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Jesus Saves — Jesus Heals

"And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?" Rev. 7:13

"He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels." Rev. 3:5

"Let thy garments be always white; and let thy head lack no ointment." Ecclesiastes 9:8

"And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints." Rev. 19:7-8

WHO ARE THESE ARRAYED IN WHITE?

By CORA L. VINAL

"And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white raiment? and whence came they?" (Rev. 7:13). And the songwriter has likewise inquired:

"Who are these arrayed in white,
Brighter than the noon-day sun,
Foremost of the sons of light,
Nearest the eternal throne?"

What is this notable company standing before the throne, clothed in white robes, and with palms in their hands? And who are the outstanding persons? Perhaps if it were possible to see that far we might distinguish the shining countenance of the apostle Paul, and with him a long trail of redeemed followers. And looking again we might see the apostle Peter waving his palm branch, and attended by a great host of believers. And yonder in bright apparel we might catch a glimpse of the apostle John in the midst of untold numbers of his beloved children in the Lord. And here and there might be seen countless other devoted ministers of Christ, which have served all down through the centuries, with their many converts, and all with their faces turned toward the throne of His Majesty. What an amazing sight to behold!

Who else will be there? Would it be possible to discern the popular preachers of these twentieth-century days, the ones who deny the deity of Christ, and who despise the doctrine of the blood atonement, and who seem little concerned about the Second Coming? Would they be included in that blood-washed company? And how about the great throngs of well-behaved, but worldly-minded professing Christians that occupy the comfortable pews of modern-day churches, those that have never humbled themselves to bow at the mercy-seat? those that have never experienced the new birth? Those that have taken the way of least resistance rather than to do the will of God? If such ones are not there, what an unspeakable loss! And where will they be? Oh, where will they be?

"These are they which have come out of great tribulation." A vast company of sincere believers which have gone out of great persecution for Christ's sake. Not out of such trifling things as unprofitable associations only, or uncongenial relationships, or worrisome entanglements, or unpleasant surroundings; but out of something far more difficult to endure, something of intense suffering and tremendous soul agony: for these have come out of great oppression and tribulation.

"And have washed their robes." Not only are they properly clothed, but their garments are clean and white. Not only saved from wrath and damnation, but saved from self-righteousness, and from fleshy works, and from spiritual pride and vain boastings, and from criticizing and evil speaking, and from unholy ambitions, and covetousness, and from strife and bitterness, and from everything else that would make a spot or wrinkle on those beautiful white robes provided by the Christ of Calvary's cross. And not one black-robed person, nor one dressed in unclean garments, in that great host.

"Do you see them coming, brother,
Climbing up the steep of light,
Clad in glorious shining garments,
Blood-washed garments, pure and white?"

"Therefore are they before the throne

of God." They have known affliction, and poverty, and sorrow. How do we know this? Because it is said of them: "They shall hunger no more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. But the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes." They may have been destitute and tormented in this world; but they have been nourished and cherished over there. They may have suffered privation and the loss of all things here; but they have been provided with a beautiful, permanent home over there. They may have wandered in deserts and mountains, lonely and despised, and little known in this world; but highly-honored over there.

Again we ask, What is this company of white-robed beings which have come out of great tribulation? What is their color? What is their nationality? What is their language? Have they been chosen because of some particular birthplace, or some noble estate, or some influential relationship? The answer is found in God's Word. "After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindred, and people, and tongues." Evidently just common people from everywhere, saved by grace. Just mortal, earthly beings made immortal. Just humble followers of Jesus Christ in this world, but glorified and respected in the presence of God.

"And whence came they?" From what particular period of church history, and from what particular phase of persecution came this great company of tribulation saints? Can they be located? Did they come out of the bitter persecution against the early church following the day of Pentecost? Or did they come out from the terrible persecution during the dark ages, when upwards of seventy million Christians were martyred for the testimony of Jesus? Or will they be gathered out of some great tribulation yet to come? It seems most likely that this great company of blood-washed saints must include the whole New Testament body of believers which have suffered tribulation for Christ's sake all down through the centuries.

This whole Gospel dispensation has been fraught with extreme peril at different times, and with fearful pressure from evil forces, and it is especially true of these end-time days. The enemy of all righteousness is ever working to swallow up the church in full-fledged apostasy. But many faithful ministers and missionaries, and many dedicated and Spirit-filled laymen, are presently holding the standard high. Many noble soldiers of the cross are pressing the battle to the very strongholds of the enemy.

But how is it with the church in general? And how is it with each individual believer? And how many have secured the beautiful white robes wherein to appear at the marriage supper of the lamb? It is high time for each believer to look carefully to the condition of his garments, lest there be some unclean spot, or some ugly stain, or some hidden-away wrinkle, or some streak of jealousy, or something else that would cause shame or dismay in the presence of the altogether lovely Christ, and lest some who bear His name should be found unrepresentable.

"O have you the garment of white,
brother,
If called to the banquet tonight?
The beautiful garment of white,
brother,
They wear in the mansions of light?"

NEVER TOO BUSY

On one occasion before he became President, when he was just a poor, unknown lawyer, Abraham Lincoln was hurrying to the office when he saw a little girl crying outside the door of a house. Beside her was a large travelling case. Lincoln stopped and asked what was wrong. She said that she was going to spend a holiday in the country, and the carrier hadn't turned up to take her travelling case to the station. That was why she was crying. "What a shame," said Lincoln. "But never mind, you'll get the train all right." And shouldering the case, he said, "Now for it. We'll catch that train. Come along!" The little girl trotted alongside Lincoln, and they caught the train just before it left. The one who told the story also made this lovely comment, "that President Lincoln was never too busy to be kind." And he did not confine his kindness to human beings; it also included animals and birds. One typical incident concerns a pig. One day he was going along a road with some fellow lawyers when they came across a pig struggling in some mud. All laughed and passed on except Lincoln, who was silent. Then all at once he said, "Gentlemen, I don't know how you feel, but I've got to go back." He went back into the mud and rescued the pig. Yes, he certainly was a busy man—but never too busy to be kind.

Anyone familiar with the life of John Wesley would certainly rank him among the busiest men of all time. One who was always up and doing, a man who tried to put something good into every minute, a man whose achievements were staggering; yet amid it all he too was never too busy to be kind. One day there came a messenger from a man dangerously ill at Sidmouth (about 25 miles away from where he was) to tell him he could not die in peace till he had seen him. So the next morning (he records in his journal, "after preaching, I set out, spent an hour with him, by which he was exceedingly refreshed, and returned to Tiverton in time to rest a little before the evening preaching." He didn't hesitate to travel 50 miles out of his way to be kind, even when there were no buses or trains. Even at the age of 82 we find him tramping the streets of London ankle deep in snow, his feet steeped in snow-water nearly from morning till evening, for five days on end, to raise 200 pounds to buy clothing for the poor.

Elizabeth Fry, although she was a busy wife and the mother of at least ten children, seems to have made it her great aim in life never to be too busy to be kind. "I can say one thing," she said to a daughter once. "Since my heart was touched by God, I believe I have never awakened from sleep, in sickness or

health, by day or night, without my first waking thought being how best I might serve the Lord." And she served her Lord by not only being kind to the women and children in prison, and to the coastguards, but also in a multitude of other ways. Even when she had to be wheeled about in a wheel chair, she derived pleasure from being kind to those she met and trying to do them good.

The Good Samaritan was probably a very busy man, on his way to meet some customers, and do a good stroke of business. But not so busy that he could not be kind and helpful to one who was helpless. He gave of his time, his thought and his money in order to succour the man who fell among thieves. And yet because he was not too busy to be kind, Jesus bids us "Go and do likewise."

It is amazing what kindness can accomplish. Mr. Malcolm MacNaughton, of the Prisoners' Aid Society, tells of the man with almost the worst record of any man he had ever met out of thousands of prisoners, a man aged 43 who had never been out of prison for more than a few weeks, who one day said, "Nobody will employ me, but I might do something as a hawker." He was asked what it would cost to set himself up in business, and he said about 3 pounds. Later Mr. MacNaughton had tea with a judge, and spoke about this man. The result was that the judge gave him three guineas for the man. When the man was told, he said it was the first kind action that had ever been done for him, and in return he would never go back to prison; and he never has.

A friend of mine, returning home after the last day he has been able to work, was so ill and exhausted, that it was with very great difficulty he was able to board a tram. All the seats were full, but a young lady stood up and allowed him to sit in her place. And he told me that he believed that simple, kindly act had probably saved his life and prolonged his days.

And, of course, when we are "Never too busy to be kind," it not only links us with Elizabeth Fry and Abraham Lincoln and a host of other men and women who have helped to make the world a holier, happier place, but also with our Lord Jesus Christ. Our Lord, as the gospels bear record, was a very busy man, constantly about His Father's business. Yet he was never too busy to be kind. In fact, Peter stresses the point that "He went about doing good"; and He certainly would turn aside however busy He was to do kindly acts. No matter how busy we may be, may we always find time to be kind and helpful, for in so doing we shall hasten the coming of the Kingdom of God, and be carrying on the Good Samaritan's business.

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To Our Readers
And Prayer Band

This has been a severe winter in many parts of the world. Icy blasts have swept over the whole European continent, the British Isles, and most of the United States. We here in Southern California have been spared the extreme weather, but have experienced a prolonged drought with no appreciable rain in almost a year. When these extreme times come we remember that in Heaven there will be no such extremes of heat and cold, floods and droughts such as we have in this world. All former things will have passed away. Until that happy day let us take our liberty in the Lord Jesus Christ and in everything give thanks.

Here, at Old Pisgah, we continue to enjoy the rich presence of the Lord in our nightly services and God is saving, healing and filling needy souls with Himself. We continue with our daily services, prayer meetings and radio broadcasts. We still endeavor to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and otherwise care for the poor who come under our roof. Bearing one another's burdens we endeavor to fulfill the law of Christ.

Within a matter of days recently, two of our grand, old men went home to be with the Lord. They both slipped away with heart attacks, being active right up to the time of their passing. "Uncle Charlie" Schucraft was truly a Southern gentleman and a real Christian. He was kind to everyone he met, and his cheerfulness was contagious. It seemed he went out of his way to do service for all. He gladly chose the humble tasks that others might not want to perform. He loved to sing Gospel songs, and when he did he never lacked for enthusiastic expression.

Brother Url Fox was of a different type, but a great lover of the Lord and humanity. He had been a pioneer to the Tonkul Nagu tribe of India, and also had served in Japan, the Philippines and Hong Kong. In spite of the fact that he was 87 years of age, he was active in personal evangelism and tract distribution. Every day found him going from door to door and up and down the streets of our city, witnessing to small and great and leaving in every hand a Gospel tract or a scripture portion. Every available dollar he acquired, was put into Christian Literature, for he believed this was the only effective way to evangelize our generation.

As Brother Fox would share the platform with me during our regular meetings here at Old Pisgah, his saintly manner, his snow-white hair and quiet dignity gave us the feeling that one of God's choice saints had been sent to us to comfort and to bless.

May God bless the memory of these precious ones to all who knew them.

Following is a poem penned by Brother Url Fox just a few days before he hurried away to keep his appointment in Heaven.

SAFE

Though storm clouds roll
And lightnings flash around
the world,
And thunders rumble and
peal and roar,
And floods break barriers and
Walls and cities crumble in
their wake;
Though rocks from mountains
come tumbling down
With earth and debris and
bury peopled cities,
And mighty billows in
the sea hurl ships upon the
reefs or break in twain;
Or ranging fires with leaping
flame, like mighty monsters
of death devour both forest
and home and man,
Yet man whose faith is fixed
in God looks up with
hope undaunted,
And says, "O God, you'll see
me through the storm,
the flood, the fire!"
"My soul is safe, my spirit
freed to go to be with Thee
forever!"

Speaking of Christian literature, this was not only the burden of Brother Fox,

America's Need

"What America needs more than railway extension, Western irrigation, a low tariff, a bigger cotton crop or a larger wheat crop, is a revival of religion. The kind that father and mother used to have. A religion that counted it good business to take time for family worship each morning right in the middle of wheat harvest. A religion that prompted them to quit work a half hour earlier on Wednesday so that the whole family could get ready to go to prayer meeting."

—The Wall Street Journal

Not On Sunday Night

I love the church that Jesus bought,
And I know that it is right;
I go there on Sunday morning,
But not on Sunday night.

I love to sing the songs of God,
Such worship must be right
This I do on Sunday morn,
But not on Sunday night.

God bless our preacher, too,
And give him power and might,
But put the sinner in his place,
I won't be there Sunday night.

I love to hear the Gospel, too,
It gives me pure delight;
I hear it Sunday morning,
But not on Sunday night.

I'd go through rain, sleet and snow,
Do anything that's right,
To be at church on Sunday morn,
But not on Sunday night.

—Selected

THE PERFECT CHURCH

I think that I shall never see
A church that's all it ought to be;
A church whose members never stray
Beyond the straight and narrow way;
A church that has no empty pews,
Whose Pastor never has the blues,
A church whose deacons always Deak,
And none is proud, and all are meek;
Where gosips never peddle lies,
Or make complaints and criticize;
Where all are lovely, sweet and kind,
And all to others faults are blind.
Such perfect churches there may be,
But none of them are known to me.
But still we'll work, and pray and plan
To make our own the best we can.

—Selected

The Layman

By Edgar A. Guest

Leave it to the ministers, and soon the
Church will die,
Leave it to the women folk, the young
will pass it by.
For the Church is all that lifts us, from
the coarse and selfish mob,
And the Church that is to prosper needs
the laymen on the job.

Now, a layman has his business, and a
layman has his joys,
But he also has the training of his little
girls and boys,
And I wonder how he'd like it if there
were no churches here
And he had to raise the children in a
Godless atmosphere.

It's the Church's special function, to up-
hold the finer things,
To teach the way of living, from which
all that's noble springs,
But the ministers can't do it single-hand-
ed and alone,
For the laymen of the country are the
Church's cornerstone.

The Happy Tither

I've found new joy
In Christian life;
My heart is now alive.
There's peace within
No grief or strife
Since I began to tithe.

but it is the burning desire of all of our people here that this Gospel be sent to the ends of the earth as speedily as possible. We cannot hope to answer the many requests that come to us asking for Christian Literature unless more of God's people catch a vision of the great need. My friend, will you pray about your part in this end-time ministry and then let us hear from you?

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The Strange Testimony Of a Scientist

By DR. N. JEROME STOWELL

I was almost a devout atheist. I didn't believe that God was any more than a conglomeration of everyone's mind put together and the good that was there — that was God as far as I was concerned. As for the real, all-powerful God existing and loving us all, with power over everything, I didn't believe that!

Then one day I had an experience that really set me thinking. I was in a large pathological laboratory and we were attempting to find the wavelength of the brain. We found more than just a wavelength of the brain: we found a channel of wavelengths, and that channel has so much room in it that the different wavelength of each individual brain is further separated in identity than the fingerprints on each individual's hand. This is a point we should remember: God can actually keep a record in Heaven; a record of our thoughts as individuals just as the FBI can keep a record of our fingerprints in Washington, D. C.

We wanted to make an experiment to discover what took place in the brain at the moment of transition from life to death. We chose a lady whose family had sent her to a mental institution, but who had been discharged. The doctor could find nothing wrong with her other than the fact that she had cancer of the brain. This affected the balance of her body only. As far as her alertness of mind was concerned, and every other way, she was exceptionally brilliant. But we knew she was on the verge of death and she was informed in this research hospital that she was going to die.

We arranged a tiny pickup in her room to ascertain what would take place in the transition of her brain from life to death. We also put a very small microphone, about the size of a quarter, in her room so that we could hear what she said if she had any thing to say. Five of us, hardened scientists — perhaps I was the hardest and most atheistic of the group — were in an adjoining room with our instruments prepared to register and record what transpired. Our device had a needle pointing to zero in the center of the scale. To the right the scale was calibrated to 500 points positive. To the left the scale was calibrated to 500 points negative. We previously had registered on this identical instrument the power used by a fifty kilowatt broadcast station in sending a message around the world. The needle registered 9 points on the positive side.

As the last moments of the woman's life arrived, she began to pray and to praise the Lord. She asked the Lord God to be merciful unto those who had despitely used her. Then she reaffirmed her faith in God, telling Him she knew He was the only power and that He was the living power. She told God He always had been and always would be. She told Him how much she loved Him!

We scientists had been so engrossed with this woman's prayer that we had forgotten our experiment. We looked at each other and saw tears streaming down scientists' faces. I had not shed tears since I was a child.

Suddenly we heard a clicking sound on our forgotten instrument. We looked and the needle was registering a positive 500 desperately trying to go higher, only to bounce against the 500 positive post in its attempt.

By actual instrumentation we had recorded that the brain of a woman alone and dying in communication with God had registered more than 55 times the power used by a fifty kilowatt broadcast station in sending a message around the world.

After this, we decided to try a case very unlike the first one. We chose a man lying in the research hospital, stricken with a deadly social disease. His brain had become atrophied to the very point of death. He was practically a maniac. After we had set up our instruments, we arranged for one of the nurses to antagonize the man. Through her wiles she attracted his interest in her and then suddenly told him she didn't want to have anything more to do with him. He began to verbally abuse her and the needle began to register on the negative side. Then he cursed her and took the name of God in vain. The needle suddenly clicked back and forth against the 500 negative post!

By actual experimentation, we had registered what happened in the brain when the brain broke one of God's Ten Commandments, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain."

We had established by experimentation the positive power of God and the negative power of the adversary. We had found that beneficial truth is positive

The Rest Of The Way

O fathomless mercy, O infinite grace
In humble thanksgiving the road I retrace
Thou never hast failed me, my Strength
and my Stay;

To whom should I turn for the rest of the way?

Through danger, through darkness, by day and by night

Thou ever has guided and guided aright
I have trusted in Thee and peacefully lay

My hand in Thy hand for the rest of the way.

Thy cross all my refuge, Thy blood all my plea

None other I need, blessed Jesus, but Thee

I fear not the shadows at the close of life's day

For Thou wilt go with me the rest of the way.

— Laura Kern Sawyer

Self-Renunciation

We must learn to give up not only our wrongs but even our rights. It is little that we should turn from sin. If we are to follow Christ and His consecration, we must turn also from things that are not sinful, and learn the greatest lesson of self-renunciation, even in rightful things.

There are many things which are not wrong for you to keep and hold as your own, but which, if kept, bring loss to Christ and even greater loss to you.

Abraham gave up his Isaac and received him back with a new touch of love — as God's Isaac now. We shall find that most of the lives that count much for God had somewhere in them a great renunciation, where the dearest idol was laid upon Moriah's altar, and from that hour there was new fruit and new power.

— A. B. Simpson.

"It's not always easy to apologize, to begin over, to admit error, to take advice, to be unselfish, to keep trying, to be considerate, to think and then act, to profit by mistakes, to forgive and forget, to shoulder a deserved blame, but it always pays.—Sel.

A TEST OF BEING WELL SAVED, is not how well you can appear in public, but how do you feel inside, when snubbed and another is put ahead of you.

"He drew a circle that shut me out
As heretic, rebel, a thing to flout.
But Love and I had the wit to win;
We drew a circle that took him in."

—Edwin Markham.

and that nonbeneficial things, covered by the "Thou shalt nots" of the Ten Commandments, are negative in varying degrees.

If we scientists can record these things, I believe with all my heart that the Lord God can keep a record of our thoughts. He has more power than we have and is a better record keeper than any of us on this earth.

As a scientist, I don't believe the halo painted around Jesus head is merely an artist's conception. I believe with all my heart that it is emanating power, it is magnetic and electromotive power that was actually with Him because in all ways He was with God in His truth.

This power is promised to us. We are promised that if we think His thoughts and keep His commandments, the faithful will be caught up to meet Jesus when He returns.

God has given us many great and wonderful things. The greatest and most wonderful of these is His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, who was crucified on the Cross, who gave His life and blood that we might have everlasting life, that we might be cleansed from our sins and be healed of our diseases. Just before Jesus ascended to Heaven He said: "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Previously He commanded His followers to tarry until they be endued with power and had promised to pray the Father who would send another Comforter, the Holy Ghost, even the Spirit of Truth.

It is this presence of God in us that gives us power, the extent of which we have no conception as to its magnitude!

I am a scientist who loves the Lord God with all my heart, mind, might and soul, I want you to pray for me that I will always be faithful, that I will always be humble, that I will always magnify His truth, that I will always think and say and do the things a positive God wants me to think and say and do, and that I will think and say and do nothing according to the wishes of a negative adversary, who kept me blinded and bound for so many years!

The Precious Name

Numerous stories have been circulated about ministers eager to demonstrate their preaching ability. I once heard about a minister who thought he should have been asked to preach a certain funeral. Instead, he was asked to pray. So, what did he do? He just **prayed** a funeral.

Never in my life have I wanted any part in a funeral until recently when I heard a young man failing utterly to meet the needs of a grief-stricken family.

The young minister spoke in broad, general terms about life and death. He had learned to speak the word "God" with a deep and resonant sound. But, not one time in his message did he mention the name of Jesus.

As I listened to him ramble on and on, I wanted to get up and go whisper in his ear, "Tell them about Jesus! Tell them about Jesus!"

I knew the anguish some of the relatives were undergoing, and I felt the message was simply not getting through to them.

The name of Jesus is precious in any language or in any land. Especially is this true in hours of trial and distress.

Many a time I have lifted my own spirits out of the realm of gloom simply by repeating the name, "Jesus . . . Jesus . . . Jesus."

We have only to turn our thoughts toward Him to release a flood tide of blessing in our direction.

When we feel the need of special grace, we can hear Him saying, "My grace is sufficient for thee."

When we feel powerless to cope with any situation, we hear Jesus saying, "All power is given unto me, in heaven and in earth."

When we are tempted to feel alone, we remember His words, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Once I read an assertion that in the Bible there are 365 names attributed to the Son of God. Although the writer made no special point of it, the number 365 struck me forcefully. I realized that this was the same number of days in the year. It occurred to me that although He is the same — yesterday, today and forever — Jesus wants to be something different to us every day of every year.

In the Bible He is called The Second Man, The Last Adam, The Lamb of God. He is called A Prophet, A Priest, A King, Ancient of Days, Everlasting Father, The Way, The Truth, The Life, The Light of the World, The Sun of Righteousness, The Bright and Morning Star.

He is called The Rose of Sharon, The Lily of the Valley, The Cedar of Lebanon, and A Root Out of Dry Ground.

He is The Lion of the Tribe of Judah, The King of the Jews, The Messiah of Israel, The Saviour of the Body, The Head of the Church, The First Begotten from the Dead, The Prince of the Kings of the Earth.

His name is called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

He is called The Bread of Life, The Water of Life, Captain of Our Salvation, Door to the Sheepfold, The Son of God and The Son of Man.

He is called A Shepherd, The Tabernacle Not Made with Hands, The First, The Last, The Beginning, The Ending, The Alpha, The Omega, and on and on we might go almost indefinitely without exhausting the list.

Each of these names portrays another aspect of the Glorious Son of God. Each one is like a new window opened up toward Glory. Through these windows shines the love of God, revealed to us in His only begotten Son.

What a glorious privilege it is to begin each day with Jesus at our side; to work as unto Him; and to end each day with the assurance of His care.

"The name of Jesus is so sweet,
I love its music to repeat.
It makes my joy full and complete,
The precious name of Jesus.

"Jesus, Oh how sweet the name,
Jesus, every day the same,
Jesus, let all saints proclaim,
Thy worthy name, forever."

"This day, O Saviour, let me walk with Thee. Let me stay near Thee, and feel Thy presence. For there is a longing in my heart for Thee. Amen."

And the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called . . . The Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

"The fear of man bringeth a snare; but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe." Proverbs 29:25.

If six or sixty prayers are passed
Pray on and never faint;
A blessing surely comes at last,
To cheer the praying saint.

The Man At The Pool

(Read St. John 5:1-8)

The name Bethesda means "House of Mercy".

In every age and dispensation, God has had His houses of mercy. Places where intercession was heard and prophets gathered. To those sanctuaries also came the poor, the maimed, the halt, the blind, the penniless, the outcasts, the sinners.

No doubt the fame of Bethesda had gone far, for it was a place of past visitations; a place where God had met earnest seekers. It was, in that day, the Teppeka, Kansas, the Auzusa Street, The Angelus Temple and the Pisgah. Here there was a past history of divine movements and then as now there were those whom some thought deluded who stayed near that place, thinking, hoping, waiting for the time when again there would be a stirring a visitation, a revival.

I don't believe the Lord is anymore attached to one place than another, for the earth belongs to Him and all its fullness, but God is attracted to people. He made them; He pities them; He wants to show them mercy. So it is not strange that one day the Lord of glory walked by the pool of Bethesda. Not just by accident, but by divine purpose, for here was one whose need and prayers and tears commanded the attention of heaven.

Many sick were there, but to the impotent man with the 38 year infirmity came Jesus the Saviour and great deliverer. What prayers had he prayed? What tears had been shed? What consecration had been made? What promises had been spoken that finally commanded the attention of heaven in this need of one man? Only eternity will tell us the whole story. I for one want to be present to hear about it.

What a foolish question, it seemed, the Lord asked this long time sufferer. "Wilt thou be made whole?" Of course he wanted help and healing. Certainly he had waited long for the day when the angel would come down and again bring a healing visitation. He no doubt had seen others press in, but not he, for his affliction was such that he could not walk alone. No one cared enough for him to stay with him morning, noon, and night, until the angel would come. So always someone else was in the pool ahead of him. Perhaps his own deliverance was postponed many times.

I believe in our case, regardless of our need or how long we have waited, there will come a day like that day at the Pool of Bethesda. A day when God will come down in special visitation, a day when divinity will appear among men. A time when mercy is shown and rewards are administered to the faithful.

There have been many pools of Bethesda. Perhaps, you, my suffering friend, have been camped by one for many years. Don't get your eyes too long upon those ancient waters. There is one who walks among men today. In India, Africa, the Isles of the Sea, even here in our own United States, Jesus is not far away from the earnest, seeking soul.

So Jesus came to Bethesda that day and He will come to Pisgah and to all the other Pisgahs. He is here; He is there; He is everywhere. He spoke words of comfort to a poor helpless soul. He will speak to you, my friend. And His words will work in you a miracle of grace even as they did for the impotent man. Open your eyes; Perhaps you can see Him now. Listen to His words; He speaks just now. What is he saying? Wonderful words. "Come unto Me all ye who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Thank God for Bethesda, God is a "house of mercy." Thank God for angels that are sent to earth to minister unto those who belong to God; but most of all, thank God for Jesus, our Saviour, Healer, Baptiser, Coming King. The One who has said, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." He stands by your side; He speaks to you now! He is helping you, healing you, delivering you.

— Herald of Hope Broadcast

Christians You're Being Followed

Reports have been coming to us that there is a great shadowing program going on. It is reported that two unknown characters are often seen following Christians. Some people became alarmed, but a closer examination showed us who they were. King David had the same two after him, but he recognised them, and called them GOODNESS AND MERCY. (Psalms 23:6, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.")

"Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord." Jeremiah 1:8

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.

HOME RESTORED

I asked you to pray that my home with my daughter would soon be restored. Now, we are living together in a lovely home, for which I'm very thankful.—Phoenix, Ariz.

VICTORY

I sent for prayer to help me gain the victory in prayer and, praise God, I have not only gained victory in prayer, but fasting also. Your prayers, with mine, helped me to break through.—Mrs. L.L.

SAVED AND DAUGHTER HEALED

God wonderfully saved and healed my daughter. Her neck was swelled almost even with her ears; the doctors didn't know what it was or how to treat it. They helped some, but when I pinned the prayer cloth on her and gave her your literature and the Bible, she read and gave her heart to God and He healed her in a day or so.—Mrs. E.B., Atlanta, Ga.

SALVATION AND BLESSINGS

Three or four years ago I asked God to bless me with a home and save my husband. Also, had a man in my home who was a drunkard. I didn't want to send him away. But God has saved my husband and has given me a beautiful brick home, and the man left himself. It's just a wonderful, peaceable home, and I thank God.—Mrs. S.M., Memphis, Tenn.

VISA EXTENDED

I wrote you all to pray for me that I could get an extension on my visiting visa, and I was given three months more, and was told that I could apply for three more when this one expired. I can't stop thanking the Lord!—F.L., Upper Marlboro, Maryland

ENJOYS HERALD OF HOPE

I wish to especially thank you for sending me your beautiful paper, Herald of Hope, so faithfully. I am over 80 years old and such good reading contained therein gives me much joy, indeed.—M.W., New York City, N.Y.

GOD SENDS BUYER

I requested prayer that the Lord would send a buyer for our Duplex, which we had wanted to sell for over a year. The following Thursday a prospective buyer came and shortly after he signed with us the final sale papers.—Mrs. C.T., Caldwell, Idaho

A GOOD JOB

I want you to know that my Dad has a very good job with the government. I wrote for your prayers and the Lord surely answered.—Mrs. W.B., Columbus, Ohio

SNUFF HABIT GONE

I received the blest handkerchief and put it on Saturday and by Wednesday my snuff habit was gone.—B.T., Iron City, Tenn.

GROWTH DISAPPEARS

I wrote about a month ago asking you to pray for me—I had a growth on my neck which was giving me much trouble, and now the growth is gone.—V.G.

HAPPY FOR HEALING

I am happy to testify that I am wonderfully healed, praise the Lord, of my many months of strange and fierce illness. I thank God for you and your co-operation in prayer.—B.W., Jamaica, W.I.

WHEN GOD HELPS

I felt I had gone my limit, and I wrote you all to pray for Jesus to handle my granddaughter. Hallelujah! Before the answer came that you all had prayed, the change came. It is like I am in a new world. Praise Jesus for victory, my granddaughter doesn't give any more trouble. She is anxious to go to service, and is a blessing now.—Mrs. N.V.S., West Jefferson, N.C.

GAINS VETERANS' PREFERENCE

As you know, I wrote and asked you to pray with me that I would be granted the Veterans' Preference. In one week I received the answer. I had been trying to obtain this Preference since 1960.—C.D.W., Jacksonville, Fla.

LIFE IS CHANGED

Thanks for praying with me. My whole life is changed for good. God has answered prayer, and I must say I am grateful.—R.A.S., London, England.

HEALED OF MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

About 7 years ago, after my baby was born, I became backslidden—had a good job, making a lot of money, and thought I was smart. But I left God out. Then I got sick, lost weight, lost my strength, and couldn't walk, nor could I talk clearly enough to be understood—it was multiple sclerosis, and I was helpless.

I turned to God in repentance—told Him I was sorry for all the things I wasn't doing right, and asked Him to forgive me and help me to do right. I was in earnest. Praise be the Lord, soon I began to gain strength, my speech became clear again, and I was able to walk again. Praise be the Lord! No one seeing me now would ever believe that I had been paralyzed.—Mrs. W.S.A., Los Angeles, Calif.

RECEIVES HEART'S DESIRE

I must thank you for the Herald of Hope. I had written to you once asking you to pray that my "Fencie" come back to me; well, I must say that your prayer was answered. Praise God, he came back to me and we got married and we are very happy now.—Mrs. J.C., Longsight, England

Here is a charming little story from W. E. Golden in an American magazine: As the little girl tripped along at her father's side on an evening walk, she kept looking up at the stars. Though apparently fascinated, she made no comment. Finally her father asked what she was thinking about. "If the bottom side of heaven is so beautiful," replied the child, "how much more wonderful the other side must be!"

EASY, QUICK DELIVERY

This letter is long overdue, but God's answer to prayer wasn't. I wrote asking prayer for an easy and quick delivery of the baby I was expecting in August. I had been in great fear for the 9 months, but when it came time to go to the hospital all fear left me. I had a very easy birth. Everyone marvelled.—Mrs. H.N.

HEALED OF DIABETES & BLOOD PRESSURE

I had written you a few months ago asking prayer for me regarding blood pressure and diabetes. I am very happy to report that the sugar and blood pressure are all gone.—L.P., Linstead, England

TEST NEGATIVE

My doctor said I had Bright's disease, but after much prayer and the anointed cloth my next test came out negative, and I am feeling better all the time.—Mrs. F.K., Piedmont, Mo.

FILLED WITH HOLY SPIRIT

Yesterday the Herald of Hope came and, after reading it, I was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke in an unknown tongue.—N.S., Oklahoma City, Okla.

MULTIPLE BLESSINGS

I am happy to say that through your prayers and blest handkerchief I have been healed of asthma, and a large sore on my foot, and broken veins. Also my husband does much better.—Mrs. E.M.W., Jacksonville, Fla.

SCHOLARSHIP

The results of the exam are now out and I have passed the scholarship.—Miss Y.A., Jamaica, W.I.

APARTMENTS RENTED

Praise God, dark clouds have moved away. Having apartments unrented for months, with obligations to meet, I wrote for prayer and within a week the request was granted. My health is also greatly improved.—R.R., Jamaica, W.I.

DELIVERED FROM FEAR

Two years ago I was suffering from a demon of fear, but at the time I didn't know what it was. I started going to the doctor and almost every time I went he would change the pills he was giving me, to make me sleep, give an appetite, and for nerves, but none of them helped. Every night, just as it began to get dark, I would begin to get nervous; the devil would torment me and make me think I was going to die. Then one night after walking the floor I went to the telephone and asked my pastor to pray for me. The next night I went to her home and she anointed my head with oil and prayed for me, and from that night on I began to improve, and now I am healed. Mrs. M.H.

HEALED OF T.B.

I had T.B. in my right lung and you prayed, because I could feel it through my body that God was answering and healing my body, and I kept on believing that God would heal my body, and He did.—R.D., Orlando, Florida

GOD ANSWERED SPEEDILY

Your prayer for me has been answered. I received your letter on the 2nd of November, and the day following I found myself with money. As a result of that, you will find enclosed an offering.—Mr. S.J., Kingston, Jamaica

MOTHER GETS SAVED

I had another request answered. I had written for prayer that my Mother would get saved. Have been praying for my Mother since the age of ten. She never went to church, and did not believe in Pentecost. In two weeks Mother went to the altar, and later gave up cigarettes and other bad habits. I had been an outcast for so many years, but God has always answered prayer for me.—Mrs. B.U.

PEACE AT PLACE OF WORK

I wrote to you some time in last year for prayer regarding my co-worker. I can say, Praise the Lord, God has certainly answered prayer—my co-worker is quiet as a lamb and I am enjoying perfect peace.—E. R., Jamaica, W.I.

QUITS DRINKING

I wrote you to pray for my husband to stop drinking. Praise God, your prayer is answered, and he doesn't drink any more.—Mrs. M. T.,—

RECEIVES BAPTISM WITH HOLY GHOST

I wrote you to pray for me that I would receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Thanks to the Lord, I have received, and I feel so good that I just can't explain.—C. G., Baltimore, Md.

HEALED OF BLOOD PRESSURE

Thanks for your blest handkerchief. I am healed of the blood pressure. Thanks be to God.—A. B., Jamaica, B.W.I.

GETS JOB BACK AGAIN

I wrote to you a few days ago in regard to my son and his wife. Well, she has got a big boy 7½ lbs. Both mother and baby are doing fine; and my son got his old job back.—M. M., Wilmington, N.C.

HEALED OF DIABETES

I received your blest handkerchief and pamphlets. I am also happy to tell you that I went back to the doctor, about the "sugar", and when my urine was tested there was no more sugar.—Mrs. A. M. P., Jamaica, W.I.

SAFE DELIVERY

I wrote for prayer that I would have a quick and easy delivery, and thank the Lord, he answered. I had my little girl within 4½ hours with little pain.—R. D., Eminence, Mo.

FATHER RETURNS

I should have answered you back long ago, but I still remember the Herald of Hope. The children's father has returned to look after them. Who could it be but God?—M. B., Jamaica, W.I.

A GREAT CHANGE

My heart was filled with worries; my head was light, I could hardly speak for myself. Then I received your paper and started to read it, and the Spirit began to operate—I felt a great change, my heart was light, my head was free, and my body was light, and there came a wonderful peace in my soul.—Mrs. A.S., Jamaica, W.I.

SLEEPS NORMALLY NOW

Received the little prayer cloth Saturday and applied it with prayer, and my husband has since slept laying flat in bed as he should—something he has not done in months. He had arthritis of the spine and had such pain when he tried to lay all night that he had to partly sit up propped with a pillow, but all praises to God, he has slept normal since.—Mrs. J. M. F., Piedmont, Mo.

SAVED AND DELIVERED

I wrote you about my sister in Atlanta that was drinking and living for the devil and was sick. Well, as soon as the letter had time to reach you she was getting better and in a few weeks began to go to Church. She got saved and threw away the cigarettes, and the drinking stopped, and this Sunday she is going to be baptized.—Mrs. R. L., Hiawasse, Ga.

WITNESSING UNTO GOD

My back was healed and I feel fine, praise God, and I want to witness for Jesus daily for my healing of different ailments.—A. H., Austin, Texas

NEPHEW SAVED

Through your prayers my nephew H. R., has accepted Christ and is saved.—M. G., St. Kitts, W.I.

FINDS JOB

I have written to you sometime ago to pray that I may find a job, and I am successful. Thanks for your prayers.—P. M., Jamaica, W.I.

GRATITUDE

My once perplexed mind is now satisfied with Jesus—truly He is all I need. As I look back at my past experiences of fears, doubts and failings, I can say with all my heart, Truly God is a good God! So accept the enclosed amount as a thank offering to God. May it be used to accomplish in many discouraged souls that which has been done in my life.—B. P., San Fernando

WELL AGAIN

I wrote to you sometime ago for prayers for my grandchild 7 years old who was restless at night and snored loudly. Praise God, we got the blest handkerchief and tracts and did accordingly. Now I can say, Praise the Lord, she is well again.—E.W., Jamaica, B.W.I.

HEALED OF ULCERS

I asked you to pray for my son and send me the blest cloth, as he was suffering terribly with ulcers. When I received the blest cloth I laid it on his stomach and am very happy to report he has been healed ever since.—Mrs. E. L., Evans, W. Va.

GOD PROVIDES JOB

You prayed for me so that I could get a job and you sent a tract saying that God knows where the best job is, and it is real true, for with your prayer and with God's great mercy I have got a job. Also I asked you to pray that peace may come in my home and I can say, Thanks be to God, there is a great, great change in the home.—D. D., Jamaica, W.I.

REINSTATED

I sent to ask prayer for my son that was working in Barbados for 15 years, and last year while he was on vacation an enemy was working. When he went back they gave him another job; everything was completely changed. He could not understand the way they treated him. I took the case to Jesus and sent to ask you all to pray about it. God answered our prayer—the Chief Accountant visited and formally handed back to him his responsibility of handling all the Company's cash accounts. He said he could not believe his eyes!—M. W., London, England

HEALED OF CANCER

In 1955 I was dying of cancer of the cervix, radium burns, and X-ray burns; as a result I became a dope fiend. The doctor said the dope was poisoning my blood and I didn't have any chance to live. I went to an Healing Evangelist, and was in the invalid section. He prayed for me, and the next day a growth passed, but it wasn't the cancer. I quit the dope. I testified for 1½ years that I was healed, before the cancer passed. I haven't been to a doctor since. Thanks to the Lord!—Mrs. V. T., Los Angeles, Calif.

STOMACH HEALED

I wrote to you not too long ago, asking for prayer. I was suffering with my stomach. I also asked for a healing cloth. I can say tonight, "Thank you, Jesus, I am healed."—M. B., New York, N.Y.

SCHOLARSHIP

Your prayers have been answered. My little son has passed his scholarship examination and got a free place for a Secondary School. Praise God.—A. P., Jamaica, W.I.

PRAYER & FAITH

Well, my son got into a little trouble. I prayed for a way out. I read your paper and there were several sections on faith, so I prayed in faith till I knew Heaven got the news. When I left this morning to go up to town to try settle, I put my prayer cloth on my body and I said, "Lord, I'm going in your Name." So I went, and everything worked out in my favor.—O. L. S., Hazlehurst, Miss.

STILL ON JOB

I was given two weeks notice to quit my job. I did send and ask you for help, and your prayer was so powerful that my manager changed his mind and I am now still on the job.—V. G., London, England

HEALED MENTALLY

I had written you about two years ago and asked that you put my brother, who was mentally unbalanced, on your prayer list. Well, thank God, he is quite well and back in the teaching service again.—O. R., Barbados, W.I.

HUSBAND RETURNS

I wrote you some time ago to pray for my husband that he would come home, and he returned. Thank God, and thank you for praying.—Mrs. J. T. J., Riverside, Calif.

ANSWERED PRAYERS

I could not begin to enumerate the answered prayers. First, my sister is out of the hospital and well, where she had been for over 2 years very serious. My son applied and got a very responsible job. Another son passed a high examination in dentistry, and a third son was able to get and keep a good job on West Coast, and we were able to get a better car through your prayers.—Mrs. J. C., De Ridder, La.

NOTHING TOO LITTLE FOR GOD

A fish bone ran into my finger. It became so swollen I could not use it. All the people at work told me to go to the doctor immediately, but I took it to Jesus. I also placed your kerchief upon it. When I went back, they asked me what doctor I took it to, and I told them Jesus the Son of God.—V.M., Bristol, England

HOME SAVED FROM DIVORCE

Not very long ago the ruler of darkness and dissension found his crooked way into the previously peaceful family of my brother Jim and caused his wife to stand ready to precipitate herself into the horrible abyss of hell-bound divorce. You can imagine the despair of all our family, what a nightmare we all were in. Then we turned our whole attention to the Only Peace-bringing Saviour, even Jesus Christ, with prayers and supplications, directing our hearts toward His Heavenly Throne. I wrote to you, my dear prayer warriors, and asked you to help for victory over the bitterest enemy that hopelessly was wrecking the home of my brother. You sent us a cloth. I gave it to my brother to carry it on himself at all times and in his house. Praised be the name of Jesus Christ a million times, miracle of miracles, Jim and wife are now the most loving couple.—F.O., Los Angeles, Calif.

RECEIVES BAPTISM OF HOLY GHOST

I wrote you awhile back asking for prayer for myself. Thank God, I have quit the habit and received the baptism of the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. L.S.,

WIFE RETURNS

I thank God I did write to you; it is a great blessing. I am happy to say that before I could read through your letter and papers, my wife came back to the house to join me.—L.W., Kingston, Jamaica, W.I.

GOD REMOVES TUMOR

I had written to you for prayer and God removed a tumor that the Doctors were going to operate on. I am very grateful that I was healed.—Mrs. M.K., Detroit, Mich.

RAISED UP

I was having heart failure and other sickness. I received your letter, blest cloth and tracts, and can say I got up and went to Church for the first time in three months.—J.F., San Diego, Calif.

HEART NORMAL

I wrote a few months ago requesting prayer for my heart that was so weak. Thank God, he healed my heart. When I went back to the Doctor he said, "You won't believe this, but you have a heart beat as a normal woman. I said, 'Yes, I believe it — I knew the work was done when I placed the prayer cloth on me and prayed.'" — I.M., Hamersville, Ohio

BLESSED

From the very moment you began praying for me I have experienced a wonderful change in my whole life, both spiritually and temporally. Jesus is doing a lot for me, although still in the midst of trials, temptations and strifes, but I am pressing on. I wrote you to pray that I would get a good job. I am now working at a Post Office near my home.—Mrs. B.N., Jamaica, B.W.I.

DOING REAL WELL

Regarding the prayer request I had sent in for Mrs. S.J. last summer, you sent an anointed handkerchief and she put it on her body. She had an ulcer. She improved right away and is doing real well.—L.C., Arcadia, Calif.

PRAYER ANSWERED

I wrote to you a while back for prayer for my baby son to be able to keep his food down. Our prayers were answered.—A. J., Nova Scotia, Canada

PAIN GONE

My Mother was crying for three months from a pain in the knee, and thank God, from the time she received the healing cloth she has quit. Thanks be to God! —V.T., Jamaica, W. I.

NO OPERATION NEEDED

Thanks for your prayers and anointed cloth for my little grandson. He had strep throat and was in a very serious condition. The doctor advised his tonsils be removed. No medicine could help him. The day before he was to be operated on, the doctor looked at his throat and said it was so well he needed no operation. —Mrs. M.T., Bothell, Wash.

CHILD GAINS STRENGTH

When I think of my little daughter, how she has made a speedy recovery from the time she received your prayers! Before, she was lifeless — didn't even have strength to eat. Thank God, she has improved so fast that she is holding on to her crib and standing by herself. I can't express my joy!—M. M., Jamaica, W.I.

HAPPY IN JESUS

I thank you for your prayer — it made me happy in my life. I was in danger with the devil, but thank God for His goodness, I am getting on very well in Jesus' salvation; all my trouble is gone.—L., Jamaica, W.I.

REUNITED

Sometime ago I wrote to you requesting prayer for a couple who were separated and now they are together.—Mrs. R.D., Plainfield, Ill.

ANSWERED PRAYERS

I wrote you to pray for one of the saints in our church, and sure enough he is walking, whereas before, he could not walk any distance at all. Also I asked you to pray for my husband to get a good steady job, and he has worked all this summer. I thank God.—Mrs. A.T., Elizabeth City, N.C.

GOD HEALS

I was passing blood in my urine, but since you prayed for me over the telephone it has cleared up. I know it was God, and I'm so glad.—E.B., Los Angeles, Calif.

THE MERCY OF GOD

I wrote asking prayer for two unsaved, that were in custody for murder. Well, praise the Lord, they have been released without even a sentence.—O.M., Jamaica, B.W.I.

MENTAL HEALING

Sometime ago I wrote you to help me pray for my brother's wife who was injured in a car wreck and had to be sent to a mental hospital. I gave her one of the blessed handkerchiefs and a Herald of Hope paper and I thank God that now she is at home keeping house.—A.R., Ellinsore, Mo.

FOOT AND LEG HEALED

I received the anointed cloth some few weeks ago and the Lord has blest, — all of the swelling has gone and my foot and leg is normal again.—R. M., Shreveport, La.

PRAYER AVAILS

Thank you sincerely for all you have done on my behalf. Your prayers have certainly assisted me to overcome all my difficulties and I have also obtained work for my boys, etc.—F. A., Aruba, N.A.

MENTAL DELIVERANCE

Since last I wrote, my daughter who was mentally sick, is well on the road to complete recovery. — Mrs. H.L., Barbados, W.I.

HELPS SELF NOW

I am healed and delivered and thanking you for praying for me. I cannot find words to thank God for his love and tender mercies to me. I am happy over everything the Lord has done for me. I am able to do a little business to help myself. For years I couldn't do anything for myself. Praise the Lord, I can help myself now — no more pressure, no more nerves. People have to wonder at me now!—F. C., Bogatello, Tobago

IMPROVING GREATLY

I was a crippled man, but since you sent prayer cloth and paper I am a changed man. I can walk from house to kitchen and all over the yard. I am improving greatly. Who could it be but Jesus?—Mr. A. G., Jamaica, W.I.

BLESSED IN STUDIES

The Lord wonderfully answered prayer for Jane. She got a scholarship in Music and gets to go to University of Illinois for 2 weeks. She is only 12 years old and takes great interest in all her studies.—L. S., Zion, Illinois

REUNITED

I don't know the person I am writing to, but I sure do enjoy your HERALD OF HOPE papers. I give out 25 every time they come out. My son-in-law had me write a letter for him about 2 or 3 months ago asking you to pray that my daughter would take him back, and it was just a matter of days before God answered your prayers.—Mrs. T. J., Jacksonville, Fla.

BLADDER-KIDNEY TROUBLE HEALED

The Lord has healed me of a growth on my bladder and kidney trouble. How wonderful He is to me! I want the world to know it.—C. H., —

SURRENDERS TO GOD

I am feeling much better now in my body. I always used bad words and from time I got your blest handkerchief I just stopped using them and decided to give my heart to God.—G. B., Jamaica, B.W.I.

GETS BUS JOB

I am very pleased to tell you that the day after I received your letter I was called in for an interview by a Bus Company, and was called out to work as a bus driver one week later.—G. H., Sangre Grande, Trinidad

MAKES MORE MONEY

You prayed with me that I would make more money this winter working at School in the lunchroom. I made only \$8.50 a week last year and this year I am making \$15.00 a week.—M. P., Ivanhoe, N.C.

GOD ANSWERS

Since your prayer group responded to my request for prayer for my health, the deterioration seems to have ceased, and I am now as well as a man of my age (84½ years) could reasonably expect to be. Praise the Lord.—P. B. F., Santa Ana, Calif.

FREED FROM RHEUMATISM & MIGRAINE

A dear saint of God sent us a blessed cloth for my husband to put upon his body; which he did straight-away. He had been suffering for many years with rheumatism in his knees and migraine. Since receiving your cloth, and using it as stated, his knees are so much better, free from pain, and he feels like walking on air. Bless the lovely name of Jesus. The migraine has not appeared and we are believing that it has gone to the bottomless pit. Amen.—Leicester, England.

LEG ULCER HEALED

I had an ulcer on my leg a couple years ago that didn't seem to heal up, and I got a blest handkerchief and laid it on before the bandage and it healed up marvelously.—J. M., Fort Dodge, Iowa

REJOICING IN THE LORD

I can't express the joy in my soul since I have claimed Jesus as my personal Saviour. I read the tracts and tied the handkerchief to my clothes; I sleep with it and I feel like all my worries of life will soon be gone.—B. W., Jamaica, W.I.

ENCOURAGED

It is my greatest pleasure to tell you of the wonderful change in my life. After using the blest handkerchief and reading the tracts I found a great change in my body and soul. I have more energy to do my daily task, and find it easy to forgive my enemies. I see a brighter way leading to my future happiness.—M. S., Kingston, Jamaica, W.I.

HAPPY HOME NOW

Prayer has been answered about my husband. He is changed, and has become saved by the Lord, and we are living really happy in our home now.—Mrs. N. C., Vanceboro, N.C.

FINDS GOOD JOB

I wrote a few weeks ago and asked that you pray for my husband to get a job. He found a good job right away.—Mrs. J. A., —

SUCCESS IN EXAM

Some months ago I wrote asking for your sincere prayers in my exam, and now I am happy to say I was successful in my Third Jamaica Local Examination.—M. M., Jamaica, B.W.I.

KIDNEY TROUBLE HEALED

We praise the dear Lord for healing our grandson of kidney trouble. Thanks for your prayers.—Mrs. E. P. S., Long Beach, Calif.

BABY AND HUSBAND HEALED

I wrote you in 1954 for a cloth for my baby and husband who was very ill at the time. You sent both of them a cloth and they were both healed. The doctor had said the baby would have to have the roof of her mouth operated on and have her adenoids taken out, but, praise God, after we put the cloth on her and had prayer, I don't think she really had to have a doctor since. And God healed my husband of heart trouble, which he had been troubled with for some years previous. I want to thank you for the cloth and for the prayers.—Mrs. D. H., Johnson City, Tenn.

BLESSED WITH BEST JOB

It is a joy to be able to write you again and to thank you for your prayers. God still answers prayer. He has blessed me with health, and has provided a job for me, the best job I have had since I have been working.—G. W., Barbados

UTILITIES TURNED ON

Just to let you know that the Gas has been turned on, and the Telephone was turned on today. Thank God.—M. W., Toledo, Ohio

HUSBAND SAVED

I have written you about my husband drinking and going with another woman. Praise God for your prayer, he is now saved and going to church, and my home is happy.—Mrs. B. R., Jamaica, W.I.

REVIVAL IN CHURCH

My mother wrote you while I was sick, asking you for prayers, and praise the Lord, I can say I am completely healed. She also asked you to pray for a revival in our church and, praise the Lord, the church has been greatly revived. We had over twenty young converts testifying, and we had a baptism of seven on Sunday morning.—Mrs. M. B., Jamaica, W.I.

EMOTIONAL HEALING

I had bad nerves and a fear condition, and I told the Lord if He would heal me I would write a testimony to you. I would like to praise God for healing me.—J. G. B., Rome, Georgia

MULTIPLE BLESSINGS

My husband got his job back, which makes this offering possible. My seven-year-old boy was behind in his class as a result of absence. I put a Herald of Hope in his brief case and he caught up with his class and is a very good student. My husband had arthritis in his hand and knee and he is completely healed of it. My four-year-old boy had constant constipation and he is healed also.—Mrs. M. J., Brownsville, Texas

WINS SCHOLARSHIP

I thank you very much for the blest handkerchief. I have won my scholarship.—B. S., Jamaica, W.I.

SON ATTENDING CHURCH

I am happy to tell you since I requested prayer for my son, he is attending church.—Mrs. P. W., Sioux City, Iowa

GOD IS ABLE

For four years my wife had been suffering. I had spent all my money and she could not get better, and since I received your blest kerchiefs she has made a great change. Thank God!—Mr. F. S., Jamaica, W.I.

SOUL WINNING

The one hundred copies of the Herald of Hope have been received and distributed. God is working wonders. Many who have received copies have been converted completely. Twenty new members have enrolled as members of our Prayer Association here, and they are demanding more copies of the Herald of Hope.—S. M. A., Ghana, Africa

The Holy Spirit Comes To a Baptist Church

By THOMAS HUNTER IV
Pastor, Temple Baptist Church
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The Holy Spirit has been at work in this church during the past several years in quiet, subtle ways. Many lives have been touched by the healing power of Christ, a number of lives have been changed and redirected. We pray constantly for "the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on all of us, and for the increase of the Holy Spirit in all our ministries."

Meanwhile, I think of myself as on a frontier of Christian service in this inner-city church. For here my time is consumed by court appearances, counselling of individuals, working with house church groups, assisting in a host of social and economic needs plus the routines of worship, Christian education and general oversight of numerous other programs of both outreach and spiritual renewal plus my responsibilities in council of churches work.

Shortly after my arrival at Temple Baptist Church, I saw more clearly how ill-prepared I was to cope with an inner-city church located in a 70 percent negro ghetto; a church which had been losing members at the rate of 50 a year for ten years.

Like so many Protestant churches, it was toying with the notion of merger and move. The mood plainly was, "Let's get out of here while the getting's good!"

A number of factors were used of the Lord to change attitudes, including my own. Among them — a three month period in which every adult Sunday school class set aside the "sacred" International Sunday School Lessons and dealt with one question: What is the Church?

As we probed the depths of this question, other corollaries quickly rose:

Who is the real head of this local church—Christ or the pastor or a "ring-leader" or a clique of people or a power structure?

What is our purpose as a church and if we move out, what happens to our witness in this area?

Converted in an inner-city Presbyterian church in Philadelphia at the age of nine, I had been aware of the Holy Spirit as a doctrine to be believed. I wrote a term paper and preached a sermon or two on the third person of the Blessed Trinity while at Eastern Baptist Seminary. I also preached on the subject numerous times in my first church.

However, I had never experienced the reality of the Holy Spirit.

Large portions of Acts, Romans, and I Corinthians were like closed books to me. I read into these books a brand of "Fundamentalist" theology which was psychologically oriented in hate and theologically oriented in a tragic bifurcation of creed and conduct.

My reaction to this hiatus was abrupt. Although I never lost my deeply personal relationship with Jesus Christ, I left the movement known popularly as "fundamentalism" because I found more of the love of Jesus among men in the major denominations. Here, at a time in my life when I needed love and acceptance, I received it from men who had been branded "modernist," but whom I found open to the Holy Spirit in most creative ways.

My affiliation with the American Baptists had been a most happy relationship. But, after five and a half years in the ministry, I had begun to realize my inadequacy and my lack of spiritual power.

I had even begun a healing ministry in my former church and carried it on for two years with not much result because, I guess, it was such a radical thing to do. Healing was for the Pentecostals, Christian Scientists, and Episcopalians, but Baptists? Never!

It was through the Order of St. Luke Annual Conference in Philadelphia that I gained insights into spiritual healing, and in turn, was led to an experience of the Holy Spirit.

God had to do a work in me, as well as a work in Temple Church. In December of 1957, I attended a School of Pastoral Care under the direction of Agnes and the late Rev. Edgar Sanford. At this school, I received a "healing of the memories." This is an intensive type of prayer wherein Christ is invoked to heal the hurts, slights, resentments, conflicts, etc. of the past, where the Holy Spirit is called upon to protect the subconscious mind, and where the spirit of the person being prayed for is called forth to live in the new freedom of a healed personality.

After this catharsis, I began to ask about the Holy Spirit. Then in an upper room at the Episcopal Conference Center in Whitinsville, Mass., I, a Baptist sat in a chair and received the Laying-on-of-hands from an Episcopal priest and a lay person!

The Holy Spirit came in all fullness.

I spoke in a language not my own. I felt released of doubt, fear, and anxiety. The language I spoke confirmed the experience in the same way the apostle Peter witnessed the Holy Spirit come on the Gentiles at Antioch.

Since then there have been periods of "dryness" and dissatisfaction, but the deep serenity has never left. I have stumbled and fallen in terms of the pharisee type of sins — self-pity, pride, resentment, worry — but always I come back.

As a result of this experience, I have been able to be God's instrument in aiding Temple Baptist Church to reach the decision it did.

In a three-day retreat to my attic, I received of the Lord direction and purpose to my ministry in this church—even to the very names of people I was to invite and ask to pray at the time when the congregation met to discuss and decide its future. Every one of those meetings went along with a minimum of tension, and a real desire on the part of the people to trust the Lord that what they were doing was His will.

The leading of the Spirit was manifest in the calling of Dorman F. Avery to be our co-pastor. His openness to the Spirit's leading, his training in social work, and his devotion to Christ brought to our work additional leadership we needed at that time.

Gradually the climate changed. Hearts were opened, and laymen who for years saw the need but could do little because of the fear of offending, the fear of ostracism, the frustration of being beaten down by persons who dominated rather than directed, came alive.

In fact, the climate so changed that just before the 100th Anniversary in 1959, a unanimous decision of those present was reached (with some misgivings, no doubt) to call a negro pastor to work with me — not as a pastor to negroes, but as a pastor responsible for the outreach phases of the work. Thus, without having to pass resolutions, put ads in the paper, hang signs on the front door of the church, we were able to witness by a "demonstration" that we as a church meant business when we said, "all welcome." Each prayed, sang and preached in the presence of all.

We lost only a few fringe members as a result of the decision. Now there is a sense of oneness of purpose and direction of mission outside the four walls and onto the frontiers of the community.

The church is now well integrated with people of both races serving on the boards and committees. Attending congregation runs around 40% of both races. Enrollment about 25% negro. The children's church school is about 80% negro. The latter figure reflects the housing pattern of most American cities. That is, the forming of racial and ethnic ghettos, rooted in the Anglo-Saxon's in-famous combination of hate, guilt and fear. We feel now that Temple is beginning to live the "Reconciling Gospel" in terms of (a) its racial attitude of acceptance of all people who love Christ (b) the ministry of healing (c) intercessory prayer groups and (d) various attempts at outreach.

At significant times through the past four years, the Spirit has revealed the Father's will in such programs as:

1. A monthly healing service.
2. Annual school of evangelism (using the American Baptist Jubilee Advance study materials).
3. Revision of the adult church school curriculum.
4. Development of house churches.
5. Language arts classes for neighborhood children who have reading problems.
6. Released time week-day Christian education.
7. Small group retreats.

We have a tremendous field of opportunity here to make the Gospel relevant and to change the community image of Temple Baptist Church from what it was to what it is becoming. "A church that cares for the total man in the context of his total life."

For we have come to see that if the Lord Jesus is not relevant to the many facets of modern life, then he's not relevant at all. I believe He is because I've seen what He can do in hundreds of lives in all kinds of complicated situations. And He amazes me afresh every day. I can but stand in awe and lift a grateful voice in praise.

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"I have seen, I have seen the affliction of my people which is in Egypt, and I have heard their groaning, and am come down to deliver them." Acts 7:34

"For thou hast delivered my soul from death: wilt not thou deliver my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living? Psalm 56:13

A Word To Our New Pentecostal Friends

By DONALD GEE
Editor of "Pentecost"

We are thrilled at what God is doing these days in bringing so many hundreds of our fellow-believers in the older denominations into Pentecostal blessing. This grace is being bestowed conspicuously, though by no means exclusively, among our friends of the Anglican Communion. They are speaking with new tongues as the Spirit gives them utterance, even as we. Let us unitedly worship God for this and other manifestations of His Spirit.

The size and impressiveness of this new outburst of Pentecostal phenomena can be judged by the attention it has drawn in the religious, and even the secular, press. Many of the comments have been distinctly friendly, or at least open. We are wondering what this portends, and our hearts are full of hope. There is a significant consensus of expression whenever Christian leaders meet in conference that what we all need is a new, and richer, experience of the Holy Spirit. Such widespread hunger is in itself a sign of God's grace working among His people. It is exercising a profoundly unifying effect among those of differing doctrine and various ideas of church polity. God does not mock, and we dare to regard this as a promise from the heart of God that He purposes a new and wider outpouring of Pentecostal grace and power upon all flesh. We greatly need it.

We of the older Pentecostal Movement have to confess that in some places we have so hidden our light under a bushel that many say "we have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost": "where have you Pentecostals been all this time?" A large part of the reason is that when the older denominations ostracized us in the first decades of this Revival we re-acted by a counter-ostracism. We feared to come among you. We withdrew into our own assemblies. It can now be seen that we kept ourselves to ourselves too much and counted it to ourselves for righteousness. We expected you to snub us and reject us, and in many cases this was our unhappy experience. Propaganda maligned us. It took some courage to stand for our testimony.

Now we are thankful for a new atmosphere of mutual friendliness that is gradually growing into confidence. We all have a long way to go yet. Old fears persist; old prejudices die hard. The ice of fifty years cannot be melted in a day. But the climate has definitely changed. As to our fundamental theology, our ready acceptance of the Apostles' Creed should prove our orthodoxy.

We recognize that part of your difficulty in the past in accepting your Pentecostal brethren into your midst has been some of our own extravagances in word and deed. More responsible Pentecostal leadership has consistently sought to give sane and balanced teaching and example for the sake of the testimony of our Lord. We deplore the extravagant claims of some of our evangelists, and the fanatical excesses permitted by some of our pastors. It must be remembered, however, that we have been fighting all along a battle for forgotten truths, and the heat of the conflict has inevitably generated a tendency to extremes. We ought not always blame those who at least have attempted a living testimony to the supernatural working of the Living Christ by the Spirit in His Church today. We have been anxious not to pull up the wheat with the tares. It is terribly easy to quench the Spirit. Our more responsible leaders are now reaping their reward by the confidence they enjoy both within and without the Movement. Indeed, there may be danger now of a cult of Pentecostal respectability. That will not help either you or us. We are glad that you say frankly you want us without compromise.

More and more your problems will be our problems and vice versa. You are not joining our Pentecostal denominations at present, but we recognize our spiritual kinship in the Spirit. We all agree that "PENTECOST IS NOT A DENOMINATION: IT IS AN EXPERIENCE"—an expression used by a Pentecostal leader and a Baptist pastor. If, perchance, you are enjoying a possibility denied to us fifty years ago of maintaining your present church affiliation while also enjoying complete freedom in the Spirit we shall rejoice with you. You have a great responsibility, for surely we all desire that every Denomination shall be Pentecostal in Experience.

May we be allowed, after long experience, to respectfully offer a few words of brotherly counsel? Do not allow the first rush of novelty where prophetic gifts are concerned to sweep you off your feet. It is all so wonderful, and is such a liberation of spirit, that it is easy

Trembling or Singing?

In the early days of immigration to the West, in the United States of America, a traveler came, for the first time in his life, to the banks of the mighty Mississippi River. There was no bridge; yet he must get across.

It was early winter, and the surface of the mighty river was sheeted with ice. The traveler knew nothing of its thickness, however, and feared to trust himself to it. He hesitated for a long while, but night was coming on, and he must reach the other shore.

At length, with many fears and with infinite caution, he crept out on his hands and knees, thinking thus to distribute his weight as much as possible, and trembled at every sound.

When he had gone halfway over in this painful way, he heard a sound of singing behind him. There in the gathering dusk was a man driving a four-horse load of coal across upon the ice, and singing as he went!

Many a Christian creeps tremblingly out upon God's promises, where another who is stronger in faith, goes singing through life, upheld by the same Word.—The Ministry.

And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of Truth; Whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him; for He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. John 14:16, 17.

to become unbalanced, with speedy disaster. Do not fail the purpose of God. Beware of making too much of "messages," whether through tongues and interpretation, or any other way. The Spirit of God is not so prodigal with these things as we, in our folly, would have Him to be. The Bible plainly teaches temperance in the use of inspirational gifts (1 Corinthians 14). Above all, keep everything Christ-centred. A great illumination was in A. B. Simpson's hymn:

"Once it was the blessing,
Now it is the Lord;

Once it was the feeling,
Now it is His word;

Once His Gifts I wanted,
Now the Giver own;

Once I sought for healing,
Now Himself alone."

Never let your exercise of prophetic gifts cause your meetings to degenerate into what one writer caustically described as a "tongues club."

Be evangelistic above all. The baptism in the Holy Spirit is for power to witness to a Risen Christ who saves and keeps. Seek always to win souls. The greatest victories of the world-wide Pentecostal Revival have occurred where the Movement has been first and foremost an agency for fervent evangelism.

May we, with great humility of mind, offer another word in advice. Many of you are trained theologians with a good academic background. Do not, now you have tasted spiritual gifts, become fanatical in your repudiation of consecrated scholarship. Let the Spirit of truth set it all on fire and use it for the glory of God. Some of us in our early folly set a premium upon ignorance. Nothing could be a greater mistake when it comes to leadership. And leaders are needed.

Yet we of the older Pentecostal Revival are, paradoxically, in an opposite danger. Our tendency now is to place too much value upon a man's academic achievements and flaunt them as though they were in themselves a qualification for spiritual leadership. They are nothing of the sort. We believe that God's plan for work of the ministry is based on a sanctified use of spiritual gifts. We notice in I Corinthians 12 that the varied manifestations of the Spirit in the early part of that chapter lead on to the list of resultant ministries at its close. "First apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers" shows the true place of the better gifts we are to covet earnestly. Guard against unworthy definitions of the great gifts of the "word of wisdom" and the "word of knowledge." They are far more than clairvoyance. Their true place in the economy of the Spirit lies in the ministry of the word in a Pentecostal Church.

So let us help one another to achieve, by the grace of God, a full-orbed testimony to the place and power of the Holy Spirit within the Church in this twentieth century. Consecration is our reasonable service. Inspiration will set it on fire. May we put it this way — an educated ministry is good; an inspired ministry is better; but an inspired educated ministry is best of all.

BOOM IN RELIGION

(The following is taken from an article in *The New York Times* of Jan. 3, 1963, entitled "Boom in Religion Exceeding the Capacity of Churches." Ed.)

An international movement emphasizing an experience usually termed a "baptism with the Holy Spirit" that is now spreading through a variety of Christian denominations has its most active leadership in California. The movement is advancing in at least fifteen nations. Persons as dissimilar as Eskimos in Alaska and students at Yale have recently come under its influence.

Such a "baptism" is described as a personal encounter with the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Christian Trinity, usually as a result of prayer or the laying on of hands by a minister or layman. It is said to be a radically transforming experience.

Those who profess the "baptism with the Holy Spirit" state that their experience duplicates that of the first Christians, including the phenomenon known as "speaking in other tongues." This is the practice of praying, singing or speaking forth in fluent sounds whose meaning is not usually known to the speaker.

Glossolalia, or speaking in tongues, is stressed in Pentecostalism, a revivalist movement that began most prominently in a church in Los Angeles in April, 1906. It now embraces about 9,800,000 people around the world.

Though sometimes associated with "Holy Roller" excitement and therefore regarded as alien to the classical Protestant denominations, the movement has curiously made its most rapid progress among Episcopalians in the last three years.

Two spurs of the movement are the Blessed Trinity Society of Van Nuys, California, a group composed principally of Episcopal clergymen and lay people, and a group known as the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International, whose headquarters are at Los Angeles. "Copyright by The New York Times. Reprinted by permission."

Lutherans Speak With Tongues

An article in the *Lutheran Standard*, official organ of the American Lutheran Church (ALC) says that about two dozen pastors have reported "speaking in tongues" experiences.

The article says that a denominational commission is now studying "these reported manifestations of the Holy Spirit's power."

The *Standard* explained that when a Christian speaks in tongues, he makes ecstatic utterances that cannot be identified as human language, except through the gift of interpretation.

This "spiritual speaking," termed by theologians "glossolalia" goes back to the Day of Pentecost when, according to Acts 2:4, the early Christians "began to speak with other tongues" when they were "filled with the Holy Ghost."

In modern times, this phenomenon has been associated primarily with the Pentecostals, but two years ago it was reported that it was taking place within the Episcopal Church and some of the other historic denominations.

Some of the ALC pastors and laymen reportedly received the "gift" of "spiritual speaking" after association with Episcopalians. How it has affected them has been told in letters and verbal reports received by the ALC's Commission on Evangelism.

One man wrote: "... the fire of the Holy Spirit is mighty disturbing. And I'm disturbed. As I have gone through this, Scripture really comes alive and the hymns of the church shout out at me ..."

A pastor wrote the experiences had resulted in "a definite enrichment of my own spiritual life, a deepening understanding of God's Word and new confidence to pray for others ..."

Another pastor who reportedly received the gift said he now has "the courage of the apostles to witness. My desire is for prayer and Bible study. I love people as I have never loved them. Instead of preparing sermons I now prepare myself to preach."

One writer commented on the growth of the phenomenon thusly: "It may interest you to note that within a diameter of 25 miles there are three Lutheran pastors and three Methodist pastors, besides the many, many others in the denominational churches far and wide, who minister through the gifts of the Spirit including the 'speaking in tongues.' It is quite evident in our day that God is trying to reveal to us that 'Pentecost' is not a denomination—it is an experience. According to the *Standard* article, written by the Rev. Lewis Holm, the ALC evangelism office has received letters from

Scriptural Benefits of Speaking In Tongues

By REV. JAMES H. GAMBLE

Some people raise their eyebrows and think of emotionalism when they hear a straight-forward sermon on John 3:3, "Except a man be born again he cannot see the Kingdom of God." Many more eyebrows are raised when one takes as his text Acts 2:4.

If speaking in other tongues is of the Lord it must have some value. What value does the Bible place upon it? Unless the Bible declares that this value, when sought out and found, was to cease at any given time prior to our day, the same value or values held forth to the Apostles is held forth to believers today.

Protestants in general follow three patterns in dealing with the Bible teaching on the subject of speaking in other tongues.

Some churches don't understand it and so ignore it altogether. It is possible to attend some Protestant churches from infancy to old age and never hear the subject of speaking in other tongues once mentioned.

Some churches don't understand it and vigorously condemn any exercise of speaking in other tongues. I have heard it associated with hypnotism, demonism, spiritism, hysteria, and emotional fanaticism. A research by any fair psychologist would reveal a very wide gap between means used to produce hypnotism and the conduct of services where people receive the Holy Spirit and speak in other tongues.

Is it possible to be sincerely seeking the Holy Spirit and have a counterfeit, foreign spirit slipped over on you? Let Jesus answer this question. "If a son ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he give him a scorpion? If ye then being evil know how to give good gifts unto your children; how much more shall your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him." (Luke 11:11-13.) If we must use the word counterfeit we are proving a reality for there can be no counterfeit unless there is something real to imitate.

"Some people have gone off into fanaticism through speaking in tongues" some say, "so it is dangerous and should not be tampered with." Using the same reasoning, many people die in bed, therefore it is dangerous to go to bed.

Then there are those who do not ignore nor try to explain away Bible truths relating to speaking in other tongues but receive, believe and enjoy the benefits therefrom as did the early church.

Since the great world-wide outpouring early in the century those of this pattern were more or less confined to Pentecostal churches. However in the last decade there have been hundreds from every Protestant denomination who have accepted the plain teaching of the Scriptures and have consequently received and are now enjoying the same experience the early church received in the upper room.

I have been filing articles on speaking in other tongues for eighteen years, and have many of the best books on the work of the Holy Spirit written by the Pentecostal movement leaders, but I have never seen a definition of speaking in other tongues. It cannot truly be defined any more than one could adequately define love. It can only be experienced to know its depths. Briefly, I would say that speaking in other tongues is the deeply spiritual experience of speaking in an unacquired language, either earthly or heavenly (I Cor. 13:1). It occurs when the third person of the Trinity, who knows all such languages, has taken up His abode in our body. Our body is His rightful place of intercession in relation to our intercessor on the Throne, Christ Jesus. (Romans 8:26, 27 and John 16:12-15.) When the Spirit reigns within us he transmits words of prayer, praise, intercession or words of a message to be in-

11 states telling of experiences in tongues.

Dr. Fredrik A. Schiotz, ALC president, commented on the experiences in his report to the ALC district conventions during the past summer.

"The American Lutheran Church is a part of the Church of Jesus Christ," he said. "As such it welcomes the exercise of any gift that the Holy Spirit may bestow on the believer."

"It is useful in the believer's private worship; but it is not a requirement for salvation. Nor is it a badge of merit to be displayed on the coat lapel. All believers 'are inspired by one and the same Spirit who apportions to each one individually as he wills.' (I Corinthians 12:11)."

The Cricket And The Coin

Two men were walking along a crowded sidewalk in a downtown business area. Suddenly one of the men exclaimed, "Listen to the lovely sound of that cricket!" But the other could not hear. He asked his companion how he could detect the sound of a cricket amid the din of people and traffic. The first man, who was a zoologist, had trained himself to hear the marvellous voices of nature. But he didn't explain. He simply took a coin from his pocket and dropped it to the sidewalk, whereupon a dozen people began to look about them. "We hear," he said, "what we listen for."

terpreted, to our vocal organs in the same manner that our mind transmits words to our vocal organs. But in this experience the mind is unfruitful, (I Cor. 14:14) while the speaking is done by glorious unity, cooperation and flow between the Holy Spirit and the will of the believer.

The first result and benefit of speaking in other tongues is that it is the initial evidence of the Holy Spirit having taken up His abode in His temple, your body. Initial means "at the beginning." Speaking in tongues is the initial witness from two points of view. It is the first thing that happens when the Holy Spirit comes in to dwell in His personal fullness (Acts 2:4; 10:45-46; 19:6) and further, it is the same as the initial outpouring of the Holy Spirit as far as speaking in other tongues is concerned. (Acts 2:4; 10:45-46; 15:8-9.)

The second Bible benefit of speaking in other tongues that we will consider is that it is a sign to the unbeliever.

I Corinthians 14:22 reads, "Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not." I will admit that the benefit of speaking in tongues as a sign to the unbeliever is not nearly as common as other benefits I am mentioning, but the Bible teaches it and it has been real in actual experience.

I was in a service in Chilliwack, B. C. Canada when the pastor spoke a few words in other tongues in a jubilant manner in closing prayer. Immediately after the prayer a man who was an unbeliever arose from the rear seat and came to the pastor and said, "Do you know what language you spoke?" The pastor answered, "No." Then he said, "I spent ten years in a little country near Belgium. During that time I learned the language well. Few know this language. You spoke perfectly in that language. You reverently said, 'Heaven is my home and Jesus is my light.'"

I have heard of a Jewish Rabbi attending a Pentecostal service and hearing one unlearned in the Jewish language speaking perfect Hebrew. It led to his conversion.

Years ago I heard of an incident which I will repeat to the best of my memory. A Communist in Russia was in charge of a firing squad which shot many Pentecostal Christians. He noticed them looking up with faces aglow, praying in a language unknown to him. However, whenever they prayed this way he felt a definite reaction within himself. Later, being sent to spread Communism in America, he was walking down the streets of a city when Spirit-filled believers were having a street meeting. Just as he was passing, the speaker began to speak in other tongues. He felt the same reaction he had felt within him before the praying Christians in Russia. He was so halted, humbled and convicted that he listened and went with the group to the church, was saved, and later became a Pentecostal preacher.

The third benefit of which I will speak is to the church. Speaking with tongues when interpreted is on the same basis as prophecy, and is profitable to the church through edification, exhortation and comfort. In the book of Acts we read of believers receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit with the initial evidence of speaking in other tongues. In the upper room were one hundred and twenty. All were filled and all spoke with other tongues. There is no record of any interpretation being required. Nor was interpretation required any place in Acts where believers spoke in other tongues as the initial evidence of having received the gift of the Holy Spirit.

In I Corinthians 14, Paul is not speaking of the gift of the Holy Spirit but is regulating the gifts or manifestations of the Holy Spirit in the church. The word **Church** is used seven times and **churches** once in the authorized version. Paul compares the public and private use, values and benefits of speaking in other tongues.

A message in tongues when interpreted is on the same level and serves a similar purpose as prophecy, "for greater is he

Be On Guard!

Be on your guard against sarcastic words, which sting and wound, provoking retaliation and even revenge.

Keep yourselves free from small selfishnesses by which you interfere ruthlessly with the comfort of everybody else in the home in order that your wishes may be carried out.

Drive out, with God's help, the spirit of suspicion, which makes you imagine a bad motive where there is none and leads you to treat with distrust those who love you well.

Beware of irritability, which is ready to take offense for a word, being easily provoked and always thinking evil. And if you have been hurt or offended or wronged, then, for Christ's dear sake, forgive, as you would be forgiven.

that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, **except he interpret**, that the church may receive edifying." (I Cor. 14:5.) Therefore prophecy and tongues, when interpreted, is profitable to the church "to edification, exhortation and comfort" (I Cor. 14:3).

To edify means to build up, improve or profit morally or spiritually. This divinely inspired edification has often, being "out of the rich treasury of His glory" caused us to be "strengthened and reinforced with mighty power in the inner man by the (Holy) Spirit (Himself)" (Ephesians 3:16). — **The Amplified New Testament.**

A message of exhortation is usually to stir the message to go out and live what the Bible teaches, such as to be instant in prayer, be watchful in preparation for the coming of Christ or to use our talents to follow His Great Commission as we occupy until He comes.

Or perhaps one or more are present who are grief-stricken or heavily burdened. Then comes by the Holy Spirit the needed message of comfort to mightily contribute to their peace, welfare and confidence in that hour of need.

Finally, speaking with other tongues has a personal benefit in that it edifies the individual. "He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself" (I Cor. 14:4). It is only through an appreciation of the fact that in Corinthians Paul is comparing the benefits of speaking with tongues as a benefit to the individual, and the manifestation of tongues with or without interpretation in their respective results toward edifying the assembly, that we can harmonize Paul's statement, "I would that ye all spake with tongues" (I Cor. 14:5), with his question, "Do all speak with tongues?" (I Cor. 12:30). In his former statement he desires all believers to receive the person of the Holy Spirit and speak with other tongues and receive personal edification. He speaks of it as normal New Testament Christianity, as does Christ in words among the last which fell from His lips, saying, "these signs shall follow them that believe — they shall speak with new tongues." In the latter question Paul is merely asking, do all have the gift of tongues or do all have the manifestation of the Spirit through a message in other tongues to be interpreted? The answer is negative.

If Paul thanked God that he spoke in tongues more than all the Corinthians (I Cor. 14:18) and yet said that in the church, the assembly of believers, he would rather speak five words with his understanding than ten thousands in an unknown tongue (I Cor. 14:19), he must have had much speaking in tongues in his private devotions, thus edifying himself.

The Holy Spirit took up His abode in my heart eighteen years ago with the initial evidence of speaking in other tongues. During this time I have on occasions through the manifestation of the Holy Spirit given messages in other tongues and interpretations. Yet the greatest source of edification to me has been those hours of deep devotion as day by day in mutual unity with the abiding Comforter I prayed in other tongues in my devotional life.

Webster, in giving the definition of "edify," gives the root meaning of the word from the Latin word **aedificare**, from **aedes** — a building, house, plus **ficare** to make which leads to the thought of building up, improving and profiting. In harmony with this thought Jude says, "But you beloved, build yourselves up (founded) on your most holy faith — make progress, rise like an edifice higher and higher — praying in the Holy Spirit" (Jude 20, **The Amplified New Testament**).

It is no wonder that after Paul saw fit to regulate the manifestation of tongues (because in the church at Corinth there were too many messages being given in tongues without proper interpretation) that he carefully sums up the whole matter by saying "forbid not to speak with tongues" (I Cor. 14:39). — **Pentecostal Holiness Advocate.**

Ten Million Converts

It is claimed that, in the last ten years, ten million converts have been won to Islam, the religion of Mohammed. No figures need to be quoted to illustrate the tremendous number of people who have come under the influence of Communism in that same ten years.

It is pointed out that Moslem traders trade religion before anything else, and that Moslem priests learn the whole Koran (the Moslem "Bible") by heart.

If Moslems can do this, it is often said, how much more can Christians do! Or, again, if Communists can win millions, why not Christians? The answer is—

Firstly, Christians as a whole have not got what they ought to have. The only answer to a suffering world is relief for that suffering. Until Christians can realize the healing and delivering power of the Gospel we shall be outwitted and outrun by Islam and Communism.

More than ever the Church needs a new outpouring of the Spirit of God, a return to the Spiritual power that sent the early church preaching and working miracles everywhere.

Jesus forbade His disciples to witness to His resurrection until they were "endued with power from on high" (Luke 24:49).

The only answer to the present need is for Christians to seek the same power and the same Spirit, so that the onrush of paganism can be checked, and the message of hope given to the lost.

Secondly, the converts made by Islam are largely among their own people, in countries where Islam is already an established religion. On a percentage basis the Christian Church probably does make as many converts on its home-ground, and Christian businessmen are probably just as zealous about their faith.

But we need Christian Africans in Africa, and Christian Indonesians in Indonesia, and so on, to do the same thing in their countries. For the need for national preachers who need no language training, no adaption to customs, etc., is pressing in these crisis days.

Let us pray for God to raise up such men.

Thirdly, Islam, like Communism, is fostered and propagated by national governments. In Egypt the government sponsors Islam evangelism. The Church knows no such help and, indeed, has good reason for refusing it. But we need to realize the tremendous financial and political power of Islam and Communism, and thus to redouble our efforts in support of all who seek to spread the

How Amazing!!!

The Amazon River, 4,000 miles long, has a flow equal to 20 Mississippi! All Europe could fit into its basin. Beyond Brazil, 2,400 miles from the Atlantic, the river is still 120 feet deep. You must go another 400 miles before this big river narrows to the widest point on the Mississippi. The mouth of the river is ten times the width of the English Channel between Dover and France, a full 207 miles wide, and contains three huge islands, the largest being the size of Switzerland.

How amazing that this island, the Marajo, itself has 50 large rivers—some of them half a mile wide—flowing out of its marshy center. These rivers are inhabited by people of Indian descent, intermarried with the white in past generations, living in superstition, disease and extreme poverty. Just eight of these rivers have been reached by the missionaries to this day.

Along the numerous tributaries of the broad Amazon lie countless Bible-less tribes, scattered like needles in a haystack throughout the two million square miles of jungle that stretch out from Peru, Ecuador and Bolivia toward the rising sun.

Liquor and Youth

With the brewers of all kinds of liquors beaming their advertising toward the homes and their giving special attention to the young, it behooves the churches to be more alert in teaching abstinence as a Christian way of life.

Many would tell you there is a middle ground, but there is no safe ground save that of total abstinence. Behind an overwhelming majority of crimes of violence by the young will be found the product of the brewer. The stakes are high: greed for profits on the one hand, the character and destiny of human souls on the other.—South Carolina Methodist Advocate.

Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Fourthly, a conversion to Christ is a much greater thing than a conversion to any other religion or creed. It is more than the repetition of a few words, or the decision to obey a different government. It embraces a complete transformation of soul, a renewal of mind, and a dedication of the whole personality to the way of the Cross.

In this sense, one conversion to Christ is of infinitely more value than hundreds to anything less.

Alcohol Fills Prisons

DALLAS, Texas—Ben Dillard, coordinator of the Texas Prison System point incentive program, with eleven years experience as a state prison official, spoke recently to the Dallas Criminal Bar Association.

He told the lawyers that prison studies reveal alcoholic beverages to be a primary cause for men behind bars.

"I'd say between 75 and 80 per cent of all our prisoners are there directly or indirectly because of excessive use of alcohol, he said.

Cat Becomes Intoxicated

Some time ago letters of protest poured into newspaper offices from aroused leaders all over the country denouncing a man who had given liquor to a cat. Various degrees of punishment were suggested for one so cruel to an animal.

These protests stemmed from a letter written by this man's wife which appeared in a newspaper. The distressed woman said her husband thought it was funny to make their pet cat drunk by pouring gin in its milk. The cat would dance like mad, stagger around in circles, and finally fall in a heap in the corner, and go to sleep. Besides, the woman reported, the cat was now losing all of her hair as a result of the gin diet.

It's mean to get a cat drunk, but what of liquor interests that spend millions in advertising to get our sons and daughters intoxicated? Why is it that hundreds will get indignant over a drunken cat and never raise their voices to protest over drunken youth?

Three Billion Population

This year the population of the world will probably reach three billion. This is a phenomenal increase.

World population took thousands of years to climb to one billion. This figure was reached in 1840 (approx.)

Less than 100 years more were required to reach two billion.

Now, in just a few years more, it has rocketed almost another billion!

Yet only half the world has ever heard the Gospel of Christ, and less than one in four call themselves Christians.

In fact, it is said that souls are being born into the world 30 times faster than the church is making converts. To put it more bluntly, the world is reverting to paganism.

(Note: Statistics are from American sources where "billion" is "one thousand million.")

Too Busy To Heed Son

A young man stood at the bar of a court of justice to be sentenced for forgery. The judge had known him from a child, for his father had been a famous legal light and his work on the "Law of Trusts" was the most exhaustive work on the subject in existence.

"Do you remember your father," asked the Judge sternly, "that father whom you have disgraced?"

The prisoner answered: "I remember him perfectly. When I went to him for advice or companionship, he would look up from his book on the 'Law of Trusts,' and say, 'Run away, boy, I am busy.' My father finished his book, and here I am." The great lawyer had neglected his own trust!

God Said It

God hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds; Who being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high. Hebrews 1:1-3.

Jesus Did It

In whom we have redemption through His Blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace. Eph. 1:7.

I Believe It

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. I John 1:9

That Settles It

But — How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation. Hebrews 2:3.

Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish. Luke 13:3.

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1. Is the love of Je - sus in you So that oth - ers clear - ly may
2. Is the love of Je - sus in you? Have you done the best that you
3. Is the love of Je - sus in you? Seek His bid - ding ev - er to
4. With the love of Je - sus in you, Make your con - se - cra - tion a -

view? In your life each day, what you think, what you say, In each
knew? Do you seek to win pre - cious ones now in sin With the
do; And to fol - low peace with all men nev - er cease, An - y
new. O a - wake from sleep in God's vine - yard to reap, Where the

act to His cause are you true? Do you real - ly talk with the
Gos - pel, their lives to re - new? For the man - y lost do you
bit - ter - ness quick - ly sub - due! Nev - er hon - or works of the
real, ear - nest work - ers are few! Quick - ly for this har - vest pre -

Lord? Do you dai - ly feed on His Word? Then His Gos - pel spread
care, Seek them all the time, ev - 'ry - where? And to all who pine
flesh, Seek a - noint - ing, pow - er a - fresh, Put no trust in self,
pare, To the lost this Gos - pel de - clare, Un - to all men tell

IS THE LOVE OF JESUS IN YOU? (concluded)

as His Word has said! Is the love of Je - sus in you?
tell of love di - vine, With the love of Je - sus in you?
crave the Spir - it's wealth, Through the love of Je - sus in you.
of Im - man - u - el, With the love of Je - sus in you!

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1. Christ, our Re - deem - er came to be, Bore our shame and mis - er - y;
2. Peace He has giv - en through His love, Peace that com - eth from a - bove;
3. O what a bless - ed peace is this, Far ex - ceed - ing earth - ly bliss;

Those He has ran - somed from their sin Know His Peace and joy with - in.
Out of His great, ex - haust - less store, Peace a - bid - ing ev - er - more!
Peace on - ly Christ our Lord can give, What a priv - 'lege thus to live!

REFRAIN

Cal - va - ry, Cal - va - ry, Where our Lord set us free!

God's own Son there we see Died for us on Cal - va - ry.