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The Signal Proof

By Remiss Rehfeldt

Horace Bushnell said, "It were easier to untwist all the beams of light in the sky, separating and expunging one of the colors, than to get the character of Jesus, which is the real gospel, out of the world." The appearance of His unique personality is, and must remain, the great event of history.

Jesus is the world's most outstanding Personality. The passing of time accentuates the beauty and grandeur of His life. As we celebrate His birth, millions the world around pay Him ever-increasing loyalty and devotion.

There is no knowledge of greater significance to mankind than to know Jesus. In the opening verse of John's Gospel we find a very descriptive statement: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us . . . full of grace and truth (John 1:1, 14). Without doubt the scriptural revelation finds its unifying principle in the person and work of the Redeemer.

According to Henry C. Shelton there are several marvelous proofs that Jesus was indeed the Son of God and the Son of man. A true marvel is Christ's union of meekness with strength! In the very manner of His speech there was something singularly masterful. He spoke as if truth were his insight, and there was no need to draw from outside sources.

A true marvel also in Christ is the union of full compassion toward the

sinner with sharp intolerance for sin. Who can imagine a being more tenderly compassionate? But, on the other hand, who can imagine a being more intolerant of sin? He scourges it out of the temple and locks every door against it. He goes back of the outward act and raises a judgment seat over the inward motive and the disposition. He brands the unchaste desire which follows the glance as having already the stain of adultery. He will have no division in the heart between God and mammon, no dallying with any form of evil.

Again, a remarkable union of spirituality and kindly contact with the world may be noted in Christ. His life was most unworldly in tone. But, at the same time, the life of Christ gives no impression of asceticism or monastic severity. We never see Him standing with a scourge over the body; He heals instead of mutilating.

Once more, a transcendent distinction of Christ is seen in the union which He exemplifies of human sensibility with superhuman grandeur. He was truly the Son of Man, full of human sensibility. But, how much is revealed that rises above the human plane. Standing apart from sin, exempt from its stain, its humiliation, and its confusion, He recognized Himself to be both the redeemer and the judge of a race of sinners.

These "marvels" concerning Christ not only prove that He was the God-man, but also set forth the life of God under human conditions and limitations. This has been attempted many times. Greek literature abounds in instances of the gods assuming human form. The Difficulty was that their deity was sacrificed in thus being brought beneath the plane of the gods. Christ is the wonderful combination of tender almightiness and

almighty tenderness. He is both divine and human: "Son of God" and "Son of Man." He took upon Himself the form of man and yet retained the deity which was His from the beginning.

In His incarnation Christ identified Himself with all men. "The Word was made flesh." The Eternal Word took upon Himself human nature, that the sons of men might become the sons of God. No race of men is excluded. It is impossible to localize His influence. We think of Lincoln as an American, of Napoleon as a Frenchman, of Plato as a Greek, but Jesus is not thought of as a Jew. He crosses the bounds of races and appeals to all groups. He is the one and only universal character in history. It is true that He was born in Bethlehem of the seed of Abraham, but He was "a light to lighten all nations."

For absolute proof of His Lordship, we need nothing more than the miracle of Bethlehem. No miracle that Jesus wrought approaches the miracle of His personality. It stands as the superlative miracle. Thus the Incarnate Word has been laid upon the world's conscience for all time. Men must make up their minds about Jesus because of what one believer asserted concerning Him — that He was the Word of flesh and dwelt among us. John's statement is as follows: "God assumed the form of man and lived in our midst. We knew Him, we called Him by His name, we lived and walked with Him, and we beheld His glory." This is the convincing testimony of a great believer whose life had been transformed by faith in Him.

"A holiness revival is long overdue." These were the words of J. B.

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THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN MANIFESTING CHRIST

Allowing the title to serve as an introduction, let's examine the first area of a neglected and scorned yet vital subject for us at this Christmas season. The Holy Spirit as the Great Inspirer first reveals Christ in the Scriptures through the prophecies of holy men of God who, "spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lowgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; Gen. 49:10

I shall see him, but not now; I shall behold him, but not nigh; there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel. Num. 24:17

But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting. Micah 5:2

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: Isa. 9:6

Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. Isa. 7:14

And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. Isa. 11:1, 2

Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass. Zech. 9:9

He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief . . . He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth. Isa. 53:3, 7

They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vestures. Ps. 22:18

For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. Ps. 16:10

From our vantage point in history and with such compelling evidence, it is hard to understand why "His own received Him not."

Second, the Holy Spirit as the Great Creator reveals Christ to the world through the unprecedented, unparalleled, but unpredicted virgin birth. Some Old Testament characters left this world without a natural death but none ever entered this world without the natural union of man and woman. Isaac and John the Baptist could claim exceptional births pagan demigods and heathen heroes were proclaimed virgin-born but only Jesus Christ was conceived by the Holy Ghost. Matthew's Gospel records the angel's message to Joseph, "For that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost," and Isaiah's Prophecy, "Behold, a virgin shall be with child." The Beloved Physician, Luke, tells us that the birth of Christ was after the natural order, Luke 2:5-7, except for one great factor: In reply to Mary's inquiry as to how all this was to be accomplished, the angel said, "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall over-shadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son

of God." Adam Carke comments, "The rudiments of the human nature of Christ was a real creation in the womb of the virgin, by the energy of the Spirit of God."

Finally, the Holy Spirit as the Great Teacher reveals Christ to the Church. Jesus promised the disciples that the Spirit of Truth, "shall take of Mine, and shall shew it unto you." "He shall glorify Me: for He shall receive of Mine, and shall shew it unto you."

The Evangelical Commentary — The Gospel of John says, "The Spirit is not a power to be exploited for personal gain, as Simon Magus learned. Rather His mission is to supplement and capitalize on the work of Christ." The Spirit does not advertise Himself but Jesus Christ. If there were no Christ, the Holy Spirit would have no work to do, no Person to represent.

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Holiness Teachings

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Topic: How A State Of Entire Sanctification May Be Retained

There are many who once enjoyed the blessing of perfect love who have now lost it. Some have received it several times, and, after all, are now without it. The conditions of retaining perfect love, like the conditions of retaining justification, are the same as those by which it was obtained; namely, a complete submission of the soul to God, and simple faith in Christ for present salvation. This submission and faith, graduated by increasing light and grace, must continue through life if perfect love be retained. To retain this grace:

1. You must maintain a continuous entire consecration — a complete self-abandonment to God. "The altar sanctifieth the gift;" and it is only when our all is upon the altar of consecration that we can be in a state of sanctification. No part of the price can ever be taken back if we would retain the witness of perfect love. Your consecration must continue complete, corresponding with increasing light, through all your life; and you will have occasion to watch yourself, and guard this point thoroughly. Keep yourself, your all, submitted to God.

2. To retain full salvation, you must continue to believe. "The just shall live by faith." We are "kept by the power of God, through faith, unto salvation." As soon as people cease to believe, they lose the blessing; for "we stand by faith." Sanctified Paul said: "The life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the son of God." Faith is the vital bond between the renovated soul and God; and by it we are to abide in Christ, as the branch abides in the vine.

3. To retain the witness of the Spirit, and continue in the light of purity, you must confess it.

"For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." The fear of man often hinders people from this duty. This fear, which brings a share, must be overcome. Many have resisted the Holy Spirit when they ought to have confessed the blessing; and in this way have lost it. Confessing entire sanctification does not exalt self; it

humbles the soul, and gives glory to God. The call for clear witnesses and specific testimony for holiness, is more imperative in some places than in others, as in many places the witnesses for perfect love are very scarce and greatly needed.

4. You must live in the spirit of watchfulness.

Watch over your heart, and keep it "with all diligence." Watch over your lips, and be jealous of your tongue, and guard against a light and trifling spirit, by which multitudes have fallen into darkness and ruin. Watch for seasons of prayer and special communion with God. Watch for opportunities of doing and for receiving good. Watch against the allurements of the world, and against everything that is sensual, and has a tendency to lull the soul to sleep. Watch against temptations, and resist them in a moment — steadfast in the faith. "Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary, the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."

5. You must be faithful to the teachings and drawings of the Holy Spirit.

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

We must follow the Spirit of God, let consequences be what they may. The Holy Spirit will remind you of duty; you must instantly obey. The Spirit is very easily grieved, and you must promptly attend to all his teachings, or you may in a moment forfeit full redemption. His chosen emblem is the tender dove, and it will take its flight if its gentle monitions be not heeded.

The Spirit teaches and guides mainly by illumination, and little by impressions. He throws light upon nature and providence, but especially upon the Scriptures and our minds, illuminating the sacred page and our path, leading us to truth and duty. His teaching always accords with the word, hence we are not to look for dreams, visions, or impressions; these may have served their purpose in the earlier and darker dispensation. We have now, the voice of the Spirit — the Bible. We should never assume "wisdom above what is written."

6. You must read the Holy Scriptures daily.

The word of God is the voice of the Spirit. It is grieved when the truth

is neglected or disobeyed. The Bible is soul-food. Perfect love will require nourishment daily. If you do not feed it with Bible truth it will die. Holiness furnishes a strong appetite for spiritual ailment. Those who have been the clearest in perfect love are those who have paid the greatest attention and deference to the word of God. The Bible is a well of living water. You will need to draw water daily out of this well of salvation; you can never drink it dry. The Bible is your chart and compass, and you will have occasion to examine it daily.

7. To retain the blessing of perfect love, you must constantly aim at growing in grace.

There is no standing still in religion. If we are not advancing we are retrograding. Many people have lost the witness of the Spirit by not pressing after a greater fullness. Christian holiness secures the best possible preparation for growth in grace; and there are heights and depths, and lengths, and breadths of the love of God, to which we must

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Report From The Milesburg, Pa. Church

"Let All The People Praise Thee" resounded throughout the auditorium of Milesburg's Church in the Valley while shouts of praise and victory permeated the atmosphere. It was the last night of September's Youth Rally Service with the Rev. Juddie Peyton of Oak Hill, West Virginia and the church was packed to the doors. The lazy, heavy air was terribly humid but the crowd merely pushed it along with energetic fans. An ocean of God's Spirit seemed to have filled the hall while waves of glory tumbled freely over the congregation.

Such a manifestation of Christ's blessing characterized all three nights of these Youth services held September 21, 22 and 23. Highlighted in the meetings along with Rev. Peyton's vocal numbers was a unique rendition of "Jesus Is Coming Soon." Rev. Peyton took the lead and the Milesburg Youth chorus backed him with echoing phrases.

Attendance during these youth services included persons from six different God's Missionary Churches and from nine other denominations. Rev. Peyton's messages were devoted to remember the Creator in the springtime of life, when 9/10 of all Christians have been saved. He also reminded — that death is on every trail. Every thump of the heart is beating a funeral march to the grave. But hope was also proclaimed. God doesn't forget His children. When He sees that the saints' store is getting low, God turns the devil upside down and shakes him till the money falls out of his vest pocket.

Rev. Peyton consented to hold a Missionary service while here at Milesburg on September 24. His message propounded the necessity for the church not to spare its capacity for a missionary vision and a burning compassion for lost souls. Christ did not spare Himself as the world's first missionary but cried and bled for heathen humanity. A soul was born with every tear Christ shed; each drop of blood delineated a million years of peace.

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Penn State Overcomers' Report

Many, many, many, many, many, many thanks to fellow ministers, namely, Walter, Haffling, Dotson, Colley, Kline, Thomas, Plank, Hicks, White, Russell, Rachau, Moore (G), Cleaver, and others representing Coopersburg, Lebanon, Salunga, Millmont, Shamokin, Spring Garden, Nesbit, Rebersburg, Zerbe, Pleasant View, Milesburg, Seven Stars, Munson, Roaring Springs, Mahaffey, Carroll and Roaring Spring, for their tremendous cooperation at the PENN STATE OVERCOMERS RALLIES on October 27, 28 and 29, 1970.

And how the Lord came, well, those of you who were there can say A-Men to that. Our thanks also to the Brethren in Christ churches and ministers that were there night to night as well as all the others who came. It was wonderful to see you come in response to the call and to see you conduct while there. It was highly successful under God. The effects are still to be known and to God be the Glory for Great things He has done. Rev. Steve Herron was simply superb.

The Hobe Sound Quartet was perfect and how those boys labored every day as well passing out many thousands of pieces of literature and dealing and witnessing on the University. This work will not be fully accounted for times to come. The Fullers, Nick Fair, and the Penn View Choir sang to perfection and the Keith Cherdan players played in pre-service atmosphere and this was wonderful and greatly presented.

The service leadership of Penn State Overcomer's President David Gordeuk was superb. God helped him and this he readily recognizes. The Penn State Overcomer Staff are to be congratulated for pressing and stepping out on this brand new type of Holiness Evangelism. The first night nine students stayed for consultation including four Jewish persons. The second night 13 stayed and the last night there were more than I could actually keep track of but there were at least 15 but the press was too thick to take an actual count.

One definite conversion was seen and many other indications of serious thought. Those who were there shall never forget the tireless labor of Rev. Lloyd Terpenning, pastor of the Pil-

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Superintendent's Message

The promise of God is sure and His word is yea and Amen to them that believe. He told Adam, as if telling the whole world, the seed of the woman would bruise the head of the serpent, yet, centuries have dragged on and that promise has not been fulfilled. Ages and epochs have passed, the shadows have deepened into an Egyptian night, then after three millenniums the chimes of prophecy ring out with the glad hope for a suffering world, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given; the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace" (Isa. 9:6).

Still many have died in the faith, having not received the promise until seven centuries have passed once again the stillness of the night echoed with the angelic annunciation. "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11).

But was this infant Son of Mary all that Isaiah said He would be? Ah yes! and more. "Is it not wonderful," acclaimed Napoleon, "that whereas the ambitious dreams of Caesar, Alexander and myself have vanished into thin air, yet, a Judean peasant is able to reach across the centuries and control the destinies of nations and the lives of men?"

I. His name shall be called wonderful

a. He was wonderful in His birth — Angels do not understand this great mystery of Godliness and desire to look into it. Here was an infant Son weak in His new birth, yet, all the power of the eternal God was embodied herein. Dr. David Burrell says, "This child in swaddling bands is that weakness of God that is stronger than all men."

b. He was wonderful in His life. Fearing neither man nor demons, He went about doing good and no man could lay a hand on Him until the time was fulfilled that He should die as the Lamb of God to atone for the sins of men.

c. He was wonderful in death. All the world and eternity responded to and was effected by His death, yet, He bore it all without complaint. No

other man could die nor would any other die for men but He was led as a Lamb to its slaughter without a sound.

d. He was wonderful in resurrection. By the power of an indwelling life he triumphed over the king of terrors and ascended up on high taking captivity captive and giving gifts to men.

e. He is wonderful in His resurrected life. He now sits at the right hand of the Father interceding for sinful men and petitioning The Father for the needs of His children.

II. His name shall be called Counselor

This is to say that He has all the answers to the problems of the world. He is the way, the truth and the life, there is no need for any further counsel. "Christ is the answer to all our problems. He holds the key to the worlds needs. He is my savior, my sanctifier. Christ is the answer to all my needs." Aside from eternal salvation, what have we need of?

III. His name shall be called mighty God

A child in a manger, yes, but more than this "the mighty God. Moses saw only His back and heard the rustle of His garments but come now even unto Bethlehem and see Him. "If ye have seen me you have seen the Father also," said Jesus. As the singing birds and the twilight announces a new day the singing world tells us that He is God.

IV. He is the everlasting Father

How then is He the only begotten Son? In the mystery of the ineffable trinity there are not three Gods but three persons in one God. "Show us the Father," said Philip, "An it sufficeth us." Jesus answered, "Have I been so long a time with you Philip and hast thou not known me?" As Ulysses returning from battle unbuckled his armor that his sons might know him, so the Father reveals Himself through His Son.

V. He shall be called, Prince of Peace

His gospel is one of reconciliation between God and man. If this be true how do we account for so much strife in the world? Jesus said, "I am not come to bring peace but a sword." One writer has said, "peace can come only after a bloody battle." We live with peace in our hearts but

we strive for the day that we come to the anointing or crowning of the King and there shall be eternal peace. That path must needs lead through undulated country but it leads at last to the golden sunrise. Let all the sons of God sing "Joy to the world the Lord is come." Rejoice all children of men and lead in joyous praise to our conquering King. Let Hope revive beneath our troubled sky and faith discern the coming of the Truce of God, the return of Jesus Christ.

Is Your Christmas Spirit The Christian Spirit?

By R. A. Beltz

A young Jewish girl worked in a store during the pre-Christmas season. Meeting with an accident, she was taken to a hospital where she made the acquaintance of a Christian whose loving ministry and gentle goodness soon won her friendship. One day the Jewish girl asked, "Is it true you are a Christian?" Upon being answered in the affirmative, she replied, "You are so kind and polite and gentle, I didn't think you could be a Christian; but then the only Christians I've met are the Christmas shoppers."

The Christmas spirit which we hear a lot about at this season of the year and the Christian spirit ought to be the same, the spirit that Christ would manifest if He was in our place. He would in difficult situations manifest a spirit of love, understanding, peace, and good will. It is a sad but true fact that what we often refer to as the Christmas spirit falls far short of the Christian spirit. It is for this reason we need to be exhorted "Put Christ back into Christmas."

The Christmas shopper often fails to manifest the spirit of Christ in the mad rush of Christmas shopping. The gifts given are often amiss. This is not a plea to limit Christmas gifts to Bibles, Christian books, and those things that are thus related to Christ and His gospel, but certainly such gifts as intoxicating liquors, tobacco, and things that defile and harm man and many frivolous gifts should be

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A PAGE FOR YOUTH

Jack Adams' Most Wonderful Christmas

By Rev. G. H. Clement

Mrs. Adams was reading a letter she had just received from her son, Harold. "Well, Father, it looks as if Harold won't be home until New Year's Day," she said. "It seems that he and his partner must choose one or the other day, and of course, it's just like Harold to give his partner Christmas Day."

Harold Adams was a forest ranger in the Lake of Bays district. This would be his first Christmas away from home. Jack Adams, his brother, was in his last year of high school. Although their parents were Christians neither of the boys had taken their stand for Christ yet.

"Does that mean that Harold will have to stay in that forsaken place alone?" asked Jack. "I think I had better go north and keep him company for Christmas, and then we'll all be home for New Year's Day."

After his father and mother talked it over they decided to let Jack go to keep Harold company.

"It will be a rather strange Christmas for us all; with the two boys alone in Harold's cabin, and we two without our boys with us," said Mrs. Adams to her husband, "but we shall all be together at New Year's."

When Jack got off the train at Huntsville his brother was there to meet him. They drove in Harold's car to South Portage, where they both put on skis and leaving the car in the postmaster's garage they started across the frozen lake for their long hike to Harold's lonely lookout post. Harold's companion had already left for his home in Toronto, so he was delighted to have Jack with him.

"It won't be such a lonely Christmas after all," he said to Jack.

Jack was admiring the grand northern scenery as they crossed the lake. The dark green evergreens of different kinds along the shore contrasted so vividly with the pure white snow. The air was so clear and crisp and unspoiled, too, Jack noticed, and, although the temperature was very

low, he did not seem to mind it at all.

Finally they reached the path that led to Harold's cabin. As they approached, Jack heard a sound like a sawmill.

"I didn't know there was a sawmill near here," he exclaimed.

"There isn't. But a chap near South Portage has a powersaw. He puts it on his sleigh and comes around to all of us and we saw up our winter supply of wood. He was late in getting around to us this year. Just now he's over at trapper Ryan's place. Tomorrow he comes to my place."

The next day the two boys were helping to saw up their wood. When they were about through, Jack slipped and fell. Somehow his sweater caught in the belt, and before the motor could be shut off, Jack realized he was badly hurt.

The injured boy was bundled up in blankets and placed on the sleigh. On reaching South Portage Harold placed him in his car and hurried to the Huntsville hospital where they found his right shoulder had been dislocated and he would have to stay there for a few days.

"So this is how I keep you company for Christmas," he wryly said to his brother.

"Oh, don't worry about me. You get fixed up, and we'll both be home for New Year's," smiled Harold, encouragingly.

The next morning as the nurse was taking his temperature she remarked: "I see you haven't any reading. Would you like any?"

"I sure would!" Jack responded, "Anything to keep me from jumping out of the window."

They both laughed at that.

"Surely, that's not the way you feel, is it?" she asked.

"Well, wouldn't you? This is a fine way to spend the Christmas season!" he complained.

She did not say anything but went away, and was back soon with a magazine. He looked at the title: Gospel Herald. He looked at her in surprise. "Why, this is the paper my folks get. I hardly thought that

this kind of reading would interest a young person like you, though," he said.

"It didn't used to," the nurse replied, but ever since I found Christ as my Saviour that's the only kind of reading I like."

Jack thought he would read it to while away the time. It was the Christmas issue. The first article he read told the purpose of Christ being born among men. It was that He might die to save the lost. It showed that all men were lost, and needed the Saviour. He had often heard that before; and he knew that his parents believed that. What he did not know was that his folks, hearing of his accident, were at that moment praying definitely that God would overrule this in some way to their boy's salvation. He read the whole magazine through that day. That evening as the nurse brought him a warm drink he was rereading the Christmas account.

"That article has got me thinking," he exclaimed.

The nurse smiled. "I shall pray tonight that it will get you believing, too."

"I guess my folks are likely praying the same thing," said Jack, quietly.

Before morning Jack committed the keeping of his soul to the Saviour who came into the world that Christmas Day long ago. The nurse did not have to be told. As soon as she entered the room, and saw his bright smile she knew.

"Yes, you've guessed it," Jack said, "and I have just been thinking that what I figured was to be my gloomiest Christmas will be the most wonderful Christmas in my life."

When Harold visited him that afternoon he told him of the great joy that had come into his life. He gave him the Gospel Herald and said: "Take this with you and read that article. That's the article that got me thinking, and got me believing, too."

At that last statement, the nurse who was just going out the door, turned and smiled understandingly.

Two days later, Christmas morning, the Adams' home was gladdened by a telegram they received. It read: "Both of us have received God's Gift. Rejoicing. Be seeing you, D. V. New Year's Day"

—Gospel Herald

Why Many Missed Him

By John M. Dreseher

Unto you is born this day . . . a Saviour." In this statement we see the closeness of the cradle and the cross. Here we see that the message of Christmas is personal — unto you; is present — this day; and it is precious — a Saviour.

One of the saddest and most striking facts of history is that, in spite of the personal, present, and precious message of Christmas, many missed Christ when He came. A few shepherds and a few Wise Men saw Him. Later in life He came unto His own, yet He was not received. Though the world was made by Him, it knew Him not.

Why was He missed by so many? Why do we miss Him today?

For one thing, we don't have time for him. We are too busy. Bethlehem was busy. Business was bustling. Jesus always comes at such a busy time.

Christ comes when life is full. He comes to youth when life looks full of possibilities and says, "Give me your life, your attention, your talents; come, follow me." He comes to middle age when life is busy and asks to be Lord of life. But because we are busy, we plan our life as though He never came and thus we miss Him.

We miss Christ because our lives are filled with other things. Our lives, like the inn, are so filled that there is no room for Him. Israel had looked forward to His coming for centuries. Yet even while they pondered the prophecies, they packed their lives with their own programs. It is possible, you know, at the very time we celebrate His birthday, to be so taken up with tinisels, toys, trees, and travel that we miss Him. We can have our lives so filled with other things that there is no room for Him. Filled, yet empty of Christ — and also empty of power, peace, and joy. Someone has written:

O little inn of Bethlehem,
How like we are to you!
Our lives are crowded to the brim
With this and that to do—
We're not unfriendly to the King;
We meant it well, without doubt:
We have no hostile feelings—
We merely crowd Him out.

We miss Christ also because we do not want to accept the kind of King He is. Not only Herod didn't want Him — His own didn't want Him either. It came to a climax on the cross of Calvary. Here men demonstrated that they did not desire Him.

Why? What kind of King is He?

He is a King of complete humility. His was a life of condescension. He came contrary to earthly thinking. He lived with no place to lay His head. He sought to serve rather than to be seen or to be served. He had the audacity to tell others to do as He did—to wash another's feet, to be servant of all, to be content to sit on the lower seat.

No wonder men missed Him. The human heart is proud and does not readily desire such a King.

He is a King who demands complete loyalty. He claimed to be King. His praise could be chanted through the centuries if He had only been content to expound nice ideas and to play another part. But this Man claimed to be King. He expected explicit and implicit obedience of His followers. He did not hesitate to ask for first love and life itself. Man looks for a savior who will release from Roman rule but let him be his own boss. But when one comes to Christ, he places there his gold riches, his frankincense or worship, and his myrrh or his very life.

Jesus is a King who demands complete sincerity. He was severe concerning this. He was hard on hypocrites. He spoke of their dishonesty which strains at gnats and swallows camels, which lauds oneself and lowers others, which lacks sincerity in worship, and which knew the letter of the law and lacked the spirit of the law. Jesus called such whited sepulchers full of dead men's bones. They would not accept a new version nor would they apply the old one.

Christmas is a call to search hearts. The truth of Christmas can touch and transform. Yet it can be cast aside by our busyness and by our refusing to surrender to the King who came. We too can miss Christ for these same reasons.

Christmas is not only a revelation; it is really a revolution. It should cause us to go with the message as the shepherds did, and to follow as the Wise Men did. For a revelation is

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Where is He . . . We Need Him!

By C. Neil Strait

In 1918 a young man said to his government: "Look what I can do." The government replied: "Not interested."

In 1940 the government said: "Where is this man? We need him!"

In 1965, Robert Goddard was acknowledged as the "Father of the Space Age." His picture was placed on an airmail stamp. Thanks to his work and his inspiration, his government was able to take pictures of Mars.

God came — through Christ — to offer men a better way of life. A large majority of that world said, and are still saying, "Not interested." He came unto his own, and his own received him not" (John 1:11).

The dark clouds of tragedy and the awesome circumstances of life have made many reconsider their attitude toward Christ. Out of their hopelessness they ask: "Where is He?" They confess: "We need Him!"

People turned from the Christ in those days and hours preceding Good Friday. They were little interested in what Christ had to say. It took the disturbing scenes of Calvary to awaken some. Others never were interested. But the centurion perhaps echoed a universal sound, lodged deep within the human heart, when he said: "Truly this was the Son of God!" (Matt. 27:54). He was saying: "I need Him!"

Man's quest for meaning, and his finding that meaning, finally brings him to ask, "Where is He?" And it leads him to acknowledge, "I need Him!"

The promise of the gospel is that when men need a Saviour, their Lord is right beside them. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me" (Rev. 3:20).

The Saviour awaits an entrance into every heart. Man need not search long — only acknowledge, "I need Him!"

—The Free Methodist



Missionary Message

Letter From The Shueys

Dear Friends:

Christian greetings from Miami with bits of missionary news of the Cuban refugee work here. What is life for? It is a sacred trust committed unto us. "As my Father hath sent me, so send I you." We have a debt to pay, this means yielding our own lives as a living sacrifice to God. To those who have lived in lands and places where the gospel light shines so brightly, the searching question is **ARE WE SHARING THAT LIGHT WITH OUR HEATHEN BROTHERS? OR HAVE WE EATEN OUR MORSEL ALONE** while they starved for the bread of life? Let us not be at ease for the harvest time is here. When you pray —

Pray with us for a revival and spiritual awakening among the Cubans.

Pray for four young Cubans who are studying at Hobe Sound Bible School, two have been sent there by faith by their father.

Pray that God shall call forth more laborers into the harvest fields. **GOD IS CALLING! WHERE ARE YOU?**

Pray that the costly operating expenses of the work here shall be supplied, car and bus insurances alone are over \$300 every six months.

Pray for your missionaries and the Cuban Christians.

So glad that "Greta" the hurricane did not strike us, had soome winds and light showers.

Jose Borrocas our faithful bus driver and S. S. teacher, has moved about 25 or more miles from here, he continues to help us only on Saturday eves for which we are thankful. He has sent his two daughters to Hobe Sound B. S. by faith. Jose and Jerry Cancio are also there at school. Last Sunday eve we were happy to have the parents of the boys in our services. The father hardly ever comes to church but in response to the altar invitation he

quickly responded, one of the Cuban ladies noticed that he had tears in his eyes. Pray for him, the spiritual darkness goes very deep, thanks to his two sons who have brought some gospel light into their home.

We learned of a Cuban Christian here in Miami who was a friend of Bro. Seymore our native pastor in Cuba who passed away last March, in fact he performed the marriage ceremony of the Seymores in Cuba. We visited him and asked if he would be interested in teaching the Cuban children's class that Bro. Borrocas left? He consented to come, look the situation over but said he would not commit himself. He has now come for four consecutive Sundays and taught the class, pray that the Lord will continue to put an interest in him for we need workers.

We thank the Lord that hurricane "Greta" moved away from us. **LET US KNOW PLEASE IF YOU WISH TO BE ON OUR MAILING LIST. WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM AL OF YOU SOON.**

Your Missionaries,
Carl & Ernestine Shuey

All For Jesus

We will give to Him our hands—
They shall work out His commands.
We will give our feet to go
On His errands, to and fro.
We will give our eyes to see
Where His workers we may be.
We will give Him list'ning ears—
Happy is the child who hears.
We will give our lips to sing
And to speak of Christ our King.
Thus at Jesus' feet we lay
Precious gifts this happy day,
Like the wise men's gifts of old—
Myrrh and frankincense and gold.
O, ye children of the King,
The Master now has need of thee.
The brave, the loyal, and the true,
The need is great, the call's to you.
Heed now the call, give Christ the best
Your service yield at His request;
The harvest's white, the reapers few,
The need is great! the call's to you.

—Selected

Pass The Story On

One day a missionary passed through a village in Africa. He stayed only a few hours, but while he was there he gathered the people together and told them the Christmas story—about Bethlehem and the wonderful Baby who was born there. To those who heard, the story was all new.

In the crowd that gathered about the missionary was a black boy who did not take his eyes off the minister's face once during the talk. The missionary smiled at him when he said good-bye, and asked him if he liked the story. The boy nodded his head and smiled back. "Then," said the minister, "tell it to someone who needs Christ very much."

After the missionary had gone, the little fellow thought of a shepherd boy in the hills who had a cruel master. Once the shepherd boy had helped him when he was hurt, and had taken him home. Now it was this shepherd lad that the little African missionary boy thought of right away.

He went to hunt for the shepherd boy, and found him caring for some sheep in the plains. When he told him, as best he could, about the Babe of Bethlehem, the shepherd boy said, "I'm going to find Him. Is He at the mission station?"

"I think He must be there," said the other boy. "They sing songs about Him there."

The shepherd boy went on his search, and he really found the station and the good people who were glad to take care of him, and tell him more of the wonderful story.

He did not see the Babe of Bethlehem, but he found the Saviour in just the same way as anyone can find Him — by praying to Him with a loving, trustful heart.

Have you talked to some of your friends about the Most Wonderful Christmas Gift?

—Arranged

The Signal Proof

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Maelagan on October 29, 1952 in Leeds, England where we were gathered in a stirring convention. He has since gone to his heavenly reward, but his challenging faith remains. We . . . "will carry the flaming torch throughout our beloved land, and its light will spread over into Europe and throughout the wide, wide world," he declared. Thus it is evident that people of the twentieth century add their testimony to a mighty faith in the world's Redeemer.

The prophets of old looked forward to a time when a new and better covenant should be introduced; when the law should be written upon the hearts of the people, and they shall know the Lord, from the least unto the greatest of them; when a Redeemer shall come to Zion, and the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon them, and His words shall not depart out of his mouth.

Christians enjoy a tremendous opportunity. Let us be men and women of faith. The Christ of the manger is the Word, meaning "the active presence of God made flesh." He is the divine Son of God, pre-existent, eternal, alive, and active in the affairs of men. He is marching among men of faith. Through His representatives He crosses the lines of nations. Order comes out of chaos. Untold blessings attend the preaching of His word. Human hearts are transformed and spirits are purified. The poor and needy are ministered to, the tears of mourners are dried, and the fear of death is taken away. Such astonishing achievements can be explained only by taking into account the miracle that occurred at Bethlehem. "The Word was made flesh."

As is the glory of the Messianic King, so also is the blessedness of His kingdom. This should inspire Christians to an intense love of righteousness and a courageous optimism regarding the future. It should flower forth under the divine guidance into various lines of activity. This will give dignity to the smallest task in the Kingdom. Our lives, by the grace of God, will then be an illustration of the significance of Christ's person and work. Only this will furnish our day with signal proof of His revelation of divine truth and saving purpose. It will be marvelous.

—The Covenanter

Holiness Teachings

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be constantly aspiring. If we do not press after them, we shall be likely to go backward and lose what we have before attained.

8. You must live constantly under a sense of the presence of God.

Always remember, "Thou, God, seest me!" You are watched and seen every moment by an eye a million times keener than the eyes of angels — the infinite eye of the all-seeing God. If you knew that a legion of angels were watching you every moment, how careful you would be to act right! Remember you are always in God's immediate presence.

9. You must lead a life of prayer.

You must be a man of prayer. Pray early in the morning, and, if possible, remain some time on your knees with God. This will prepare you for the day. Pray often, and then prayer will become a delight. Stay with God in prayer — stay until he melts you, and then stay when you are melted, and plead with Him, and He will answer, and you will be transformed, renewed, and strengthened.

10. You must labor faithfully for the salvation of sinners.

It is the nature of perfect love to long for the salvation of souls; and if you do not go out for the salvation of men, your love will cool into apathy and indifference, and you will lose the evidence of entire sanctification altogether. When your heart yearns over sinners, go to God and pray; then go to sinners with manly sympathy, and you will find it an excellent means of grace to your soul. It will be a holy oil that will anoint you. You must also seek to lead saints into this grace. Mr. Wesley says: "One great means of retaining what God has given, is to labor to bring others into this grace, and to profess it to all mankind."

11. To retain it, you must oppose sin of every name and kind, without any compromise.

Like your Lord, you are to show it no quarter, at any time, or anywhere, either in or out of the church. In respect to sin and holiness, it is eternally true that "No man can serve two masters." You must know no exceptions, either in high places or in low, in great things or little things, among enemies or friends. Your duty is plain — "ABSTAIN FROM ALL APPEARANCE OF EVIL."

—J. A. Wood

Christian Spirit?

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ruled out. A safe rule to follow in Christmas shopping and giving would be, "Will the giving, receiving, and use of this gift glorify Him whose birthday we celebrate?"

Sometimes Christians after going through the preparation for Christmas with all its hurry, bustle, and frustration need to pause on Christmas Eve to recapture the true Christmas spirit. I recall that when I was a pastor, these pre-Christmas days were often busy and sometimes frustrating. There were times after it was all over that I would attend a Christmas Eve service, sometimes a midnight service to listen to the Christmas music and the Christmas message, to relive in my imagination that first Christmas scene. In this quiet hour I found the true Christmas spirit — peace, love, understanding, and good will to all men.

I appeal to you to examine your Christmas spirit. Is it like the spirit of Christ or does it fall far short? Find a quiet place and read again the Christmas story from Matthew 2:1-15, Luke 2:1-19, and the greatest of all, John 3:16. If you have missed the true spirit of Christmas, if your attitudes and behavior have fallen below the Christian or Christ-like spirit, you need to pray, you need to open your heart for a flooding and refreshing of His Spirit and presence. It is disappointing and tragic when those who are called Christians have a Christmas spirit that is not Christian.

—The Wesleyan Advocate

Why Many Missed Him

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given only to the obedient and a star is given only to those committed to follow and pour out life's treasure.

Shepherds of men still seek Christ and tell others the message. Wise men still seek Him and return, changed men, another way. Faithful worshipers still recognize Him and proclaim Him as the fulfillment of all God is and says. To such Christmas is not a holiday but a holy day. It is a time not merely marked on the calendar but a time of rededication.

—The Wesleyan Advocate

Penn State Report

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grim Holiness Church of New York at Strattonville, Pennsylvania, as he labored along with Rev. Bobby Bedfore, pastor of the New Castle Bible Covenant Church; the quartet; the Overcomer staff; Bro. Herron; Bro. French of Hobe Sound as they dealt and told of the Gracious plan of salvation through faith and invited and brought students in for the services.

Can you imagine singing on Penn State University, one of the greatest in the nation, or hearing sung of Jesus and His blood and His power to save and keep. Songs like "Saved Saved, 'Twas Jesus Blood that Ransomed Me, Jesus Walks Beside Me, I Wondered in the Darkness, Power in the Blood, The King and I, I Believe in a Hill Called Mt. Calvary, I'm Free" and many, many others were thrill enough to thank and praise God for that opportunity as presented by wholesome American youth and to see the truth sink in. Then to hear that last night great congregation sing in unison with the orchestra, "Love Lifted Me" was truly something as it seemed they all sang with relish as the echoes of that sweet old refrain swept throughout the halls of this old institution of learning. MY WHAT A PRIVILEGE.

It is awe inspiring when one thinks of it. To hear students say "We are not paying attention to what you are doing but we want you to know that we appreciate it and that you are planting good seed" as told to Bro. Terpenning and to hear that a real agnostic said to Bro. David Gordeuk "The thing I can't understand is the love shown here" is enough to bring forth fruit for God's Honor and Glory. Yes from those who came, this reporter heard nothing but glory and praise and no negative words and to those who did not come, well, you missed probably one of the greatest thrills of your life to be there the last night as the presence of God's Spirit settled into that huge auditorium and all present could not deny his. PRAISE THE LORD.

People came all the way from Michigan just for these services as well as Kentucky, Ohio, New York and Florida.

It surely did turn out to be an I. H. C. Overcomer rally. As this is being written, plans are already for-

mulated for a rally at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York and also here again in Penn State on January 28, 29 and 30. Information will be forthcoming. So thanks again God's Missionary Churches, especially because you were wonderful in your support and we cannot say enough about it as well as all others. There were no offerings taken and if anyone wants to contribute to this cause, send it to Rev. Arthur Thomas, Rt. 1, Millmont and we shall be greatly thankful.

It was wonderful, wonderful, wonderful . . .

Our thanks to Bro. David Denton of Tennessee for making available 100's of pieces of literature year over 35,000 pieces for distribution and out they went and are still going out. Our thanks again. We were sorry to hear that Bro. Bradley Halter was injured on his journey to the rally and is recovered well for which we thank the Lord that the accident was not worse.

Fragments By Frey

In company guard your tongue; in solitude your heart. Our words need watching; but so also do our thoughts and imaginations, which grow most active when we are alone.

The man who gives nothing for missions evidently thinks that the salvation which he has is not worth sending to the heathen.

When we are willing to do what we can, we shall be surprised at how much we can do.

Love for God takes in everybody else — including the heathen.

Someone has said that if one hundred members of a church each gave a postage stamp a day they could support a missionary.

God's children always play the fool when they play the judge; they are never in order when they act as if they were the head of the family of grace.

Many people find the church cold because they insist on sitting in "Z" row. Come on up front.

God's bread is always better than the devil's plum pudding.

Keep your fears to yourself, share your courage with others.

There was no room for Christ in the inn; have you any room for Him in your heart.

A Christless Christmas is pretty much like a counterfeit dollar.

Report From The Milesburg, Pa. Church

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Earlier in the month the congregation at Milesburg enjoyed the ministry of our General Superintendent Rev. Paul Miller. The glory of God's presence illuminated the sanctuary to match the brilliance of the September sunshine. It has been a victorious month. God's presence rested upon each service. The special prayer services on Monday evenings have provided an initial spark to feed the fire in the other services. The ministry of the pastor, Rev. Noll, has gained an additional glow and fervor. God's Spirit has been wonderfully manifested and souls are being won into the Kingdom.

Sunday School awards were given on Sunday morning, September 27 for yearly perfect attendance. Results reveal that:

Two awards were given for one year perfect attendance; Six awards were given for three years perfect attendance; and Two awards were given for four years perfect attendance.

Anita Gordeuk, Reporter

Marion Watson of Milesburg, a niece of Rev. Fred Watson, was one of three from her school and one out of 20 from Centre County and one out of 35,000 students across America who were in the National Merit contest for 1970. Congratulations, Marion, keep up the good work.

Editorial

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no Truth to teach. Joshua Stauffer in *When He Is Come* makes it clear that the Holy Spirit is most qualified to make Christ real to humanity and is capable of giving us such a glorious revelation of Him that He becomes the fairest of ten thousand, the One altogether lovely, and such an overwhelming vision of Him that we never cease to love Him or forsake Him. The work of the Holy Spirit has been, is, and shall continue to be the revelation of Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man.

The love of Jesus is different from any other love in the world. To be loved by Him is to be made a guest in His world, the sheep of His pasture, and children in His home.

Penn Views

Miss Thelma Witherup, editor

WE HEAR FROM STUDENTS OF PENN VIEW BIBLE INSTITUTE

WHAT PENN VIEW MEANS TO ME

One of the greatest blessings the Lord has given to me is to attend Penn View Bible Institute. It means to me, first of all progress, then problems, plans, pennies, pledges, pioneering, preaching, Pennorama Staff, pens, pals, persistence, profit, and pleasure in God's service. At Penn View there is a note of victory, and administration with vision, and students of non-violence. The school is more than a building, it is a great blessing, and provides a base from which to start our service for God. I know that the instruction I have received will be a source of inspiration to me through out my future.

Daryl Kuhns
College Senior

During the last three years as a college student I have found Penn View Bible Institute to be a real spiritual asset in my life. Now in my fourth year I still find the spiritual atmosphere and find, Spirit-filled teachers with our God-directed Administrators. Many times God's blessing has fallen in Chapel and with His Presence so real our hearts and lives have been enriched and strengthened. I am thankful for our wonderful president and the deans that serve here; they add to the spiritual benefit of our school. Also, we have a student body that is a blessing to the older students. I can recommend Penn View to anyone who is looking for a holiness school; come our way and "we will do thee good."

Esther Keister
College Senior

Penn View is an establishing organization; holiness doctrine is taught, practiced, and upheld. Subjects are foundational and enlightening. Teachers set the example of practical, sensible, holy living — "More is caught than is taught." Holiness has preeminence in every class room, the chapel services, and revival meetings; it is the very substance of this institution. Full courses are given, information is complete; History, Bible, Language, Theology, and Music make up the curriculum. The

One Who guides Penn View is the Blessed Holy Spirit; He visits our classes, attends our chapel services, and controls our entire school. He is a welcome Guest; all is arranged to please Him and bring glory to God the Father.

Ruth McKenzie
College Junior

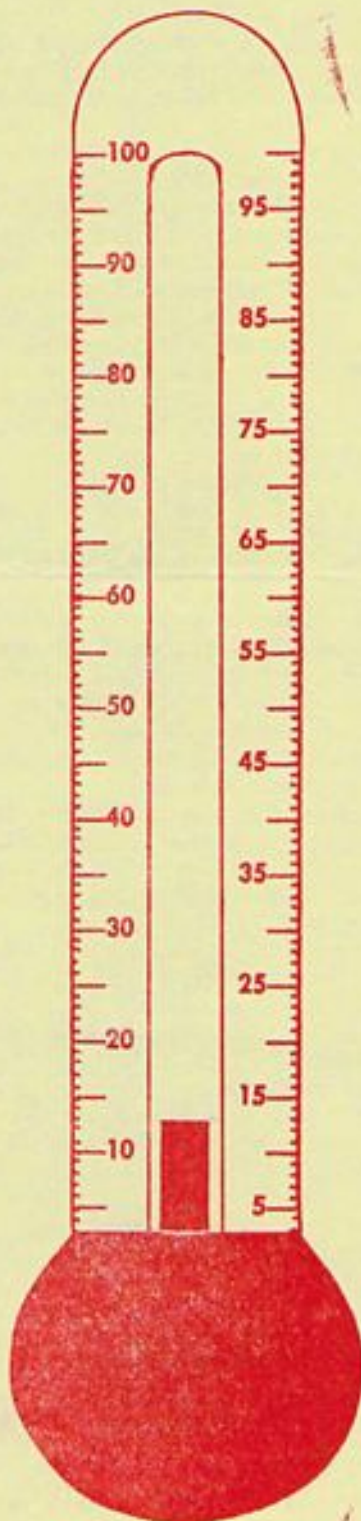
As I look into the sunrise of the tomorrows I see the vast harvest fields which have not been reached by the Gospel. In these closing days of time efficient and qualified workers are needed as never before and I am at Penn View to receive training from just such a staff; our school has been blessed of God with an outstanding teaching staff qualified in every respect to give instruction in various fields of Christian service. The most powerful men in the Christian religion have been educated men; "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" II Timothy 2:15. Our school has given me a better panoramic view of the Scriptures. The atmosphere is filled with the Presence of God, which is so precious and so welcome as we study His Word. These few years at Penn View have been the most challenging and rewarding years of my life. Words fail to express my appreciation for such a school.

Carl Kready
College Junior

One of the greatest blessings of my life is the privilege of attending Penn View Bible Institute. I have learned to look for the light of the Lord so that His lamp will shine on my pathway. My life is filled with second-blessing holiness teachers, Spirit filled classes, and spiritual students who are aware of the leadings of the Holy Spirit. Our schedules continually push us and we keep very busy in our daily preparations. The Lord gives strength and encouragement so we keep right on preparing for His service. The dormitory, the dishes, the tables, the halls, the work schedules are part of our training here and I am finding they are a real blessing. We appreciate our dear, Sister West; she is a good dean. She is helping us build character. The times of prayer are especially blessed. Discipline? Devotedness? Determination? We have them all at Penn View.

Dorothy Jean Bixler
College Junior

God hath many rough files and sharp-cutting instruments for the polishing of His jewels. And those He loves most, and wishes to make the most resplendent, He hath oftenest had His tools upon.



Will We Go To Bethlehem?

By Dr. Wilson O. Weldon

The year is 1809, the setting is the small village of Hardin, Kentucky. A man dressed in homespun stands deep in the snow and addresses a man on horseback. "What's the news down in the village?" he asks. And the other says, "Well, they tell me that Tom Singleton has gone down to Washington to see Madison sworn in. And they say that a man called Bonaparte has captured almost all of Spain. Any news up here?" "Well, I here that down at Tom Lincoln's cabin there is a new baby boy." And as the man starts to ride away he mumbles, "Nuthin' ever happens out here."

Is it too much to go back and beyond this incident, hundreds of years across the ocean, and find a little sleeping village in an obscure province of the vast Roman world. Ask "What's all the stir about?" and someone is sure to answer, "Why, nothing important ever happens out here." But we are being asked, "Come, let's go to Bethlehem." Will we?

People who plan well for any kind of trip rightly ask, "How far is it?" To be sure, if you go to your travel bureau and seek to arrange a journey to this little village in the province of Judah, you will find that, geographically speaking, it is a long,

long trip. But spiritually speaking it isn't very far, because Bethlehem is the representation of the fact that God is never very far from any of us.

"How far is it to Bethlehem?" We find in the answer to this question the answer to another: "Why is it that Christmas comes again and again?" It is not because the 25th of December is on your calendar every year. It is because of man's basic need to find and to experience God. That's the answer.

The young son of missionary parents had come to this country to live for a year. As Christmas approached, the mother of the family with whom the boy was living asked, "Jim, what would you like for Christmas this year?" "Excuse me, please," the boy said, and pushing back his chair, he went upstairs to his room. In a few minutes he returned with a picture in his hands. "You know what I would like to have?" he asked. "I would like for my father to step out of this frame." That's what you and I want. We may be too proud to admit it. We may be too involved or busy or thoughtless to realize it, but that is what we truly want — a sense of the reality of God.

Curtis Jones tells of a little girl standing with her mother on a street corner following a shower. Suddenly the bright sunlight pierced the clouds and the little girl noticed the small puddle of water made iridescent by a shimmer of oil. Excitedly the little one cried, "Mother, there's a rainbow that's gone to smash!"

Christmas is the opportunity that God gives to us to find His spiritual rainbows. Are they going to smash — in our selfishness, in our crowded schedules? God forbid.

"How far to Bethlehem?" And now the question: "Will we go?" God is asking us to move from where we are to where He wants us to be. Are we going?

The sorrowful people ought to go. People who have known anguish of heart and sorrow of soul need to go to Bethlehem and find Him anew who said, "In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer for I have overcome the world."

The laboring people ought to go. People who earn their living with their hands and withe their minds

need to make this journey and meet there the carpenter, who has transformed ordinary work and labor and made into an experience of worship of the Eternal God.

Lovers like Ruth and Boaz ought to go. And those who have made a shambles of their love in days gone by should lay hold with firm grasp on the beauty and the grandeurs of a new day.

Businessmen ought to go and discover once again that all men, irrespective of station or position or skill, are commissioned to look after the Father's business.

Professional men and women ought to go, and, at the altar of birth, commune with the Great Physician and examine again their own professions.

All churchmen ought to go, all of us. To join the prophets and the wise men in finding the real justification of faith.

We had better go, but will we?

The late Bishop Gore was ready to ordain a group of young ministers. He looked into their eager faces and said, "Young men, I am about to ask you this question: 'Wilt thou, wilt thou?' But I remind you that on another day another greater than I will say, 'Hast thou, hast thou?' Make sure you can give the affirmative answer when that day comes."

Christmas is almost here, but are you going to Bethlehem? Will you go?

— the Herald

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