honors as the source and basis of our faith. God's faithfulness is not related to how we think or how we feel, but what He has said. Jesus said, "If any one (this is for all) thirst (recognize his need for the Springs of the Spirit) let him come unto me (Jesus is our Saviour and Baptizer) and drink (obedience in action). Whosoever (again, for all) continues to believe in me (as Saviour and Baptizer) will have as the Scriptures say (faith in God's Word) rivers (gifts and graces) of living water continuously flowing from within him (a daily experience). By this He referred to the Spirit (God's way to His will) that those believing in Him were going to receive (the Promise given)." (John 7:37)

### Fear

Some miss God's gifts because of fear, fear of what others may say or do or think, fear of unwholesome division or confusion in one's life, home, or church, fear of the unknown, even in God. Many have missed the way of salvation and of the Spirit because of fear. Yet God is not the author of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. (II Tim. 1:7) The Holy Spirit is not the author of confusion or division but of understanding and unity. We need only fear our proneness to grieve and quench the Spirit for then the clear unifying purpose of God in Christ becomes obscured. Fear is the product of unbelief.

Others hold back because they cannot rationalize their way into an apprehension of God's gifts. Fortunately, as indicated previously, God has by-passed the limitations of our minds and provided a way which is by faith. Real understanding unfolds on the subject side of spiritual experience. Faith is a reasonable way to prove the validity of God's promises, for the confirmation is personally real.

### Stumbling Blocks to Enquirers

Occasionally the lives of those who have entered into these Gifts of God have proven to be stumbling blocks to honest inquirers. Unbelievers point to so-called "hypocrites" and "failures" in the churches. To depreciate a gift or the Giver because of what an individual does or does not do with it hardly seems fair. This is true both for the Gifts of God's Son and His Spirit.

The evidence of what God can do through a life will not be found in those who have "moved in" and then "backed off." In such a life the Holy Spirit is grieved and His power and purpose quenched. Fortunately, many choose to "move on" and their lives, under the continual control of the Spirit and the Word, became real testimonies of God's grace (Continued on Page Eight)



## Blest Handkerchief

Our authority for sending these handkerchiefs is based on the Word of God as found in Acts 19:11, 12, "And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: so that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them." If it could be done then, why not now? Elijah was a man of like passions as we, yet he prayed and God heard and answered him. God will hear and answer yet today.

Paul said, "It is no more I, but Christ." We can also say, "It is no more I, but Christ." To Him be the glory. Do you want to add glory to His great name? One way you may be able to do this is to get the poor, sick, and discouraged ones, the devil-ridden ones, to write to us in a brief way, describing their case or situation. We will pray for them and send them the handkerchief, and our paper. We are sure that God will bless you in doing this as you do it in His name.

Please do not fail to read the Gospel tracts that are enclosed in the letters. They are sent for your benefit and better understanding. Read prayerfully the Scripture references and we are sure that you will be greatly benefited, for it is the entrance of the Word that giveth light.

Please do not send for handkerchiefs without giving the name of the person, their disease or trouble. We send them out, not only for the healing of the body and casting out demons, but also to take the place of laying on of hands of the elders for special blessing, as well as for power of service when elders are not available.

## TESTIMONIES OF HEALING

### NOTICE!

In view of the fact that the writers of the testimonies sent to us have sometimes been bothered by those writing to them for help, which they are unable to give in most cases, we have decided to omit their names and addresses.

### "BELIEVE ONLY"

Your prayer sheet is a doctor to the family. Whenever one is ill, all you have to do is to put it on the afflicted part and believe that Jesus heals and you are sure to be healed. —A.D., Jamaica, W.I.

### RELIEVED OF PAINS

You sent me a blessed handkerchief for arthritis. Ever since I have used it I have been greatly relieved of pain. —M.I.G., McRae, Georgia

### RECTAL TROUBLE GONE

I had rectal trouble and the pain was annoying and prolonged. I placed the Herald of Hope with trust on my stomach. This was last March and thank the Lord I have had no pain since. —Mrs. H.E., Madras, India

### NO MORE PAIN

I wrote to you some months ago telling you of my heavy burden and my illness, and received your most encouraging leaflet which I read, and also the kerchief. My dear friends, I can say that I was really ill. I said to myself, "There is nothing else to try, my faith is all gone." But thank God, I just can't believe that my God is so real to me! No more pain and I am on my feet from morning till night — on my every day duties. Also my husband, who was out of a job so long because of his health, is now working. — Kilburn, N.W., England

### GOD ANSWERS PRAYER

A short time ago I phoned you to pray for my wife, as she had a bad heart spell and arthritis, so painful she could hardly raise her right arm. God answered. Monday we did a big wash and Tuesday she ironed almost all day. Sunday she played the piano in Sunday School and last night in prayer meeting. —W.H.L., Riverside, Calif.

### STOMACH HEALED

I must say my stomach is feeling much better. I was so sick with it I didn't think that I could live to see another year, but through your prayer and mine, God has healed me. —R. M., Leicester City, England

### LEPROSY LEAVING

Dear Friends, I am feeling much better. My leprosy is almost healed. Thank you for your blest handkerchief. It was a wonderful day when I learned about you. I have been made strong in faith. —M.C., Chacabasco

### EMPLOYMENT

I do thank you for praying for my three boys. They have all received jobs and are working. —Mrs. E.W.,—

### KIND FEELINGS

I wrote to you sometime ago asking you to pray that a tenant in the house move out in peace. Thanks be to God, she has made peace with all of us and left in unity. —A.B.R., Kingston, Jamaica

### RAISED UP

I have received your letter and blessed handkerchief. I can now say that I am much better, able to eat and be out of bed; no more vomiting and restless nights. —Brooklyn, N.Y.

### A REAL TONIC

Thank you very sincerely for your helpful paper. I enjoy its content very much. The sermons and healings are a real tonic to me. — Mr. J.A., Markethill, N. Ireland

### CHILD HEALED

I am writing to you again so soon, because of your prayers concerning my very sick child. He was very near death at one point, but now, thank the dear Lord, he is miraculously healed. —Mrs. M.G.J., Brownsville, Tex.

### HEALED MENTALLY

I sent to you for a blest handkerchief for my wife who was mentally ill. She is feeling much better. With the help of your prayers and blest handkerchief, she recovered very quickly from her illness. —O.K.L., London, England

### JESUS HEALS

I wrote you early last year informing you that I was attacked with a thrombosis of the right leg and its consequences—swelling, cramps and bad circulation of the blood in the legs, which the doctor said would continue permanently as a result of a damaged blood vessel. I want to let you know that God marvelously healed me of this condition, independent of medicines, about a month or so after I wrote you. Glory be to God. Also I wrote you on behalf of a sister in our assembly who had asthma for years. I told her if she would trust the Lord, God would heal her of this miserable disease. As a result of your prayers and the blessed kerchief God has miraculously healed her, so that she has not been sick for over a year now. —D.F.P., Trinidad, W. I.

### GOD IS ABLE

My daughter has been sick with asthma since she was six months old. I have spent over hundred pounds on her and she could not get better. I got your prayer cloth and pinned it on her. She is better and I don't have to take her to the doctor any more. —Mr. R.L., Jamaica, W.I.

### HEALED OF ARTHRITIS

I had been ill with arthritis for some time and not able to do much. Last summer I suddenly became well. Later I found out that my cousin had sent in a prayer request for my healing. God be praised! —Mrs. C.L., Newfolden, Minn.

### RASH IS GONE

I wrote sometime ago for a blest cloth for a rash I had on my hands and arms. I want to thank you for your prayers. God healed me. — Mrs. P.R., Pittsburgh, Calif.

### 100% BETTER

I went to my Doctor to get a check up and he said that I am a hundred per cent better. My blood pressure is much better, also the diabetes is almost gone. Thank you greatly for your prayers. — L.D., Curacao, N. Antilles

### GOD ANSWERED

I wrote you in the month of December to pray for a situation involving the dissolving of a business partnership for my husband. I asked you to pray that this situation would end in a perfect way. I want you to know that it did. We are very happy about this. —Mrs. L.C.,—

### EMPLOYMENT

Thanks for your prayers. My daughter, who could not get a job for month upon months, has got a very nice Government job. —M.S., Kingston, Jamaica

### EYES ARE MUCH BETTER

My eyes are feeling a hundred times better. I can read ever so long at nights now, thank God. —A.M., Kingston, Jamaica

### BLOOD DISEASE HEALED

I'm not one of you, but I believe all things are possible if you only believe, for I'm a living example. The year was 1959 when I had this blood disease for which the doctors had no cure. My Mother wrote and asked your prayers and for a blessed handkerchief, which arrived at one o'clock, and by five o'clock I was healed. —Miss F.M., Normal, Ala.

### HEALED OF LUNG TUMORS

Four years ago I had lung tumors and I wrote your Prayer Band to pray for me. You did, and sent me a healing cloth. When I went back to the hospital to be x-rayed again before my operation, thank God, there was no trace of tumors. —Mrs. E.T., Fort Lewis, Wash.

### BROTHER RETURNS

I am very, very glad to report to you dear ones that your prayer for my Brother, who had left home for over 14 years, has been answered. He came home on the 25th of December to see his parents. Isn't God wonderful? —Mr. N.J., Clapham, England

### SAFE DELIVERY

Last year I wrote to you when I was expecting my baby, asking your prayers. Praise the Lord, I was delivered with a baby boy without any trouble. —L.A.W., Clarendon, Jamaica

### HUSBAND SAVED

I wrote to you some time ago about my husband, who needed to be saved. Thank God, for your prayer is answered. My husband is saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. —Mrs. I.M.B., Bristol, England

### SUCCESSFUL IN EXAM

I have passed my exam and I am more than thankful to God, also to the friend who gave me your address and encouraged me to write to the HERALD OF HOPE. —M.D., Jamaica, W.I.

### SOUND SLEEP

I must say thank you very much for the kerchief I have received from you. The first day I got it I put it on, and that night I slept so soundly that I did not even turn. Sometimes I find it so difficult to sleep, but I must confess that now, no sooner than my head touches the pillow I am sound asleep. —M.T., Arima, W.I.

### QUICK RELIEF

Thank you for the blessed kerchief you sent me. I took care of it and when a few weeks ago I had asthma attack I read the scripture references, prayed and pinned on chest, looking to God. I got quick relief. —Mrs. M.A., Upland, Calif.

### HEALED OF T.B.

I was sick in the T.B. Hospital. I wrote in for your prayer cloth and you prayed. Thank the Lord, I have been healed of T.B. I have been writing the Herald of Hope for two years, and everything in my home is better. We had so much bad luck for 4 years, but since I have been writing for prayer the Lord has blest me and all of my family. — Mrs. R.M.M., Houston, Texas

### HEALED OF ASTHMA

I wrote to you a year ago for healing of my 4 year old son. He would get a cold and could not catch his breath. The doctor said he had asthma. Thanks be to God, my son is healed. — Mrs. A.L.S., Hampstead, N.C.

### GOD MOVES IN HEARTS

Off and on for several years I've called up "Old Pisgah" to ask your dear folks to pray for my daughter and her husband. They were very unhappy in their marriage. For the last few months now I have seen a tenderness and consideration toward each other I had not seen before. My heart rejoices in this, and now I feel it will be not too long before they will wholly surrender their hearts to Jesus. — Mrs. F.T., California

### RECEIVES BLESSINGS

I wrote to you about my troubles, I believe you spoke to God about them, for I have received a Jeep and got a piece of land since then. How great it was when I believed the Words of God that you sent to me! —F.H.C., Jamaica, W.I.

### BROKEN NECK HEALED

I know the healing power of Jesus, because he healed my son of a broken neck. The doctor put a steel plate in his neck that made it still so he couldn't turn his head, and the wound in his neck, where they had operated to insert the plate, would not heal. The doctors told my son he would have to have it removed and wear a brace to keep his neck up. But he said, "Did you not know God heals today?" and refused the operation. Within a short time the plate just worked out, still screwed up each side where it had held his bones around his spinal cord. His neck is as it was before his accident. He moves it from side to side and turns around to look behind, being a stonemason by trade, he swings a 3-lb. hammer, but it makes no difference to his neck. Praise God! —Mrs. J.P., Victoria, Australia

### RECEIVES HOLY GHOST

Thank you for your prayers. I wrote many times for you to pray for my son to receive the Holy Ghost. About 4 weeks ago he received the Holy Ghost. — Mrs. V.D., Oakdale, Louisiana

### LOST IS FOUND

Thank you for praying with me on the phone. My husband lost his pocket book with very important papers in it. I asked Sister on the phone to agree with me for its safe return. I want to thank and praise God—it was found. —Mrs. A.E., Los Angeles, Calif.

### PROBLEMS SOLVED

Thank you for your assistance in prayer to God which brought about my healing of blood pressure and the solving of many problems. —N.A., Kingston, Jamaica

### EYES HEALED

A friend asked for prayer — she was afraid she was losing her sight. She had no vision in one eye for a long time and the sight of the other eye was just about gone also. We called your Mission to stand with us in prayer that God would save her sight. Last night she called and said, "Rejoice with me, I can see with both eyes!" —A.R., Compton, Calif.

### BROTHER'S LIFE SPARED

I want to thank the prayer group and all who prayed, and for the blest handkerchief. My brother was laid ill and almost to the point of death. He was taken from St. Kitts Hospital to Jamaica. Doctor gave him up, but Doctor Jesus said, "Spare him for a purpose, that is a precious soul." In fifteen days he was back home, well and strong and able to tell of the goodness of the Lord. —Sister R., St. Kitts, W.I.

### PASSES DRIVER'S TEST

A few weeks ago I wrote to you to pray for me that I would pass the Driver's Test so I could have my Driver's License. The first time I didn't pass, but thank the Lord the second time I did. —Mrs. J. R., Chicago, Illinois

### STOPS SMOKING

I asked you to pray that I would quit smoking and I have been stopped for 4 months now and don't have the desire to smoke again. —Mr. P.W.M., Asheville, North Carolina

### EMPLOYMENT

I hasten to let you know that both my daughters have succeeded in getting jobs. The eldest has got an acting appointment which might become permanent, and the younger is on three months probation. I offer my sincere thanks to God for the blessing of sending them good jobs, as at the moment there are hundreds who are unemployed in Trinidad. —Mrs. C.C., Trinidad, W.I.

### SAFE DELIVERY

I wrote you in 1961 requesting prayer that I might have an easy and safe delivery with a baby, after not having one for 23 years. Thank God, through your prayers my prayer has been answered; and my little boy is growing well and fine. —Mrs. M.C., Barbados, W.I.

### BETTER NOW

My mother, who lives in Jamaica, was very sick for a long time, could not sleep nights for several months. She wrote to you, and you prayed for her. Thank God, she is better now. —G.C., London N. 15, England

### HERNIA DOESN'T TROUBLE

Last year I wrote you for the first time, telling you that I was suffering from a hernia in my navel. From the time I used the blest cloth it hasn't troubled me. —DD., Trinidad, W. I.

### GOD IS FAITHFUL

In the past I called about my husband and a business, and the Lord definitely answered this. Called about my husband's health and a lump in his throat. The Lord answered this. —Mrs. K.A.A.,—

### HEALED OF HEMMORHOIDS

Through your prayers a few years back the good Lord healed me of hemorrhoids, and I'm grateful to you folks as well as the Lord. —E.V., Spafford, Texas

### SUCCESSFUL IN EXAMS

You prayed for me re. my exams and, thank God, I was successful in every one and am now a qualified mid-wife S.R.N. So I know what your prayers can do. —Mrs. J.R.H., Br. Guiana, S. America

### SAVED AND PROSPERING

Thanks for the HERALD OF HOPE paper. I am happy to say I have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour. I have found Him real to me. Since I started corresponding with you my life has changed completely. There was a time when everything I put my hands to was a complete failure, but, thanks be to God, I have been promoted at work and earning a bigger salary. —D.W., London, N.W. 10, England

### FITS CEASE

My darling baby Donna hasn't had a fit since I wrote you for a hankie for her. —Mrs. J.F.H., Bonauista Bay, Nfld.



**ANSWERS TO PRAYER**

Some months ago I wrote to you asking you to pray for my nephew to retrace his steps and come to his home, and my husband from alcohol. Two weeks ago my nephew came home, and thank the Lord my husband has ceased drinking.—L.S., London, England

**IN GOOD HEALTH NOW**

My daughter is keeping real good health now. She can attend her school regularly, and sleeps peaceful at night. Her behavior is much better. She has made a wonderful change. Thank God.—A.M., Kingston, Jamaica

**GOD ANSWERED PRAYER**

Your faithful prayers have been answered. The wicked people have been removed from the room and gone, thank God. —M.W., Kingston, Jamaica

**SAFE DELIVERY**

I wrote to you asking your prayer band to pray for me that the baby I was expecting would live, as all the others except one had died, and thanks be to God I had a baby girl in November.—Port Antonio

**JESUS THE HEALER**

A friend gave me your address, and what a blessing it was. First, I was down with a nerve and heart condition and a growth in my throat. Then I got so I could hardly walk, due to a big knot that had come under my left knee. I went to the hospital, took all kinds of tests. Since then I have placed your prayer cloth on my heart and stomach, one under my left knee, and sleep with one on my throat at night. The doctor has dismissed me from the hospital. Praise the Lord, through your prayers I see the Light today. I feel I am a new creature. My ills have disappeared. I would shout it from the mountain top that He has done wonders for me. Thank you all for praying for me—it made me see Jesus.—E.W., Baltimore, Md.

**SUCCESSFUL IN EXAM**

I must tell you that my daughter, whom I asked you to pray for during the sitting of her Senior Cambridge Exam, has been successful and we are so happy.—L.G.S., Brooklyn, N.Y.

**COUNTLESS BLESSINGS**

I send many thanks for the tract and the blest handkerchiefs that you have sent me. I have seen great changes in the home, and the blessings that have come are countless.—E.H., Antigua, W.I.

**THANKS GOD**

I was very sick and my wife took her blessed handkerchief from her Bible and gave it to me to put on my forehead, and thank God, I was healed.—G.W., Bronx, N.Y.

**WANTS TO WORK FOR GOD**

I am very pleased to write this my humble letter to you. I one day saw my friend reading the scripture papers you sent to him. One of the headings was, "How to Live the Christian Life." Immediately after reading the scripture paper I made up my mind to write to you. I can say that I am somebody who is interested in a Christian life, and to do the work of God. I will be very happy if you will assist me with scripture books, which I can be reading.—M.N., Nigeria, W. Africa

**HEALED OF ULCER PAINS**

Praise be to God, for I have been relieved of the pain that had been afflicting me from the time I was 19 years of age, and now I am 35. Well, the doctor said that it was gastric ulcers. All the doctors that I had been to could only give a little medicine and in a matter of days that pain was back again. Thanks be to God, since I received your blest handkerchief I have not had that pain any more.—A Friend in Christ, Brockley, England

**DAUGHTER RETURNING HOME**

I wrote to you asking for prayer for my daughter whom I hadn't heard from since June, 1963. I knew that she was in New Jersey, but I didn't know just where. Every time I would get an address they would say that she just had moved. I want to truly say that God is so good. I got a letter from her last Monday, which was the 13th, and she said she wasn't ready to come home. Yesterday, the 16th, I received a special delivery saying that she was ready to come home. I am praising and thanking God for that answer. I was so thankful I just had to shed tears of joy.—Mrs. T.G., Savannah, Georgia

**—QUITS DRINKING—**

My friend for whom I asked you to pray sometime ago, sure has quit drinking now and is so happy. He told me, after I had given him the Herald of Hope and the blest cloth, that something just spoke to him and said, "You can stop."—J.J.E., Erwin, Tenn.

**STRONGER FAITH**

I had a disease in my legs which God healed through faith in Him and the blest handkerchief. Since the day I read your tracts and the Herald of Hope, God has been dealing with me in a deeper way. Truly I was trusting man's help before I got your tract. Now God has given me a strong faith in Him for all my needs.—T.C.M., Nigeria, W. Africa

**PAINFUL FINGERS HEALED**

When I wrote last year for the blest handkerchief and prayer, I could not hold a pen properly — what pain I suffered! My fingers can bend now, no pain, and I can hold a pen as in times past.—Mrs. A.A., Antigua, W. I.

**QUITS TOBACCO**

I wrote almost a year ago for prayer to quit tobacco. I thank God a little while after that, I quit, and haven't tasted it since.—M.B., Russell Springs, Kentucky

**CATARACT ALMOST GONE**

Thanks for your prayers regarding the cataract on my eyes. The cataract is almost gone. Thanks be to God for His tender mercies.—I.B., Jamaica, W. I.

**HEALED OF T.B.**

You all prayed for me and God healed me and got me out of the T.B. hospital. That is just what the Lord will do for us. How I do praise His wonderful Name! —L.A.P., Mina, Arkansas

**PRAYER CHANGES HEART**

The prayer you sent up to the Lord and the handkerchief you sent me has wrought a change in my life. My husband is more peaceful and treats me much better.—I.R., Leeds, England

**GOOD EMPLOYMENT**

I was working a few days a week and three dollars a day for my pay, but I felt there was still a better joy somewhere for me, so one morning when I got up I prayed that God would help me get a better job. I went to a hotel and waited there for the manager. As soon as I began to speak to him, he sent me right away to the laundry to work, and I am working for \$33 a week. Everybody wondered how I am so lucky and get a job and so many other people turned back from getting a job there. Praise God, I wear the little hanky all the time.—Mrs. O.C., Antigua, W. I.

**ATTENDS BIBLE SCHOOL**

Thank you for your prayers in my behalf. They are now yielding fruit, in my attending Bible School and of my being appointed an Area Evangelist of the Assemblies of God Churches (forty-eight in number). — U.U., East Nigeria, W. Africa

**HEALED OF PNEUMONIA**

I received your healing kerchief and the Lord has worked a wonderful healing in my body, for which I had given up hope. Praise be to God, I am able to be on my feet again. The doctor said I had pneumonia.—M.B., Forest City, N. C.

**BLESSED WITH SALVATION**

I took Jesus as my personal Saviour and thank God every day. I am sorry that I did not accept Christ before. He saves, He keeps, and He satisfies. He is a friend indeed and a friend in need, "the same yesterday, and today, and forever." I have given myself up to Him, letting Him use me in whatever He wants me to do. I know God has answered your prayer.—G.R., Kingston, Jamaica

**OPERATION NOT NEEDED**

I wrote you one year ago to pray for me. I was in the hospital and the doctor thought I had cancer and was supposed to operate on me. You prayed for me and I didn't have to have the operation, and am doing fine.—Mrs. R.L.A., San Antonio, Tex.

**PRAISE GOD**

I must assure you how much I have proved God through your prayers. Since 1958, all my requests I asked you to present before the Throne of Grace have been granted.—L.M.T., Manchester, Jamaica

**ARTHRITIS PAINS RELIEVED**

Thank you ever so much for your prayer. I received your answer on the 21st of October and immediately I started to get relief from the pains in my body from arthritis.—Mr. M.H., Jamaica, W.I.

**HEALING FROM ARTHRITIS**

I had been suffering for months from arthritis in my arm and shoulder. It hurt so bad I cried and cried. I kept the heating pad to my arm day and night so hot it blistered, but was the only relief. I could not dress or do my hair. Two weeks back a dear friend came over to see me. She had written to you praying people to send a prayer cloth. The cloth was placed on my arm. Praise God, the hurting has almost left. Oh, it is wonderful.—L.R.H., \*

**TOP GRADE IN ENGLISH**

Since you have been praying for me I came first in English at School.—J.W., Brockley, England

**CHILD IS ADOPTED**

Last year I wrote to you to help me pray for a little girl my husband and I had, whose mother was unable to keep and placed her in our home for adoption. Last month we went to court and now she is ours.—Mrs. V.T., Bronx, New York

**EASY DELIVERY**

I want to thank the prayer band for praying for me when my baby was born. God surely was with me. I had my baby without a doctor and without much pain.—Mrs. A.B., Doran, Virginia

**HEALED AND SAVED**

As I received your blest handkerchief I took my Bible and knelt down at my bedside and found all the verses which were on your blest handkerchief. After placing it on my chest I prayed to Jesus and asked him to come into my life and to cleanse me. This I can tell the world, all my pain is completely gone. Thanks be to God, I am a child of God.—Mrs. L.C., Santa Cruz P.O., W.I.

**GETS BETTER JOB**

It was not quite ten days after posting the letter that I got a job, and a much better one than the one I had. Praise be to God for answering your prayers for me.—L.H.T., London, England

**JESUS HEALS**

I was very ill all of '61, '62 and '63 and my daughter sent and asked you to pray for me that God would heal my body. Thanks for holding on to God for me and for your kerchief you sent me. I used it by faith believing that Jesus was able to heal me. Thank God, I am healed and alive, and am doing my sewing again.—Mrs. C.G., Barbados, W.I.

**MAKING GOOD GRADES**

Thank you all for praying for me that I would make better grades in school. I have been doing good ever since I wrote you. Just last week I made an A in English, one of my worst subjects. I just had to write and let you know.—J.A.J., East Gadsden, Ala.

**STOPS SMOKING**

I received your letter with joy. I feel like a different woman in my body. I have stopped smoking, Praise God.—Mrs. I.R., London, England

**HEALED OF GALLSTONES**

I wrote to you for prayer for my daughter in Brooklyn, N. Y., suffering with gall stones, could not eat anything. You all prayed for her. Now she is doing fine, did not have to be operated on, and doesn't have to go to a doctor. — B.H., Williamson, W. Pa.

**PASSES EXAMINATION**

Thank you for your prayer which has certainly helped me. I have been successful in my examination, and I got third division in my certificate. — J.C.U., Nigeria, W. Africa

**SON RETURNS**

I can say a great change has been added to my home through prayers. My son has returned home and is doing well again in his work.—Mrs. G.R., Jamaica, W.I.

**JESUS BLESSES**

A few months ago I wrote you to pray for me as I was suffering from a pain on my left side, also for my Brother that was out of a job. Thank God, your prayer was answered — the pain has gone. I am now expecting a baby. My brother is now in a good job.—I.S., England

**DELIVERANCE FROM CIGARETTES**

I wrote you a short time ago to pray that my daughter be delivered from cigarettes. On December 28 she became ill, and on the night of the 29th she had to be admitted into the hospital. The Xrays show NO pneumonia and she had NO temperature. The only thing was she couldn't breathe good. The cigarettes had made it difficult for her to breathe. So God spoke through affliction and she has had a miraculous deliverance. I can never thank HIM enough. I also thank you for the prayer cloth you sent me. I placed it secretly in her room. — Mrs. T.J.S., Betsy Layne, Ky.

**EYE ENTIRELY WELL**

My eye is entirely well. I have been released by the doctor. I wish to thank you and to thank God for your prayers and His Goodness to me.—E.L.T., Los Angeles, California

**HEALED OF GROWTH**

I am very glad to say I am all right now. Thanks for all that has been done for me . . . I mean the healing of my growth and the great knowledge that I never knew before about the healing power of Jesus Christ.—W.B., \*

**BLOOD PRESSURE STILL NORMAL**

Up till now my blood pressure is still keeping fine. So I can raise my hand and say, Praise the Lord. — D.C., Kingston, Jamaica

**GOD CAN DO ANYTHING**

A month ago I wrote you to pray for my son whose ex-wife is always taking him to court for child support. I also asked you to pray that he could get a job. Praise God, his wife has an aunt who has a little money and she is going to start him in business.—Mrs. C.C., Torrance, Calif.

**ASTHMA CEASES**

Your paper and handkerchief have been received. Thanks to God, it is nearly one month and the asthma has not worried me. It thrills my heart to see how great God is. — E.R., Jamaica, W. I.

**LIMB IS BETTER**

I wrote to you last year about my bad leg. I did everything I could to get my leg well, but nothing helped until I put your healing cloth on. Now it is much better, thank God. —London, England

**BLEST OF GOD**

I am happy to say that I am feeling much, much better. My stomach pains and indigestion are gone. I have also got a temporary job, to which I went last week and will continue until such time as I am told to stop. Thank God for Jesus.—Mrs. E.L.G., London, England

**LIMB HEALED**

I had asked for a cloth for a lady who had a leg she couldn't walk much on. I read her the tracts, then laid down beside her the cloth and we got down on our knees believing God to touch her leg and heal her. She was instantly healed of the leg trouble. She testified that the pain of 22 years had suddenly stopped and the foot straightened out. She has walked all over town showing and telling people. — Mrs. F.W.B., Wasco, Calif.

**QUICK DELIVERANCE**

I thank the Lord for what He has done for me. I was an expectant mother and I wrote you all to pray for me. The Lord granted me what I asked for. I had a quick deliverance and my baby is growing fine.—B.C., England

**GOD OPENS EMPLOYMENT**

I am indeed happy to have an unseen friend who has shared my burden with me. After two long years at home, I have obtained an appointment as an Assistant Teacher in a school just three miles from my home. I know that it is only by your help in prayer that God's attention was turned upon me. — H.A., Santa Flora Village, W. I.

**PEACE IN HOME**

I am overjoyed to report that the girl has left the home, and now my husband and I are living in peace and love. Only God knows the wonderful work your prayer has done for me. My husband is talking to me now in peace and love. — Mrs. E.J., Enfield P.O., Jamaica

**GOD'S MERCIES**

I had written to you months ago to pray for me when my situation was so tense. My job was shaking through plan of enemies and all around me seemed so gloomy. However, God led me to a friend, Pastor M.I.O., and that was how I came to you. I just cannot find words to tell you how God is good to me. My job is going on smoothly. — M.I.O., Benin City, Africa

**GOD IS BLESSING**

Since I have been using your healing cloth and keep praying, I have found a change in my life. I am now married, and I also have a job. I truly thank God for what He has done for me. — V.S., Sheffield, England

**HEARS FROM LOST DAUGHTER**

It is a joy to let you know that the Lord is working for me through your prayers. My lost daughter, which you all were praying for, has written to me, and let me know she is married. — Mrs. I.W., Trinidad, W. I.

**RECOVERING**

Thanks for all the prayers on my behalf. I am much better, and recovering from all my illnesses. — F.N.A., Aruba, N. Antilles

**SPLENDID JOB**

Because you prayed, the Lord gave me a splendid job. — Mrs. E.B., Los Angeles, Calif.

**PAIN IS GONE**

I was having some terrible pains in my left knee for almost 6 months. Immediately after I received the blessed hankie I put it on the paining part three times, that is, the first day, second, and the third, and the pain is gone. — I.E., London, England



## 'Tongues of Fire'

By McCandlish Phillips

The name glossolalia sounds as strange as the act itself. But this practice of praying in "unknown tongues" spreads, and brings prophecies of still stranger things to come.

The Rev. Dr. Howard M. Ervin, a handsome, strong-featured man of 48, was attending a ministers' convention in Miami when the strange experience began. Another minister put his hand on Doctor Ervin's head, "and," says the latter, "something like a series of bolts of lightning went down my spine."

Doctor Ervin, who is pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Atlantic Highlands, N. J., did not understand what had happened, and he put it out of his mind for the rest of the day. "The next morning," he recalls, "I woke up just soaked with perspiration. I did not know then that it was the heat of the Holy Spirit. As I stepped out of the shower and pulled a towel around my shoulders, I heard words rolling inside me. I thought, My subconscious is just regurgitating what I've been hearing here. But then I had a vision of ticker tape and I saw 'Sa-da-ma-li' printed. As I spoke this, a few more syllables came vocally."

Shortly Doctor Ervin was using these words to pray: "Shan dama lai kushalah hodhaiah salamah maqaiiah shan dama lai maqaiiah muriah." The words are not part of any known human language, and Doctor Ervin has no idea what they mean. "A while later," he says, "I put my hands up and began to praise the Lord in these words He'd given me — and my tongue took wings, I just worshipped Jesus."

Something similar happened to the Rev. Frank A. Downing, the 40-year-old pastor of Baltimore's Belvedere Baptist Church. Praying in his study one evening, and feeling a strong sense of thanksgiving, "I began to praise the Lord, and in this spirit of praise I began to say words I did not know." One night not long afterward he was awakened at about three A.M. and found himself unable to sleep. "I got down on my knees. Kneeling there by the bed, with my eyes closed in prayer, bright lights began to flash before my closed eyes, almost like lights running down an airstrip. There seemed to be some form to the lights, and I found myself praying, 'Lord, if this is You, and You are trying to speak to me, slow these lights down so I can see.' Almost immediately the lights slowed down, and they looked very much like the news flashes that sometimes run across the bottom of a television screen. 'Fear Not.' I read the words as they went by. 'Only Believe and You Shall Do Signs and Wonders in My Name.' The vision stopped as suddenly as it had begun. I took my Bible from the night table and wrote the words down in the flyleaf of my Bible. Then I got back into bed. It was only then that I realized that I had not put on the light, and it was totally dark outside, but the room was illuminated by a light, and as I lay there with this light illuminating the area around the bed, it moved away from the bed and into the recesses of the room and began gradually to fade, almost like turning down a rheostat."

What had happened to these two clergymen is happening to hundreds of others, and to thousands of laymen in nearly every major Protestant denomination in the United States. It is a rapidly growing movement called the Charismatic Renewal, from the word "charism," meaning "a special divine or spiritual gift . . . conferred upon a believer as an evidence of . . . divine grace." Those who take part in this movement claim to have experienced a wide variety of apparently supernatural phenomena, ranging from prophetic visions to miraculous cures of the sick. But the most bizarre such phenomenon is the sudden outpouring of prayer in unknown languages. This is known as "glossolalia," or speaking in tongues. A young Presbyterian minister, for example, was struck by it while riding down a highway. "I'd drive along in my little car," he recalls, "saying three words that God had given me. Then one evening as I was on my way down to the church for a wedding rehearsal, I was praying these three words, and I just broke forth into a whole language. It wasn't anything that I had done. It was as though I had been striving to get through a prayer barrier, and the wall suddenly fell away."

The charismatic movement began on a tiny scale in the major denominations in about 1956, with perhaps 20 ministers openly involved. The movement began spreading very rapidly in California in 1960 and has been gathering velocity ever since. It is now established in every state and has begun to appear in England and on the European Continent.

In the last three or four years nearly every mission board and every large Protestant organization has seen its ranks suddenly penetrated by this phenomenon. College students were quickly caught up in the movement's advance. Students at Yale, Dartmouth, and Princeton Theolo-

gical Seminary — including Phi Beta Kappa members — are now praying in unknown tongues. Charismatic prayer groups have sprung up in colleges and seminaries in at least 15 states in the Northeast, the North Central States and on the West Coast. Their appearance has astonished chaplains. "Charismatic time bombs are going off in schools and universities all over the country," says the Rev. Harald Bredesen, a Dutch Reformed minister who is a sort of charismatic envoy to the nation's campuses.

Praying in tongues has recurred at intervals throughout the Christian era, although it did not affect large masses until early in this century. It's advocates were quickly expelled from the established churches, whereupon they established the Pentecostal churches. For 50 years it remained the almost exclusive possession of the Pentecostal churches, which drew their members largely from the lower economic, social and educational strata. One of the most uncanny aspects of the current revival, however, is the way glossolalia has leaped out of its proletarian Pentecostal setting. Passing over the middle-class churches in between, it has made a startling appearance in the aristocrat of Christian communions — the august, decorous Episcopal Church whose members largely come from the best economic, social and educational quarters.

Glossolalia thereby made an arc from pole to pole across the whole Protestant horizon. Subsequently the fallout from this arc has been showering down upon Methodists, Baptists, Lutherans, Presbyterians and Congregationalists, as well as many smaller denominations.

Today it represents a broad cross section of American Protestantism. According to Dr. Stanley C. Plog, a psychologist at the University of California who questioned more than 350 members of the movement, it includes more than 40 separate denominations, though the largest are Episcopalians, Baptists and Presbyterians (11 per cent each). He found incomes ranged from \$100 to more than \$1,600 a month, educational levels varied from three years schooling to graduate degrees. Curiously enough, he found that a large majority were Republicans. As a whole, he found the movement to be "a reaction to mass society, a reaffirmation of the individual and his importance."

The spread of this movement has dismayed a number of Protestant leaders. Some fundamentalists call it a "work of the devil," and Dr. William Culbertson, the president of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, one of the country's oldest fundamentalist schools, warned the entire student body against praying in tongues. In California Bishop James A. Pike has put a virtual ban on praying in tongues within his diocese. A pastoral letter went out a year ago from his office in Grace Cathedral atop Nob Hill in San Francisco and was read in all the Episcopal churches of central coastal California. Noting that "a number of our clergy and hundreds of laity have personally experienced this phenomenon," Bishop Pike declared that the use of glossolalia had reached a point at which it was "dangerous to the peace and unity of the church" and a "threat to sound doctrine and policy."

Warning of "heresy in embryo," he urged the clergy "not to take part in the movement to nurture and spread the practice of speaking with tongues and not to invite preachers or speakers who have this purpose."

Ministers both for and against glossolalia see the practice as a possible threat to the present order of things. Some welcome this because they think the established order has become anemic or irrelevant and badly needs shaking up. Others are appalled. Several denominations, including the Episcopalians, have launched formal investigations.

To adherents of the charismatic movement, their beliefs are fully supported by the Bible — specifically in the second chapter of the Book of Acts: "And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy . . . And I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth beneath, blood and fire, and vapor of smoke. . . ."

In the same chapter occurs an account of the event to which believers in the gift of tongues hark back for inspiration. On the day of Pentecost the disciples were gathered to pray in Jerusalem when " . . . suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." (Acts 2:2-4)

To the believers in the charismatic movement, these words must be taken literally. "More or less commonly in Protestantism we've believed many of these historic reports of miracles and supernatural events, but we've regarded them as something for another time," observed

Dr. Francis E. Whiting, director of the department of evangelism and spiritual life of the Michigan Baptist Convention. "We're just as rationalistic as we possibly could be. This is the disease of the church. The only way I know that a genuine renewal is going to come is for us to find the religion of the New Testament — which seems to me a very powerful religion, not too widely seen. Ever since I was called to the ministry, I have had the inescapable conviction that the New Testament means exactly what it says — the miracles and supernatural events and particularly this matter of knowing Jesus Christ as a personal, inner reality. I'm not at all interested in talking in tongues as such, but I am interested in finding the life of the New Testament. We've got to find this, because if we don't, we're going to go out of business. By the year 2,000 the pagan population of the world is going to grow from two billions today to five billion. All we have to do to go out of business as the Christian Church is to stay in business as usual."

### The disease of Nothing

The Very Rev. John J. Weaver, the tall, white-haired dean of Detroit's Episcopal Cathedral of St. Paul, puts it even more forcefully. "The disease today is nihilism — nothingness," he says. "And I don't mean philosophical nihilism; I mean lived nihilism; the kind you find in hospital beds, in the office. The problem today is lack of power, spirit. The bones are dry and dead. We need a new strengthening of the spirit. I think the reason we are seeing speaking in tongues today is that the world is so fragmented and torn, and in the midst of all this loneliness and fragmentation the Christian needs a fresh indwelling of the Holy Spirit."

"I don't think the Christians were singing *Quo Vadis* in the Colosseum; I think they were praising the Lord in tongues. There is no essential difference between 'the man in the lonely crowd' today and the lonely man who was thrown to the lions except that different kinds of lions are eating him up. Today's man is fighting invisible animals. The Lord edified the other man by giving him the gift of tongues."

"Ministers from virtually every denomination have received the gift of the Holy Spirit in our cathedral," he added. "I don't know where they come from, how they get here, but they come."

The most, widely known, and one of the original, charismatic meetings is held in the United Presbyterian Church at Upper Octoraro, Pa., on the rural fringe of Philadelphia. The white-stuccoed stone building, in continuous use for 120 years, sits on a grassy rise amid the hills and hollows of 20 pleasant acres. Giant white oaks, taller than the church, raise ancient arms in silent benediction. On Saturday nights cars from at least three states swing by cow sheds and cornfields into the church parking lot.

Here, six years ago, the meetings began with five to eight people in attendance. It was a routine prayer session until one after another of its members broke forth into tongues. Marianne Brown, wife of the Rev. James H. Brown, was first. She was filled one night with a feeling of thanksgiving for the healing of her daughter, and she began to pray in tongues.

Pastor Brown says he cannot explain how the eight-member prayer meeting grew to its present average size of 200 to 300. "I never advertised it," he says, but word got out, and the Spirit of God just began to draw people. One night we had 600 here. We've had five Episcopal rectors in the meeting at one time. We get a good representation of Methodists, Presbyterians, Baptists, Mennonites, Quakers, Episcopalians. Nothing can keep them away—snow, ice, slush, rain. They come."

Pastor of the church for 24 years, the Reverend Mr. Brown is a lean, tall, cordial man who laughs a good deal out of what appears to be sheer delight. In the prayer meetings he sometimes becomes so lost in adoration that he raises his head and arms to heaven and lifts his feet lightly in place in an act of worship called dancing before the Lord. On Sunday mornings he conducts a formal worship service in the regular Presbyterian order, without charismatic manifestations.

"Our major function is praise," Mr. Brown explained to me before one of the Saturday-night meetings. "We use the Old Testament Psalms as our worship manual, and we do exactly what the Psalms tell us to do. We lift our hands in the presence of the Lord and we magnify Him with our whole heart. We sing a hymn over and over, and each time the spirit of praise gets higher. At the end of singing it in English, we may sing it in the language of angels."

When the meeting began at 7:35 that evening, there were seven other ministers present. Pastor Brown stood at a plain wooden lectern and looked out over his congregation, mostly young adults. The meeting moved at a quicker pace than formal worship services, and there was a large measure of direct participation by laymen. Though there were several short

addresses by ministers, there was no sermon. There were prayers, Scripture readings, solos, many hymns. Faces beamed as the churchgoers sang *We'll Give The Glory to Jesus*. Later several wept as *Abide With Me* was sung softly twice in succession. Then a red-haired youth of about 20 stood and said he had struck his head on something in the afternoon and still felt dizzy. Six people rose in various parts of the congregation and surrounded him. They placed their hands on his head, lifted their faces toward the ceiling and prayed silently, their lips moving, for a minute or two. Then they returned to their seats. There were rapturous smiles on their upraised faces as *His Name Is Wonderful* was sung at length. The music stopped.

"Let's just praise Him," Mr. Brown said. Some of the people began singing in low chanting tones that rose and fell in a sort of liturgical pattern. Behind, melody could be heard with such impromptu exclamations "We love Thee, O Lord," "His mercy endures" and "Glory to the Lamb." Nearly all hands were raised overhead. Tears streamed from a young woman's eyes. The singing ended very suddenly, as if by signal, though there was no signal, and the hall became profoundly silent.

Into the silence a woman began to speak in tongues. Her voice was tiny and, but for the depth of the silence, would have been lost. When she finished, the Reverend Mr. Brown waited perhaps eight seconds. Then, with eyes closed, he gave this interpretation:

"I shall have a people, saith the Lord, who shall do exploits in the land and be a praise unto my name. The sick shall be made whole, those bound in prison houses of sin shall be set free, for I will yet demonstrate in the land that I am the Lord of hosts and the King of Kings. So shall signs and wonders be wrought in the earth. I shall be thy courage when thou art afraid, and thou shalt bring glory to my name."

Several visiting ministers spoke. One of them, a Presbyterian, told the meeting, "I came all the way through the ranks of conservative teaching, and my heart breaks, because conservative Christians sometimes call this fanaticism. But I say that unless you and I get fanatical, we will have a dead Christianity!"

Pastor Brown dismissed the meeting at 10:15 but invited those who needed special help to come forward for prayer. Eleven people knelt at the edge of the pulpit platform. Two or three ministers or laymen went to each, standing or kneeling beside the worshipers to pray and give counsel. The lights in the church did not go out until 12:30 a.m.

As in this meeting, the charismatic movement often includes not just speaking in tongues but a whole variety of apparently supernatural events. On the West Coast it is alleged that "tongues of flame" has fleetingly appeared during some charismatic services. The wife of a Methodist minister tells of a "room that was filled with a beautiful supernatural blue light."

On a wet, snowy night in February, 1962, a young sales engineer named Ronald Haines was flying home from New York to Richmond, Va., and recalls that "everything was fine until we got over Washington. Then the captain came on the P.A. system and said he thought we had damaged the front landing gear in taking off. He told us to prepare for an emergency landing." At home in Richmond, Ronald's wife, Mary, an Episcopalian, was reading in the living room, but something troubled her. "I had a nagging feeling I should pray," she says. "It was extremely persistent."

In the plane, men were stationed at the emergency exits and told how to get them open. "We were told to lean forward as we landed," Ronald says. "There were five engines below and the field was closed." The time was 9:30 p.m.

"I went into the dining room and started praying at twenty past nine," Mary says. "As soon as I got on my knees I had a vision. I saw a plane coming down, and when it landed the wheels went out from under it. Suddenly it tipped over on its side and a fire blazed all around it. For twenty minutes I prayed both in English and in tongues. Then this nagging feeling I'd had all evening was suddenly gone. 'Three hours later Ronald walked in the front door. 'Boy, did we have a close call!' he exclaimed."

"Wait," Mary said, "Let me tell you what happened."

Perhaps the most controversial aspect of the charismatic movement is its belief in faith healing, a belief which medical scientists completely reject. "Our healing ministry is carried on in my study in church after services," says the Baptist Rev. Howard Ervin. "We have seen at least six men instantly relieved of addiction of long standing. We saw a blood clot disappear immediately. An appliance repairman who had torn cartilages in both knees was healed instantly. He could barely walk when he came in for prayer, and afterward he ran out of my study (Continued on Page Seven)



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and down five steps to his car. He was absolutely free."

The Baptist Rev. Frank Downing of Baltimore reports a similar experience. A woman approached him after a service and said her son had suffered so many abscesses of the ear that scar tissue was mounting from repeated lancing, and her doctor feared the boy's hearing might be impaired. The Reverend Mr. Downing visited the home and found a "little pre-school-age fellow lying on the couch in great pain." He prayed. When he finished praying, he saw that "there was a discharge coming from the ear." The pain left and the boy seemed well. The next morning the doctor could find no trace of the scar tissue.

While scientists dispute such "cures," they are equally puzzled by the phenomenon of speaking in tongues. Commonly when a charismatic speaks in tongues, another member of the group will interpret the message. Less involved observers, however, have grave difficulty making sense out of glossolalia. A survey made by the Episcopal Church found that glossolalia "stresses open vowels and a general lack of harsh gutturals, somewhat in the manner of Hawaiian or a Southern romance language." Research for the report was based on repeated hearing of this form of prayer. Quite often it sounded to the ear of the investigator like some form of Chinese or Far Eastern dialect.

**Baptist minister:** "Sala kataiyetsa. Sai chung tung chava dieva zandali cheya chungolo mochoko kotorie toka. Chang chung kuye sayeshah nevesaya . . ."

**Episcopal priest:** "Okhazhevanai toree kafaouzheera doudela. Zhou dena dasteepraithos dai brou zheedavra taneen."

Despite its widespread and continuing occurrence among Christians in this century, glossolalia seems never to have received an expert linguistic analysis — except once. Tape recordings of Doctor Bredezen — the campus missionary — praying in tongues were played to a group of linguists in Toronto. The conclusions of the assembled scholars were set forth in a 2,260-word analysis which went into deep detail about "alveolar and alveopalatal, labial and velar" sounds, and declared these sounds "closest to some of the Malayo-Polynesian languages." But it was found to be "highly improbable that this is a human language." It was also stated by the director of the study that for Doctor Bredezen this was undeniably a "spiritual experience."

"If this had been gibberish," says Doctor Bredezen, "wouldn't they just have said so?"

Next July Doubleday will publish the first full-length study of the glossolalia revival, *Tongues Speaking: An Experiment in Spiritual Experiences*, by the Rev. Morton T. Kelsey, rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Monrovia, Calif. Though Father Kelsey is not himself a glossologist, he has observed the phenomenon in 30 members of his church, including his assistant rector.

"My basic feeling," says Father Kelsey, "is that glossolalia comes out of the collective unconscious." This is a conclusion drawn from studies at the C. G. Jung Institute in Zurich and a correspondence Father Kelsey had with the late Doctor Jung himself. It was Jung who originated the hypothesis that each human psyche is in contact with a vast reservoir of collective experience out of which human consciousness has arisen.

As Father Kelsey explains it, speaking in tongues is similar to dreaming. "In a dream," he says, "the ego is relaxed, and another part of the psychic structure takes over so that images present themselves to the consciousness. In tongues, instead of visual image coming before the consciousness, you have a motor response taking over." Father Kelsey says that glossolalia is the product of "no neurosis, no psychosis, no seizure and no hypnosis. A person can turn speaking in tongues on and off like a faucet. There is no more seizure than in going to sleep."

Those who speak in tongues do not always use meaningless words, however. "A missionary who had served in Mexico came to us," says Doctor Ervin, "and asked us to anoint her and pray for her healing. I prayed in tongues, and when I finished, the missionary said that I had prayed, 'God be propitious to this needy soul' in Spanish. I do not know Spanish."

For a time Doctor Ervin's wife Marta was antagonistic to the charismatic movement, but she said that at one meeting she heard "an Italian fellow who spoke atrocious, broken English that was just irreparable. And then when he spoke in prophecy, he spoke the purest English, in an elevated diction and style. It was simply beautiful." That convinced her, she said, of the possible validity of prophetic utterance today.

**What glossolalia does**  
Does praying in meaningless sounds

really serve any Christian purpose? I asked the Rev. Morris G. C. Vaagenes Jr., 33-year-old pastor of a Lutheran church just outside St. Paul, Minn., precisely what glossolalia does. "It's getting something off your chest," he said, "in a way that just praying with your conscious mind can't. When we pray with our conscious mind, only a fraction of our total mind is able to pray. Praying in tongues gives the subconscious a chance to express itself, so that one's whole being, one's whole personality can speak to God. When a person doesn't know what to pray for, he can pray in tongues and grapple with the matter through that prayer, and many times the answer comes to him immediately afterward."

The young minister said he discovered that the Lutherans who were praying in tongues were not people of low intelligence but instead just the opposite — they were highly respected in the church, and included some of the ablest pastors and some of those of highest rank in their seminary classes.

Pastor Vaagenes began a weekly meeting in his home, and in less than a year seven other groups, four in Minneapolis and three in St. Paul, sprang directly out of it. "When you find that you have people sitting up the stairway," remarks an Episcopal rector, "it's time to form another group." Once a month all these groups meet together in a church.

"In our house meetings we put a chair in the center of a living room filled with twenty-five or thirty people," he said. "We state that if anyone desires prayer or the laying on of hands for some specific need — a hunger for the anointing of the Holy Spirit or if they need healing — to take the chair and share the desire with the group. Different people gather around to join in prayer and lay on their hands. There may be tongues spoken at this time, or there may be prophecies that come for the person. We sense a real presence of God at such a time."

In his pastoral letter warning against the practice of glossolalia in the California diocese, Bishop Pike disparaged the feeling of discovery that excites practitioners of tongues. "Glossolalia," he said, is a psychological phenomenon which has been known over many, many centuries, quite a part from any particular religious orientation; in more extreme forms it is associated with schizophrenia."

Behind the pastoral letter was a 20-page report by a nine-member study commission that reported to the bishop. Its members included two practicing psychiatrists and six clergymen. The report said glossolalia had been widespread in the mystery religions — "It is referred to by Plato, Vergil, Plutarch and early Egyptian writers" — and that it was not, per se, a religious phenomenon.

One church that has come under the restrictions of the bishop's letter is Holy Innocents Episcopal Church in Corte Madera near San Francisco. It is a high-church parish, and inside the small building mobiles slowly twist and glide. Its rector, Rev. Tod W. Ewald, is a cordial, outspoken and rather authoritarian priest. Before he received the "infilling of the Holy Spirit," Father Ewald had been regarded by other ministers in Corte Madera as dogmatically contemptuous of expressions of the faith that did not coincide with his own. "Now the walls have just crumbled down," he said. "We're all one in Christ. I could no more have said that two years ago than fly."

"We have 350 members, and one third of them have spoken in tongues at our altar, with beauty and wonder and reverence," he said. "We received this Pentecostal experience at the altar rail by laying on of hands." Parishioners from 20 to 70 who had received the experience told of estranged husbands and wives finding renewal of love, of atheist relatives suddenly reaching for God, of off-and-on church goers becoming twice-a-week attenders, of tranquility and a new effervescence. "You just bubble, bubble, bubble," one man said.

Ministers in and out of the charismatic movement recognize hazards of potential abuses, however. The charismatic experiences can create a strong bond across denominational lines, but within single congregations they are sometimes extremely divisive, especially when there are members who are scandalized by speaking in tongues. The most frequently heard complaint is that glossolalia engenders spiritual pride among those who exercise it. The Pike commission admonished those in the movement against teaching that "glossolalia is the essential sign of God's presence and that those lacking it are in any sense second-rate citizens in His Kingdom." To this, most Protestant leaders say a fervent "Amen."

Charismatic ministers say that the excesses of glossolalia, both in this century and in the early church, have been its public use out of turn. According to his writings, the Apostle Paul prayed much in tongues, but he took a dim view of glossolalia in church. Though he wrote that "I thank God that I speak in tongues more than you all," he laid down very specific limitations on its public use or

daining that no more than one person speak in a tongue at a time, and that there be no utterance in tongues unless someone is present to interpret. A person who "speaks in a tongue edifies himself," the Apostle states, whereas the purpose of a public worship service is to edify the entire congregation.

Though ministers report that church members who exercise charismatic gifts usually serve the church far more actively than the average member, they admit that a few develop a "free-lance" attitude, find it hard to submit humbly to the judgments of others and tend to regard themselves as qualified arbiters of a whole range of matters. Sometimes they even switch from church to church, going wherever they will find an audience. Worst of all is the danger of outright counterfeit. The charismatic movement has been troubled at times by people who pretend to gifts. There is a thin line between faith and credulity, and if it is not scrupulously observed, virtually any sham can be put over in the guise of a spiritual gift. "The cure for abuse is not disuse, but proper use," a Lutheran minister says to this. "A disciplined ministry will hold potential abuses in check."

Charismatic ministers say that since the central claim of Christianity is that Jesus Christ is alive and is all-powerful, the church must proclaim Him so today if Christianity is to seize the initiative from powerful pagan world movements. They argue that to deny the supernatural character of Christianity is to deprive the church of its essence and to reduce its teaching to an optional, take-it-or-leave-it moral code. "There ought to be something to distinguish the church of Jesus Christ from a Rotary Club," one minister said. The celebrated religion boom of the '50s crowded the church but failed to produce any notable rise in morality or social welfare. And there was wide spread talk that the world had entered a "post-Christian" era. Many ministers believe that supernatural gifts were invested in the early church for the emergency of the Apostolic generation, when the church had to survive harrowing hostility — but charismatic ministers argue that the world is as precarious for Christianity right now as it has ever been. "There is a kind of mystic violence abroad in the world today," says the Rev. Dr. John MacKay, president emeritus of Princeton Theological Seminary and one of the foremost ecumenical figures of the time. "In my mind this is surging up in the secular realm at the end of an era, and you have got to match that in the religious realm so that religion becomes a very, very exciting thing that absorbs your whole life in the principle of commitment."

"In the secular realm we see people like the beatniks and the delinquents who have just got to get their whole emotional being in some direction, even in the wrong direction. But the church is orderly. That hour is over," he said, adding a warning: "You could get the historical churches irrelevant to the human situation. One reason is that they're unwilling to face the realities of the kind of relationship to deity which becomes a very exciting thing. They're scared to death of anything that will get your life."

"We are at the end of an era," as Doctor MacKay sees it. "Revolutionary, volcanic forces are at work, and our people won't face that. We just don't want to look at it, you see, at the very time the volcano is erupting."

As the controversy over the resurgence of glossolalia continues, the charismatic himself feels no need to formulate reasoned explanations. He repeats a favorite maxim: "The man who has an experience is never at the mercy of a man who has an argument."

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"Thou hast turned for me my mourning into dancing: thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness." — Psalm 30:11.

"Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee. Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us. God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear Him." — Psalm 67:5-7

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened." — Matthew 7:7,8.

"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." — St. Matthew 5:6

God never alters the robe of righteousness to fit the man, but the man to fit the robe.

## How To Enjoy Fellowship With God

A convert from heathenism put a great spiritual secret in a few simple words. He said: "When I pray, I speak to God. When I read the Bible, God speaks to me."

The Word of God holds the key to an enjoyment of fellowship with God, and this thought is beautifully brought out in Numbers 7:89: "When Moses was gone into the tabernacle of the congregation to speak with (God), then he heard the voice of One speaking to him from off the mercy seat . . . and (God) spake unto him." **When he went to pray for himself or his people, and to wait for instructions, he found One waiting for him.**

What a lesson lies here for our morning watch. A prayerful spirit is the spirit to which God will speak. A prayerful spirit will be a listening spirit, waiting to hear what God says. In the intercourse with God, His presence and the part He takes must be as real as my own.

Let us consider what is needed that our Scripture reading and praying may be such true fellowship with God.

1. **Get into the right place.** "Moses went into the tabernacle to speak with God." He separated himself from the people, and went where he could be with God alone.

He went to the place where God was to be found. Jesus has told us where that place is. He calls us to enter into our closet, and shut the door, and pray to our Father which seeth in secret. Anyplace where we are really alone with God may be to us the secret of His presence.

To speak with God needs separation from all else. It needs a heart intently set upon and in full expectation of meeting God personally, and having direct dealings. Those who go there to speak with God will hear the voice of one speaking to them.

2. **Get into the right position.** He heard the voice of One speaking from off the mercy seat. There the consciousness of your unworthiness will not hinder you, but be a real help in trusting God. There you may have the assured confidence that your upward look will be met by His eye, that your prayer can be heard, that His loving answer will be given. Bow before the mercy seat, and be sure that the God of Mercy will see and bless you.

3. **Get into the right disposition,** the listening attitude. Many are so occupied with the much or little they have to say in their prayers, that the voice of One speaking from off the mercy seat is never heard, because it is not expected or waited for. Thus saith the Lord, "The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool; to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my Word." Let us enter the closet and set ourselves to pray with a heart that humbly waits to hear God speak.

In the Word we read we shall indeed hear the voice of One speaking to us. The highest blessedness of prayer will be our ceasing to pray in order to let God speak.

Prayer and the Word are inseparably linked together. Power in the use of either depends upon the presence of the other. The Word gives me matter for prayer, telling me what God will do for me. It shows me the path of prayer, telling me how God would have me come. It gives me the power for prayer, the courage of the assurance that I will be heard; and it brings me the answer to prayer, as it teaches what God will do for me. And on the other hand, prayer prepares the heart for receiving the Word from God Himself, for the teaching of the Spirit to give the spiritual understanding of it, for the faith that is made partaker of its mighty working.

It is clear why this is so. Prayer and the Word have one common center — God. Prayer seeks God, the Word reveals God. In prayer man asks God; in the Word God answers man. In prayer man rises to heaven to dwell with God; in the Word God comes to dwell with man. In prayer man gives himself to God; in the Word God gives Himself to man. In prayer and the Word it must be God. Make God the All of your heart, the one object of your desire. Prayer and the Word will be blessed fellowship with God, the interchange of thought and love and life; a dwelling in God and God in us.

"Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye." — Col. 3:13

We are not to be competitive but complementary."

For the earmarks of a Christian:

"Rejoice evermore.

"Pray without ceasing.

"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." — 1 Thess. 5:16-18.



## Four Steps To Spiritual Kingship

It is true that genuine believers have been promised a reign with Christ. But as there are processes that lead to the conclusion of any legitimate matter, this is also true concerning Kingship with Christ. Let us consider four steps in that direction just now.

First of all there is the matter of **spiritual cleansing**. Let us read together Revelation 1:5 & 6. "Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father; to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen." Cleansing is usually the beginning of any right relationship with God. I believe repentance and cleansing is the road to God's favor. No doubt if there were a shorter or easier route many would go that way, but "strait is the gate and narrow is the way that leads unto life, and few there be that find it." Yes, I am sure that the first step toward God and spiritual kingship is cleansing by the precious blood of Christ. Have you been cleansed, my friend? Are you washed, justified, sanctified by the precious Blood? Are you making your first step toward heaven and your throne?

Another step in the direction of Spiritual Kingship is **fidelity**. This is godly continuance. There are many who start out well in any noble endeavor, but not all continue. Let us read of fidelity in Luke 22:28 & 29. There were the words of Jesus to those who were following Him. "Ye are they which have continued with Me in My temptations. And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as My Father hath appointed unto Me."

Right along the same line with fidelity is **endurance**. This we have called the third step to Spiritual Kingship. We are reading to you just now 2 Timothy 2:12. This is the revised rendering, "If we endure, we shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us." Now verse 13 also, "If we are faithless, He abideth faithful, for He cannot deny Himself." My friend, there will be some hard, difficult experiences as we travel this road to Kingship. We may as well face it. This road to glory is not a smooth, even journey. There is a price to pay and we are the one to pay it. Jesus already paid His part when He gave His life. This payment bought redemption for all who will accept His mercy and walk with Him; but remember, my friend, it is not those who say "Lord, Lord" who shall enter in, but only those who do the will of the Father. And the will of God is that we continue in the faith, rooted and grounded, and not draw back from the trials that call for real endurance.

Now, our final scripture, and the fourth step to Spiritual Kingship. Let us read Revelation 20:4. "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them; and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the Word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years." Yes, my friend, the fourth step we wish to submit to you just now in your journey toward Kingship, is your **victory over Satan**. He is a real foe and very determined, but Christ your Master gained the victory over this adversary and so shall you. We have to battle with him about every step of the way, but Jesus has promised us ultimate victory if we keep our eyes upon Jesus and go on unto perfection.

Is your desire to reign with Christ? Then take these steps, if you have not already done so. Begin with spiritual cleansing, go on with God until you gain the final victory over Satan. You may have problems, but your victory is sure. A place is reserved for you at the right hand of Christ. Be encouraged, my believing friend, "greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world," and know this too, He (Jesus) will never leave thee nor forsake thee.

— Herald of Hope Broadcast

## A Prayer For Your Pastor

Lord, give to our Pastor grace which shall possess,  
Of an Ambassador, the just address,  
A Father's tenderness, a Shepherd's care,  
A Leader's courage which the Cross can bear,  
A Ruler's awe, a Watchman's wakeful eye,  
A Pilot's skill, the helm in storm to ply,  
A Fisher's patience, and a Labourer's toil,  
A Guide's dexterity to disembrace,  
A Prophet's inspiration from above,  
A Teacher's knowledge, and a Saviour's love.  
— Author Unknown.

## What Meaneth This?

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and power. Such individuals would be quick to reflect our attention from themselves to the Lord Jesus, who is the lovely and powerful pattern for their lives. May their ideal become ours as well.

Some individuals question the symbols which God chooses to accompany His Gifts. If only salvation weren't related to the blood, or the infilling of God's Spirit with speaking in tongues. Perhaps we would do better to relate ourselves to the meaning which the symbol represents and thank God for His wise and meaningful choices.

The parallel between the Gifts of God's Son and God's Spirit finds further expression when we discover that both involve an inward work and an outward expression. The Scriptures declare that with the heart man believeth unto righteousness. (Rom. 10:10) This is the inward work. Then there is an outward confession or evidence of this inward work for "with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." This is the outward confirmation that the conversion experience has found its consummation. It is a beautiful confession of God's faithfulness. Furthermore, the outward confession confirms, crystallizes and catalyzes the inward work. Every day that we confess that Jesus is Lord to ourselves, to others, and to God, the inward work is further strengthened and established.

The same is true in the Gift of God's Spirit in His fulness. First, by faith and with a heart full of worship, we appropriate the infilling Presence of the indwelling Person of the Holy Spirit. If we ask we shall receive, right now. (Luke 11:9-13) God said so! This is the inward work. Then in response to the awareness of His infilling presence we lift our voices to the control of the Holy Spirit who will direct our confession heavenward in a divinely-given language of praise. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." (Acts 2:4) Tongues is the outward evidence of the inward work. Furthermore, this is an active expression of faith which at a point in time crystallizes and catalyzes the inward work. Every day as one prays in this divinely given way it is a continual reaffirmation of one's surrender by faith to the full control of God's indwelling Spirit. Here is a beautiful, meaningful privilege for all Christians.

### "Praying In The Spirit"

Many, perhaps, who have walked close to the Lord in times past, and have known His tender touch upon their lives, and have seen His power manifested in their midst have never known the added meaning of "praying in the Spirit" in this way. It can become a part of their devotional life immediately if they choose to ask and act in faith. One simply lifts his voice and moves his lips and tongue any way the infilling Spirit of worship prompts. This is the way faith will act in giving our unruly faculty to the Holy Spirit for Him to control. We must restfully, confidently, but actively give Him something to direct. Faith is not passive, but active. As mentioned before, our part is to act in faith before God can confirm His Word.

### Love Is An Emotion

The adversary would undermine our faith by diverting our attention to ourselves, our feelings, or lack of feelings, or even the spiritual manifestation itself. Rather, we should have expectant hearts of faith worshipfully centered on the faithfulness of the Giver. Basically, praying in tongues is something that we do, not something that we feel. We so speak because it is our privilege, and God in His faithfulness is worthy of our praise. His worthiness is not related to our feelings. We worship Him because He is worthy, not because He makes us "feel good." However, God has created us with the warm capacity to respond emotionally to His presence. We need not fear such feelings. Love is an emotion and God is love. Emotion is a powerful motivating force. Rather than fear our feelings, let us allow them to motivate us in God's way for God's will. We are not seeking a feeling, but a relationship with a Person. Once we have entered into this relationship, however, as in all personal relationships, we are going to have some feeling about it. Many of the graces of the Spirit have emotional overtones. Love, joy, peace, are greatly to be desired. How cold and gray Christianity would be without feeling! The emotional overflow associated with our awareness of His infilling presence may vary in character. Some feel full of love, others joyful or peaceful. Still others have a warm sense of restfulness and rightness. When feelings are seen as a product rather than a source of our faith, they will assume a meaningful and rightful place in our Christian experience.

Those who have already learned these lessons and are warmly walking in the Spirit will find praying in this divinely-given way will enhance an already beautiful

## Card Playing

While a friend of mine was conducting a meeting one morning, a tramp came in and said, "My father and mother used to sit in this pew. It is the first church I ever attended. My father was an officer in this church. Seven boys used to sit in this pew in the Sunday School Class. We had a great love and respect for our Sunday school teacher. Saturday afternoon she invited us to her home, entertaining with music, eatables and a look over the lesson. After a while she was anxious to please us and hold us, and she taught us the names of cards. None had ever used cards. We became enthusiastic over it, learning different games. After a while we would not give so much time to the lesson, but she let us have more time for playing cards, and would show us some more tricks. After a while we were off in the cotton gins playing cards and not going to her home. Later we failed to go to Sunday School. Cards, cigarettes, and after awhile drink and gambling. We all at different times left our homes. Two of those boys have been hung, three are in the state prison for life, one a vagabond like myself. No one knows where he is, and if the authorities knew I was here, I would be arrested and put behind the bars. All I wish is that that teacher had never taught us how to play cards."

As he stood there brokenhearted, a lady at the right and near the pulpit, dressed in mourning, arose, went to where the man was, fell on the floor with a scream, and said, "My God! I am the Sunday School teacher that did it." She fainted, and we did not know but what she was dead. She revived. The woman was not seen any more in the meeting and the man never since.

— J. Wilbur Chapman.

## A Good Answer

"We are sending you a pack of our finest cigarettes. We hope you will use them to your satisfaction and want more."

That was the letter which a crooked tobacco company sent with free cigarettes to high school boys not long ago.

Here's what one boy wrote back:

"I received the package of cigarettes and used them to my satisfaction. I steeped them in a quart of water and sprayed our bug-infested rose bushes. Every bug died. Those cigarettes are sure good poison. I want more next spring if we have more bugs."

—HiCall

(We need more young folks like this)

It has been stated that — "Enough cigarettes were made last year to make a carpet 1 inch thick by 7 foot wide from the earth to the moon."

"The Lord will give strength unto his people; the Lord will bless His people with peace." — Psalm 29:11.

Life is short,  
Death is sure,  
Sin is cause,  
Christ is cure!

## Confounded

"I do not believe in the Bible," an atheist once said to Dr. George H. Pentecost, "because I do not know its Author."

"Tell me," asked Dr. Pentecost, "is the multiplication table a work of authority with mathematicians?"

"Yes," replied the man.

"Do you happen to know the author?"

inquired the doctor.

"No," was the answer.

"Then," said Dr. Pentecost, "I suppose, as a matter of fact, being a scientific man and a skeptic, you never use the multiplication table."

The atheist had nothing more to say. —Selected.

He who thinks everybody else is wrong but himself is never a safe man to follow.

Nothing so blinds men to the real character of sin, as the fact that it is their own.

ful relationship with God. Deeper dimensions in the Spirit are always related to principles of faith and worship. We have found that those who already intimately know God and are openhearted, do not hesitate, but joyfully enter into every blessing they see God has for them. Oh that we might see the beauty and purpose in the ways of God's choosing.

"And the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the Word . . . And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues and magnify God . . . as the Spirit gave utterance." Oh, come let us magnify His name together!

## Deathbed Scenes

NOTE: Nothing is more reliable than Deathbed testimony. Then even liars are forced to tell the truth. Thus these last words are forever UNquestionable. — F. G. S. (The Old Tract Man).

### Dying Words of the Lost.

Voltaire, the infidel, died a horrible death. His nurse said, "For all the wealth of Europe, I wouldn't see another infidel die."

"Until now I thought there was no God or hell, now I know there is both, and I am doomed." — Sir Thomas Scott.

"I'm in the flames," cried Hume, the infidel. His despair was an awful scene.

"I can see the devil in this room," cried Adamson, the infidel as he passed away.

"I would gladly give a fortune to know that there is no hell." — Charters.

Beau Brummell, the always stylishly dressed man of the world, died without hope.

Kay, the dying infidel, cried, "Hell! Hell! Hell!!!" His family fled until he was dead.

"I suffer the pangs of the damned." — Talleyrand.

"I am lost, I see it well." — Charles IX.

"Give me laudanum, eternity, eternity." — Mirabeau.

"Oh, the unsufferable pangs of hell." — Newport.

"I'm taking a fearful leap in the dark." — Hobbs.

"What a fool I have been." — Churchill.

"ALL is now lost, irrecoverably." — Gambetta.

"Stay with me, I fear to be alone." — Tom Paine.

"Soul, what will become of thee?" — Mazarin.

"I am damned to all eternity." — Edwards.

"Alas, I die unprepared." — Ceasar Borgia.

"It's too late. Devils are here." — Mrs. J. Brown.

"The devil is dragging me to hell." — Miss Acene.

Dying Words of the Saved.

Moody died gloriously. "This is my coronation day. If this is death, it is sweet."

When President McKinley was told he was dying, he said: "All is well. God's will be done."

"Praise God!" Oh, I see the angels in the room. Can't you see them?" — Mother Cromson.

"As sure as He ever spoke to me, His Spirit says, 'Fear not.'" — Rutherford.

Philip, the martyr, sang praises, while burning to death. God can silence pain or make it endurable.

"Happy in Jesus, all is well. Precious, Precious Jesus." — Thornton, the philanthropist.

"It is all right. My home is over there and my title is clear." — Bishop Glosbrenner.

"Into Thy hands I commit my spirit." So died Luther, happy in Him, whom he served unswervingly.

"Thank God; there is NO darkness." — J. Hope.

"I have such a view of God's love." — Sarah Cook.

"All things forsake me, but GOD." — John Mason.

"Jesus' sufferings calm me." — Madame De Stael.

"What a sunshine. ALL is light." — Toplady.

"What would I do without Jesus NOW?" — Miss Stulon.

"It is well." — George Washington.

"Christ is altogether lovely." — John Bailey.

"I am not afraid of death." — Pastor John Doll.

"The blood, it cleanseth me." — Pastor Romaine.

"Don't weep. I am going home." — Vanderventer.

"I see Jesus." — Jacob Higheninger.

"I go from this bed to a crown." — Bangs.

"Oh, how wonderful is God's love." — Grif Jones.

"It is all light now." — Mrs. L. Ranney.

"The storm of life is passed." — Bibbins.

"I'm in the midst of glory." — Bishop Hanby.

"I didn't know it was so beautiful." — Hulda Ross.

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