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*In the hush of early morning
When the stars had left the sky,
In the beauty of the dawning
Came an angel from on high.*

*Came with power of mighty earthquake
To a wondrous garden fair;
And the soldiers quailed and trembled,
And became as dead men there.*

*Then, the stone so great and heavy
Did the angel roll away,
And the Lord, our blessed Saviour,
Conquered death that wondrous day.*

*So majestic was His bearing,
Beautiful His form and face;
Radiating light and glory
Full of loveliness and grace.*

*He is risen! He is risen!
Let the bells of Heaven ring;
He still liveth, Alleluia!
Let the hearts of people sing.*

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If There Be No Resurrection

by Rev. S. I. Emery

*"But if there be no resurrection of
the dead, then is Christ not risen."*

I Cor. 15:13.

THE FORCE of a proposition is
sometimes felt more by considering
the alternatives confronting us, if it
be not true. Such is the case here. A
list of things are mentioned to which
we may add others.

First on the list: "Then is Christ
not risen." To some this might not
seem so tragic, but to Paul who had
already undergone stoning, whipping,
and imprisonment, besides other
distressing circumstances while pro-
pagating the Gospel, it meant much to
say, "Then is our preaching vain." With
him were the other Apostles, some of
whom had been treated likewise and
one at least had died for his testimony.
Their preaching was based upon personal
experience backed by the Old Testament
Scripture. Experience becomes unreal
and the Old Testament untrue "if Christ
be not risen." All the preaching of the
centuries becomes vain.

There has been no ground for the
Christian message of hope and the in-
fidel's dying statement becomes
universally true. "All is dark and
doubtful." What follows becomes very
personal! "Your faith is also vain." What
about the faith of millions who have
died, are they "perished?" So say the
Scriptures "if Christ be not risen." Nineteen
centuries of Christian sacrifice and service
must "go by the board" as so much wasted
effort. Hope must die in the breast of many
living, even though their lives have been
changed. The greatest influence for good
known to man becomes a delusion and the
record of men's testimony impeached. Either
their sense experience is not to be trusted
or their integrity questioned.

Many who are handicapped here
through bodily affliction can look forward
to nothing better. The songs of hope from
blind Fanny Crosby are but hollow mockery.
Seeing Him runs through her poetry as a
thread of life, but if Christ be not risen,
how vain! Those carrying twisted deformed
bodies can never expect anything better—
nothing "like unto His own glorious body."

"Ye are yet in your sins." How

disappointing! Sin had become such a
galling burden, a merciless taskmaster;
a defiler of conscience. Haunted by memory
how sweet the release from guilty fear. How
great the burden lifted and acceptable the
rest in Him. All has been but a delusive
dream "If there be no resurrection." We
must sink back again into the old ways
hopeless, defeated, disappointed, and with
the disciples, say: "We trusted that it had
been he which should have redeemed Israel."
Hope had died and black discouragement
taken hold.

"If there be no resurrection . . . this
is Christ not risen." But why should the
disciples insist upon testifying that He
was risen? These men had nothing to gain
and much to lose by identifying themselves
with what appeared to be a lost cause. They
were humble folk in the main, who were
without political or economic influence.
When Saul of Tarsus became "one of them"
he lost his position and influence with the
leaders of his nation.

Why should these men be ready, yes
glad, to identify themselves with such a
cause? Were they deluded by some occult
power? Then why the great change in their
lives and the lives of their followers? Why
were they ready to face ostracism, banish-
ment, prison, and death rather than to keep
quiet about the matter? Their record is
not that of men moved by fanatical impulse,
but rather that of sober, serious men, ready
and willing to seal their testimony with their
blood.

The proposition presents such a dark
discouraging picture that it is expressed by
the depressing statement, "If in this life only
we have hope in Christ, we are of all men
most miserable."

As though to break the reverie, like a
floodlight turned on in a darkened room
comes the ringing testimony: BUT NOW IS
CHRIST RISEN! No uncertainty here! The
darkness is dispelled. Death is conquered.
Sin is put away. Those who "have fallen
asleep in Christ" are not perished. Our
hope is sure. He has borne our burden.

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The Importance Of Christ's Death

by George I. Straub
General Superintendent

St. John 11:47-52

The supreme purpose of the Incarnation was the death of Christ. The death of Christ is mentioned over 175 times in the New Testament. Many Old Testament prophecies found their fulfillment in the death of Christ. It was a subject of deep interest to Old Testament prophets, and also to angels. It was the subject of Moses and Elijah on the Mount of Transfiguration, and it will be the central theme of Heaven's songs. St. Paul marvelled at this great act of love, that a righteous man should go through such agony and suffering for a world of lost sinners. In his Epistle to the Church of Rome he wrote these words, "While we were yet sinners Christ died for us." Romans 5:8.

Christ died voluntarily. He laid down his own life. No man took his life from Him. Neither did He die because He could not live longer. This may have been true of man, but not so with Christ. He died to please the Father, fulfill the scriptures, redeem sinful men and to destroy the works of the devil. The following Scriptures reveal the real cause of His death: "I am the Good Shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for his sheep." (John 10:11) "I lay down my life for the sheep." (John 10:15) "No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again." (John 10:18). These verses of scripture teaches us his death was contingent on Himself and not his murderers.

The occasion of his death came as a result of the conflict between Christ and Satan. It was Satan who instigated wicked men to hate, despise, reject, betray, condemn, and crucify Christ. All that was written concerning Him must be fulfilled. There are several musts in the Bible concerning Him. God fulfills His Word at all costs even if His Son must die. Christ's death was not an ordinary death. It should be considered as such. It was a death of deaths, a plural death for He tasted death for every man.

All men, whether saved or unsaved are benefited by the death of Christ, for their physical or natural lives are sustained, and the death penalty suspended for the time being. This gives the unsaved man or woman time

and opportunity to get saved. Christ's atonement acts as a stay in the execution of the sentence against sin, securing for all men time for repentance. Life is man's probationary period. To neglect seeking God and preparing for the eternal world will spell loss, suffering, separation, and eternal judgment in the world beyond this life. For this reason the Prophet Amos cried out so faithfully, "Prepare to meet thy God." (Amos 4:12). How dreadful it will be for sinful men and women to appear in judgment to give an account of their rebellion and attitudes they have taken against Christ after all He has gone through to help us escape the damnation of hell.

When Felix the Governor heard the Apostle Paul reason of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled and said, "Go thy way; when I have a more convenient season I will call for thee." (Acts 24:25). If any man becomes a Christian he will have to move at God's time rather than his own convenience. Jesus said, "No man cometh unto the Son except the Father which sent Him draw him." (John 6:44). It is a serious thing for a man to reject and spurn the wooings and pleadings of the Holy Spirit, as God has made it very clear to us that His Spirit will not always strive with man. (Gen. 6:3). The Bible makes it clear that God does speak to the hearts of men. Wherefore as the Holy Ghost saith, "Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness. When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years. Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, 'They do always err in their hearts; and they have not known my ways, so I swear in my wrath, they shall not enter into my rest.'" (Hebrews 3:7-11). For this reason we are commanded to "give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard; lest at any time we should let them slip. For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward: how shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation." (Hebrews 2:1-3). Every sinner has reasons to thank God that he is still alive physically,

out of hell and the grave, and is on the top of the earth, with opportunity to accept Christ by faith as his Saviour.

The penalty of sin was death. If the full penalty had been executed when Adam sinned, that would have terminated the history of the human race. The full penalty of sin includes spiritual death, physical death, and eternal death. Through Christ God suspended the full execution of the sentence of sin, renewed the probation of man, and has made it possible for us to escape the eternal suffering which is awaiting every son of Adam who fails to be born again, and filled with the presence of the Holy Ghost. Of all the adornments this Easter season there is none so beautiful as that of a soul washed, cleansed, and arrayed in the beauty of God's Holiness. In the long ago the poet caught a vision of this beautiful scene when penning the following poem.

*Oh' the glory fast approaching, of
Ascension's happy morn,
When the watchful servants quickly
to His bosom shall be borne;
When the dear ones left behind us,
shall for us oft seek in vain,
But our spirits shall have risen to the
Lamb for sinners slain.*

*Caught up in the air to meet him, oh!
the heights of joy,
Lengths and breadths of love surpass-
ing, purest bliss without alloy;
Now we see with darkened vision,
then we'll see Him face to face,
And we will, through countless ages,
sing the glories of his grace.*

*Two shall at a mill be grinding, one be
taken, one be left,
Two shall in a bed be sleeping, one of
these shall be bereft;
Oh, what wonder and amazement,
shall the ones on earth, possess,
They shall pass through tribulation,
pain, and sorrow and distress.*

*We shall live with Him forever, in the
sunshine of His love,
We shall meet to part, no never, with
th' angelic host above;
There we'll hear our Father's
welcome, as He calls us, one by one,
Saying to each one in person, Faithful
servant, tis well done.*

*Let us, then, our lamps burning, and
our wedding garments on,
Ready to go forth to meet Him, when
we hear Him say, I come;
There will be no time to slumber, lest
He come whilst we're asleep,
And the door be shut between us; let
us then our vigil keep.*

by Warren Smith

CHURCH NEWS

Items From Intercession City

We have noted significant progress at our school here in recent months. All Praise and Glory are ascribed to His Worthy Name! Christian education has always been an important work of God and it is increasingly so in these days of great wickedness.

We have thirty-three students here at Intercession City Christian School and hope to see some new faces next term. Actually, we have outgrown our present facilities and pray that somehow God will provide a mobile home in good condition for use as kindergarten, office, home economics, etc. We know that if God's people join us in prayer for our needs, God can and will provide for the need.

Please be aware of the fact that Intercession City Christian School is owned and operated by God's Missionary Church. Our school is **not** operated by "one church" but by the Florida district of God's Missionary Church. We warrant your prayerful consideration.

Your correspondence should be addressed to: Intercession City Christian School, P. O. Box 335, Intercession City, FL. 33848. **E. L. Deetz Jr.**



Evangelist:
Amos Hann

April 7-12, 1981

Dorothy Jones

Mrs. Dorothy Jones, wife of Wesley Jones, passed to her eternal reward on January 3rd, 1981, after a long period of illness. Sister Jones was a charter member of the Spring Garden church. In her early years, she was active as a Sunday school teacher. She was a burden bearer and often her groans of intercession were heard throughout the church. After the death of her husband in 1976, Sister Jones lived in the United Methodist Home at Lewisburg, Penna. In 1980 God gave her a time of good health where she came to all the church services for almost a year. Her testimony rang out clear, her prayers heard and some said she was her best in years. Many of the folks in the church relate that it was Sister Jones led them to the Lord. What a blessing she has been down through the years. Her seat is empty in the Spring Garden church but her place in heaven is filled.

A funeral service was conducted at the Barr Funeral Home, by Rev. John

F. White, her pastor and Rev. William C. Rachau her pastor for some 17 years. A large group came to say good by to this saint. The many flowers showed that she was greatly loved. We offer to her family our prayers and trust the faith of this saint of God will reach out even now that her voice is stilled. Her favorite song was simple but told the story of her experience in Christ so clear. "Tis true oh yes it is true, Gods wonderful promise is true, I've trusted and tested and tried it and I know. I Know it is true." In the Spring Garden church we have a special service the Sunday morning after the death of one of our saints. We drape the Christian Flag with a gold ribbon, and as the congregation stands and sings I will meet you in the morning we promote our saints to Glory. (an Old Salvation Army custom). How the saints were blessed as we promoted Sis. Jones, from our church rolls to the rolls of heaven. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

Rev. John F. White, pastor

God's Missionary Church LEWISTOWN, PA.

1107 W. Fifth St.

RALLY DAY
May 3, 1981

Sunday School 9:30 A.M. - Afternoon 2:30 P.M. - Evening 7:00 P.M.

Special Speaker: Rev. Truman Wise
Special Singers: The Adams Family

REVIVAL
May 8 - 17, 1981

Evangelist: Rev. Archie Atwell
Services Nightly — 7:30 P.M.
Sunday — 10:30 A.M. - 7:30 P.M.
Pastor — Rev. John Zechman

"Come thou with us and we will do thee good..."

Evangelistic Services

Mt. Grove God's Missionary Church
R. D. 3, Dover, Pa.
(Anderson Road)

Services Nightly 7:30
Sunday 9:30 A.M. -
10:30 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.

Eugene Winter, Pastor
Phone: (717) 292-5360

Milesburg

A Home Missions Convention was held in the Milesburg Church on February 19 and 20. Rev. John White was in charge of the services. Members of the Home Missionary Board included in the services were Rev. John Zechman, Rev. Timothy Cooley, Rev. Alvin Shaffer and Rev. Harry Plank. The churches of Pleasant View, Penns Valley, Lewistown, Spring Garden, Seven Stars and Milesburg were represented in the convention.

Brothers Cooley, White and Zechman were responsible for the instrumental and vocal music in the convention, presenting a variety of arrangements which were enjoyed by all.

Rev. White spoke the first evening from Acts 1:8 indicating the referendum for Home Missions. He mentioned that 97% of all money received in the department goes directly to the work of Home Missions with just 3% being used for administrative expenses. He challenged us that a denomination is only as good as its Home Missions Department and prayer as well as money is needed. At the close of the service one 13-year old

lad from the Milesburg Church presented himself to God's service.

The following night Rev. Plank, Rev. Zechman and Rev. Shaffer presented the challenge of Home Missions, including a detailed financial report and appeal for financial support.

A question and answer session closed what was a wonderful convention. Welcome back anytime to Milesburg. You did us good.

RESURRECTION

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The resurrection of Christ becomes the guarantee of ours. He the firstfruits; afterwards they that are His at His coming. Some will be living when He comes; they will be changed "In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump." Death is defeated — "Swallowed up in victory." "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

What does this Easter season mean? It means redemption. He was

"delivered for our offences," but blessed by God He was "Raised again for our justification." That first Easter Sunday was a glad day — a new occasion for Sabbath observance. — Finished Redemption.



29th Annual IH Convention
April 21, 22, 23, 1981
 Dayton Convention Center
 Corner of 5th & Main St.



SCHEDULE

Tuesday, April 21

Don Wardlaw, Afternoon Chairman

1:30 p.m. "Evangelism in Concert"

H. K. Noll, Directing

Family Group

Christian Day School

Group

Soloist

2:45 p.m. Keynote Address—

Rev. James Southerland

6:00 p.m. "Little Fish and How to

Catch Them"

(Sunday School rally)

William Gale, Gary Spriggs

Evening Chairman, H. E. Schmul

Song Leader, H. K. Noll

7:15 p.m. Musical Package

7:45 p.m. **Constitutional Rights**

Rally, "To Whom Does

Your Child and Your

Church Belong?"

Dr. David Gibbs of the

Christian Law Association

10:00 a.m. "Holiness, Now and Forever"

10:00 a.m. Children's Meeting—
 Louise Lupton

1:30 p.m. "Practical Holiness"—
 Don Myers

2:00 p.m. Children's Meeting—
 Louise Lupton

2:15 p.m. Business Meeting

2:45 p.m. **The Family Hour—**

Robert Whitaker;

Panel Discussion—Drs.

Hinthorn and Simon; and

Dave Gorduek (Open

Mike)

6:00 p.m. **Overcomer Rally—**

Sankey, Wickard,

Hobbs, Reece

7:15 p.m. Musical Package

7:45 p.m. Evening Challenge—

H. E. Schmul

10:00 a.m. "Holiness—Facing Our
 Generation"—
 V. O. Agan

H. E. Schmul

Afternoon and Evening Chairman

2:00 p.m. "Town and Country
 Holiness Evangelism"

G. Straub, J. Poe,

C. McGinnis

(Special Music)

2:00 p.m. Children's Meeting—
 Louise Lupton

6:00—

7:00 p.m. Festival of Song

Children's Chorus,

Louise Lupton, directing

College Mass Choir

Garen Wolf, Directing

7:15 p.m. Musical Package

Closing Challenge—

D. P. Denton

PRAYER LEADERS: Dale Ulery,
 William Hannan, Ada Hobbs.

ATTENTION BOYS AND GIRLS:
 Special Children's Services will be conducted twice a day, Wednesday and Thursday at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., Louise Lupton, Director.

ATTENTION MOTHERS: There is a nursery in the V.I.P. room at the top of the escalator.

Thursday, April 23

Don Wardlaw, Morning Chairman
Rex Bullock, Song Leader

9:00 a.m. Morning Meditations,
 B. J. Walker

10:00 a.m. Children's Meeting—
 Louise Lupton

Wednesday, April 22

Leonard Sankey, Chairman
David Fuller, Song Leader

9:00 a.m. "Adventures in Faith"
 Bruce Hawthorne



Missionary Message

No Promise For Tomorrow

They hurriedly put the children on the tops of the houses and on higher ground and then stood in chest high water watching their possessions go floating away, along with smaller animals, in the raging flood waters that swept through the land. Thank God no child drowned and when it was over they gathered up the remains and went searching for any of their pots and pans, cooking materials and remains of sodden bed clothing and clothes they needed to cover their bodies. All canals had overflowed and the small road was a muddy mass of tortured earth. When we sought to enter the area some days after we were not sure the land under the Land Rover would hold but we went in faith. How comforting to know that Jesus is driving for one when the road is impossible. He truly is All and All to us.

Sunday morning as we went to the area to have services the people told us one by one of the flooding and some said that all they had had been destroyed. As we walked through the mud, slipping at times and having to pull with force to lift our feet again, we cried within...how can it be, when they have so little, and then that too is taken away. But the children ran to us and were delighted to see a new friend. Rev. Winter was with us to give them the message that morning. The children held his hands and where it was necessary to walk single file because of the mud, they reluctantly released his hands so they could continue on the small path amidst the mud.

We went to houses where one man was paralyzed and had prayer, asking God to touch his soul and body. There a woman very old in years stared at us as we told her of her need of Jesus and we knew it was too late to penetrate the darkness that filled her mind and heart. So we hurried on to others who still could understand. At one small mud hut a two month old baby suffered with sickness and we prayed there again. From hut to hut we walked till we had the little ones we had come for with the promise from the

mothers and older ones that they would come later. Some did and some did not.

Often when we talk to the many that live there we tell them to come today and they will say, "We will come next Sunday", or they will say they will give their hearts to the Lord tomorrow. We plead with them that tomorrow may never come for them. That today is the day of salvation. They are filled with excuses and our tears and prayers seek to destroy all these useless refuges that they hide within while the enemy tells them to wait, and yet, wait another day.

The day before the flood came to their homes and villages, they did not know that tomorrow they would have no cooking pot to put the food in. They did not know that tomorrow they would have no sleeping mat or small thin covering to put over them as they slept. Oh! that they would see that tomorrow can bring undreamed of things, and without the Saviour it will be the darkness of eternity forever! As we go to them each week our hearts are broken over the slavery of the devil that holds them in darkness and sin. The area is a voodoo area and a regular meeting place of all the witch doctors in Haiti. We have seen them sacrificing to devils and heard the wild screams of demon possessed souls. Jesus also hears and wants to deliver.

One day as I sought to go down over the embankment into the road that leads to the village there was a bottle filled with something and another empty bottle beside it directly in my path. I slowed to a halt and asked some of the men standing by the edge of the road to please remove the bottles so that I could pass. They looked at me and refused. When I asked others they too stared in disbelief that I should ask them and turned away. Then it dawned on me that they were a curse that someone had placed there to kill or maim. I then understood their reluctance, as they feared the powers of the evil one. But I braked the car and got out in Jesus name

walking to the offending objects and removed them myself. Under His blood there is no fear or danger! Hallelujah! Then we went on our way to give the message of love and peace.

Many came to hear the Word that day and Bro. Winter explained the plan of salvation clearly and with love. They understood and we pray some shall come to know Him with all their hearts. Because of all the mud we had not been able to have the service inside the small shelter, but put the benches under a shade tree and when the benches were full, we put the altar on the ground and they sat on it. Our little palm tree bridge that we used across the canal had gone with the rushing waters too so they had to jump across or as I did, walk through the water in another place to reach the side where we would sing and pray together.

Please pray for this needy area and ask God to help them see that there is no promise for tomorrow. Jesus is coming and we want them to go with us to meet the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Prayer can make all the difference in where they spend eternity.

**Yours for souls,
Bonnie Cleaver**



For The BOYS and GIRLS

THE BABY'S EASTER SERMON

by Emily M. Evenden

It was a long time ago and Elizabeth was a wee maiden of four years.

All the grown folk had gone to church except Grandma, who was deaf, and said she preferred to stay at home and take care of the babies. Not that there were any babies, oh, no! for Elizabeth felt she was a very big girl, and sister Louise would proudly tell you she was 'most six years and would soon go to kindergarten.

This was Easter Day and instead of their usual morning greeting our little friends Elizabeth and Louise used to say: "Jesus Christ is risen to-day," and their mamma would answer, "He is risen, indeed."

So, when someone knocked at the kitchen door, Elizabeth ran to open it and say, "Jesus Christ is risen today," but instead of the answer she expected, a poor, hungry man asked for something to eat.

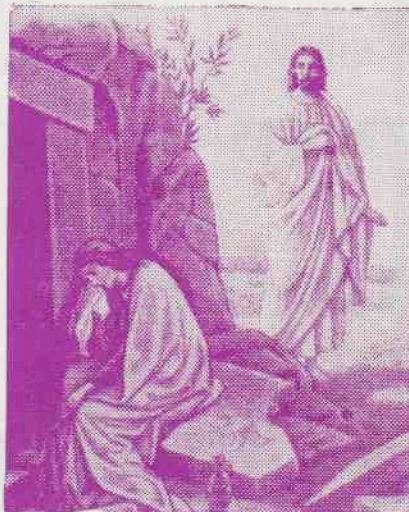
"Why don't you say, 'He is risen, indeed?'" questioned Elizabeth as she pulled the man into the kitchen.

"Didn't know no one was dead to rise again," said the man.

Whereat Elizabeth's eyes grew wide with astonishment and she ran off to ask Grandma to get the man something to eat while she told him all about Jesus.

"You know," she said, "that long, long years ago, some of the wicked men did not know who Jesus was and they nailed Him to a Cross, so that He died, but three days after, angels rolled the stone away from the tomb and Jesus came out of the tomb alive, just as though He had never died, only He was ever so much more beautiful."

"No," the man said, "I never heard tell of that Man; guess he didn't live in



this country."

"Well," said Elizabeth, "if you don't know about Jesus I'll tell you from the beginning, shall I?"

"Yep," said the man.

So Elizabeth pulled her little rocking chair near the man and began—

"You know," she said, "that long, long years ago the Heavenly Father gave us the bestest present we could ever have. He gave us His own dear Son who came to us a dear little Baby. He grew, and played, and worked, and went to school just like any other boy, but He was so good. Then when He was a Man He went about telling people of the Heavenly Father, and those that were sick He made well, and blind people received their sight.

"Oh! He did ever so many other kind and lovely things that no one else could do unless He gave them power.

"Everyone loved Him—I mean 'most everyone—and He just loved everyone, even more than my papa and mamma love me!

"But some people did not like Him and said he must be hung on a Cross (crucified, my mamma calls it).

"Then some people took Jesus and nailed His hands and feet to a Cross and He hung there until a good man, who loved Him, had His body taken from the Cross and laid in his own tomb.

"The wicked men were so afraid that someone would take this body away that they sent soldiers to see that no one came there.

"But three days after an angel rolled the stone away and he was so bright with his shining clothes that it dazzled the soldiers that they could not see, and then Jesus walked into the garden and spoke to some women who loved Him. But He was so beautiful they did not know Him at first; when they did, they ran and told all the people that Jesus Christ had risen.

"That is why every year we keep Easter Day. Jesus died for us and rose again and we can never die, that is not really die. This part of us that we see will die some time, but something inside will go on living forever, not down here but up in Heaven, with God and the angels.

Now," said Elizabeth, "I have told you all I can, and don't you just love Jesus lots and lots, and don't you want to say to me, 'He is risen, indeed!'"

Do you wonder that the man answered her? Elizabeth never told me, but years after, I went back to S— for her wedding, and as I passed through the church yard after the ceremony, I saw an old man with a peaceful look in his faded eyes who followed the bride down the flagstone walk, while he said softly to himself: "God bless her! God bless her!"

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(Part III)

Holiness —

Begun In

Regeneration

by Paul Miller,
Assistant General Superintendent

Man was created a holy person — this simple statement of fact is without argument. Genesis, Chapter one and verse 27-31 declares it to be so. "In the image of God" beyond any doubt refers to the spiritual image, if not the physical image. All that God was in holy perfection, man was. He had to be this to be in the image of God.

It is my thinking that man was also perfect in judgment, for he named all the animals God had created and their names perfectly suit their characteristics. We speak of a strong old ox, as mean as a bull or as dirty as a pig, but I will admit that if the characteristics had not already been attached to their names, I do not know of one who could have perfectly named them except the perfect man of God. Man was created physically perfect. He was created to rule as a King, to have dominion over all of God's creation and to subdue the earth.

Man today is only a resemblance of what God intended him to be. Created perfect in judgment he now makes mistakes; created physically perfect he now is subjected to sickness, pain and death. Created to rule as a king, he now is a slave. Created a holy being, he is now depraved, bent to sinning and is totally unholy. God himself has declared, "that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." (Gens 6:5) Through Jeremiah 17:9 God declares, "the heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" In Jer. 5:23 He said, "this people hath a revolting heart." Present conditions will attest to this biblical fact.

Man, if he is to carry out the divine command to be holy, must find a place to start and a way to God and His divine nature, but how can he do this and to what extent is his recovery?

It is true, God has made provision for fallen man. There will be no one reading this article that doubts this.

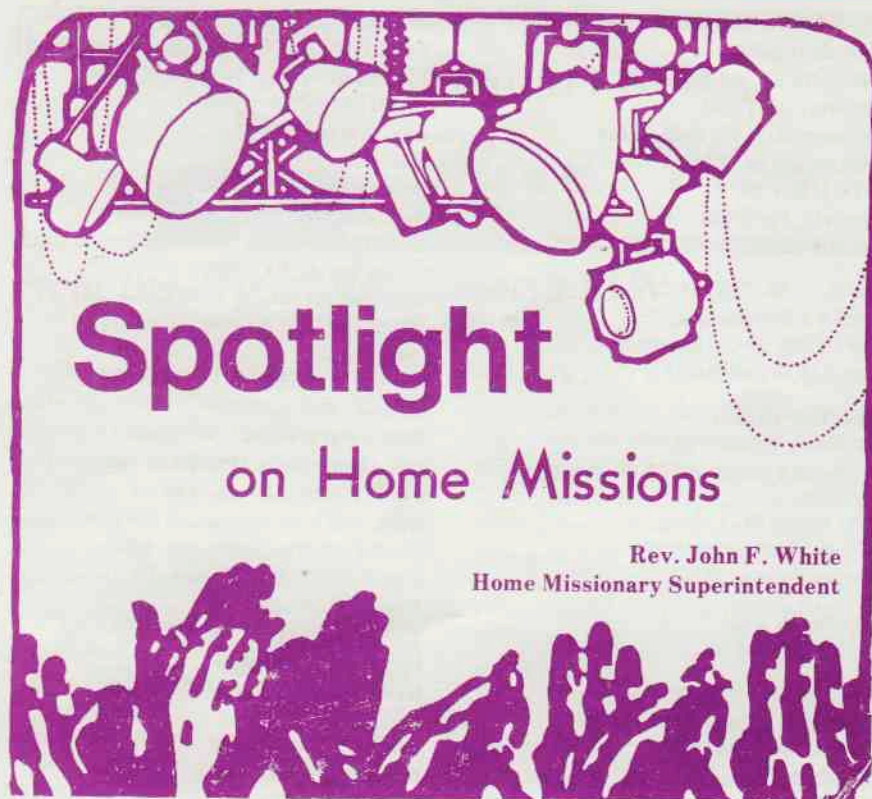
The Gospels, (Good News about Jesus Christ), the Acts and Paul's great doctrinal book, Romans all acclaim, (salvation through His, (Christ's) blood by faith."

All the good news in the book will not help me unless I am thoroughly convinced that I am a sinner and am so convicted that I want to be restored, (saved). Man in his depravity must be so enlightened and convicted or he will never move toward God. We may declare our state to be a social malfunction, a mental meladjustment or an illness if we wish, and these are the terms that modern psychology and psychiatry have given to sin, but until I confess, "I am a sinner," I cannot start toward God. Once I am convicted for sin, I am saved from sin. We speak of this personal experience in regeneration as the **new birth**, namely because He is our personal Savior, we have met Him as such, received the witness of the Spirit and now become the sons of God (Romans 8:16). In this new birth all the committed sins of the past are forgiven and remembered against us no more forever. Since sin, the "acts" of committed sin, is a matter of our desires and will, these sins must be repented of and forgiven.

Perhaps this is to most readers elementary reading and a bit tedious but I am thoroughly convinced that much of our problem in holiness movement is a lack of clarity or understanding of this work of grace. The first prerequisite to be holy is to be clear in the first work of grace. A clear witness to regeneration will eliminate much of the easy backsliding, so characteristic of our day and the confusion in seeking the second work of grace and the shallow experience of the holiness professor.

Regeneration need not be cheapened to exalt holiness. This experience is vitally needed, is perfect in its accomplishment and causes the one who has received it to live above sin. He does not willfully go sinning nor does it give one an excuse to commit any acts of sin usually contributed to the carnal nature. John Wesley said, "Regeneration of the new birth is the work of holiness begun and will cause one to live without sin or without the practice of sin." (Plain Account of Christian Perfection) It is a glorious experience, perfect in its own work, bringing joy and peace. We cannot put too much emphasis upon this experience.

(To Be Continued)



Rev. John F. White

Home Missionary Superintendent

Publishing The Word Of God

Acts. 13: 49

Among the many activities of your conference Home Missionary department is conducting rallies in the churches. At these rallies we have special emphasis placed on the publishing of the Word of God. We have learned that the only thing that will stand the test of our times is the unshakeable Word of the Lord. The Word of God has power, security, blessing, warning and a challenge. It is our privilege on this page in this issue to give you some first hand reports of the different rallies conducted so far. We trust as you read them you will be blessed as we were in conducting them.

Beavertown Church

A special Home Missionary rally was conducted November 12, 1980 at the Beavertown Church. Rev. James Bates and his wonderful congregation gave a warm welcome to Rev. and Mrs. John Zechman who conducted the rally. God was gracious to come and bless in a marvelous way. Sis. Zechman sang the song "We Won't Have to Cross Jordan Alone." The folks got blessed as God settled in. Bro. Zechman spoke about the various works we are engaged in, then brought a message from I Sam. 17: 29. "And David said, What have I done..?" The preacher stressed the Holiness

way, the old fashion way of the scriptures, that this was the cause of being a Home Missionary. Our goal is to win souls for the Lord, and see new spiritual churches started. A fine offering was received.

Dover Church

On November 26, 1980 Bro. and Sis. Zechman traveled to Dover, Penna. to conduct a Home Missionary rally. Rev. Eugene Winter is the good pastor here. Bro. Zechman reports "we were thrilled with what we found, this being our first visit to the church. The building is a beautiful church, and a lovely, old fashion congregation. After Sis. Zechman sang a special number, Bro. Zechman presented the works of our department. After this he preached on "Co-workers together in Home Missions." His text was found in Luke 18:1 where the Lord appointed and sent out the seventy, two by two. The Lord truly helped Bro. Zechman and another successful Home Missionary Rally came to a conclusion with a fine offering for the work.

Hanover-Second Church

On November 29th Bro. Church and I traveled to Hanover, Pa. for a Home Missionary Rally. This Rally saw representation from Both Hanover churches and the York church. A

wonderful spirit prevailed in the rally. Bro. Shaffer, our Treasurer lead the song service. I, as Home Missionary Superintendent, gave the projects of the Department. Special numbers in song were brought by a trio from the Hanover Church, and a brother from the new York Church. Pastors Paul Martin, and Bro. Brink gave stirring testimonials. Bro. David Church then brought an excellent message from the book of Exodus. When Moses and Aaron stood before Pharoah and demanded the release of the children of Israel, the king responded, "I know not God." Bro. Church reminded us of how many people yet today can say this. Then he said if we do not tell about the Lord, who will? He spoke of the tragedy of them not hearing and the blessing of winning the lost. A wonderful altar service followed the message. After the service the pastor of Airport Hanover church took us to his home where we inspected the remodeling at the parsonage. On the way to the meeting Bro. Church and I stopped and saw the great work at the York church. The building is slowly but wonderfully going up.

Salunga Church

Rev. John Zechman, Alvin Shaffer and I traveled to the Salunga church for a Home Missionary Rally on Thursday, February 12th. There we were given a wonderful welcome by both pastor and people. A fine group was at the service and we enjoyed the church orchestra in the song service. Special numbers in song were given by Bros. Zechman and White. Bro. Zechman also played several horn numbers. Bro. Shaffer told of the offering needs and a fine offering was received. I gave the projects of our Department as well as leading the service and played the piano. Bro. Zechman brought a stirring message to us on David and the Giant. He said many giants are in the land today but the same God that gave David the victory has victory for us. David heard the challenge and accepted the "Cause" and won the battle. We must see the cause of Home Missions in our day and take up the challenge. Bro. Zechman told of David's opposition from his own brothers, but went ahead in the name of the Lord. Home Missions has many foes but we also have the Name of the Lord. The Rally concluded with a feeling of blessing in our midst. Bro. LaDette Cooley and his fine people were very gracious to us and we were glad to be among them.

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March 21, 1981	7:30 P.M.
March 22, 1981	7:30 P.M.
March 27, 1981	7:30 P.M.
March 28, 1981	6:00 P.M.
March 29, 1981	10:30 A.M.
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April 8, 1981	7:30 P.M.
April 26, 1981	10:30 A.M.
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Lewistown, Pa. - God's Missionary Church
Sunbury, Pa. - Albright United Methodist Church
East Worchester, New York - Pilgrim Holiness Church of New York
Marcy, New York - Pilgrim Holiness Church of New York
Canandaigua, New York - Pilgrim Holiness Church of New York
Owego, New York - Church of Christ in Christian Union
Berkeley Springs, West Virginia - God's Missionary Church
Trappe, Maryland - Wesleyan
Denton, Maryland - Church of Christ in Christian Union
Lebanon, Pa. - God's Missionary Church
Hanover, Pa. - Evangelical Brethren
Strattanville, Pa. - Pilgrim Holiness Church of New York
Penns Valley, Pa. - God's Missionary Church



From the desk of Rev. Kenneth E. Walter --
President

We are pleased to report that in spite of what some may say we are having a good year. Certainly we have had some problems but God has helped us to overcome most of them and we are rejoicing in Him. The blessings far outweigh the problems and we are encouraged to carry on.

I well remember Dr. C. N. Hostetter on one occasion preaching on the subject of "truth". In that message he said, "A lie can get half way around the world before truth can get its boots on." I have witnessed that time and time again. Very seldom do I hear someone say, "I heard something good about Penn View", but I have often been crushed at heart as rumors of problems which have been distorted and blown totally out of proportion come filtering back from a long journey with no one caring enough to check out the facts before they pass it on.

Only eternity will reveal all the harm that has been done in thwarting the plan of God and hindering His purpose by promoting unjust criticism. God's work can and will triumph over it but how tragic that those who profess to love God would allow Satan to use them as an instrument to hinder and destroy a part of that which they profess to love.

I share these thoughts with you not only in concern for our school but for the church in general. My concern about government interference with our church school is not half so great as this. If God's people would be united and love one another as they should all the forces of evil could not prevail against us but we make ourselves an easy prey as we bite and devour one another and destroy ourselves from within.

There are so many things which we can promote for the glory of God and the edifying of the body of Christ and it really wouldn't be anymore hypocritical to promote them and let God take care of that which is evil than it is to always promote the evil and overlook the good.

Our Dean of Men, Mr. Wilson and I were conversing the other day about our students and the good progress some of them have made this year. We rejoiced together as we analysed how some of their attitudes have changed and their lives have been transformed. What a thrill to hear them testify spontaneously in Chapel to a clear and positive experience of holiness.

The effect of our recent Indoor Camp will not soon be erased. The unique ministry of Rev. Francis Richmond has made an indelible impression upon the mind of our students. Many are still testifying with gratitude for the light and the understanding which has delivered them from darkness and wrought a positive experience in their heart.

A current tally of our student body reveals 162 elementary and high school students and around sixty Institute students. Some of them are not yet saved and many more are not sanctified but we are praying and believing God for them. They need a lot of love, patience and understanding but they are worth the investment. The enemy would like to sift them as wheat and shipwreck their lives but by the grace of God we intend to win them for Christ.

Dr. Smeal, our Professor of English is great at sharing good things with others. He was so pleased with the works of the Institute freshman class that he shared several essays with me. The class was given a list of words and told to use at last fifty of them in writing an essay. Last month I shared one of them written by Linda Walter. The following is another outstanding essay written by Linda Denery from Lanesboro, Massachusetts.

Keep Encouraged!

Deuteronomy 31:6 - "Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee."

We stress the great importance to remember that after you have accepted Christ as your Saviour, and you have the assurance your sins are forgiven, everything is not going to be all sunshine and roses. The Devil is out to seek his prey. You and I are that prey. God has recreated us into a new being. His presence is very real in our lives; however, we must continuously be on our guard. The Devil fights hard. He is very sneaky and tries to catch us off guard. He works in even our practical, everyday lives. If Satan can get us wrapped up in everyday living so that we allow earthly things to come before spiritual things, he can easily get us to backslide.

I have good news! The Lord can deliver us from every hindrance the Devil puts in our pathway! Praise the Lord! The song comes to my mind, "Peace in the Midst of the Storm". We can have a quietness and rest in our souls even when we are persecuted. We can stand on His promises - that He will hear our pleas when we pray and will give us the endurance to persevere to the end. For every disturbance of the enemy, the Lord pours out another blessing.

We read in the Bible how God would raise up a Messiah who would reign over all. Many of the prophets in the Old Testament prophesied His coming. When God saw the world was ready, He sent His Son, just as the prophecies read. God's Son was born of a poor family in a very plain setting. I think the fact is quite amazing that God would love us enough to give up His Son just for me and for you. Since God has done that, I believe He will give us the patience and tolerance we need in order to resist the Devil. We can rely on His promise of guidance. We can be assured that someday God will take His vengeance on the Devil.

I think of the time when I was saved. I remember the countenances of the Christians. The rays straight from heaven's glory seemed to shine on their faces. I wanted the glory too, I sought and I found! I too found salvation a reality. I was happy! I had the same rapt look on my face, and heaven's radiance shone out from me. I also learned how the Devil can fight, but I will no surrender. I have an inheritance in heaven. I would not grieve my wonderful Lord for anything. I pledged Him my allegiance, and I plan to stay true.

by Linda Denery



WHAT'S HAPPENING?

ANNUAL MISSIONARY CONVENTION

DATE: April 27, 28, 29, 1981
TIME: Chapel 10:30
 Seminars 11:00 - 3:00
 Evening Service 7:30
PLACE: Penn View Bible Institute Chapel
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