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## CHRISTMAS IS LOVE

The joyous Christmas Season is upon us once more. In the course of time and the years, we are brought to face the annual reminder of God's marvelous love in giving His Son to be our Saviour.

In our preparation for the observance of this significant Season, we must not lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas. Amid the customary trimming of trees, hanging the stockings, giving of gifts, and feasting on the traditional turkey, it is easy to forget the cause of our celebration.

Christmas may have varied meanings to various people. But to me the meaning of Christmas can be summed up in the word L-O-V-E. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son . . ."

God is love. It is His very nature and character. It is the essence of His constitution and the substance of His glorious being. When He gave His Son to save a sinful world it was the greatest demonstration of love this world has ever known. "God commended (proved, exhibited) His love toward us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us" (Romans 5:28). "In this was manifest the love of God toward us, because that God sent His only begotten Son into the world that we might live through Him" (I John 4:9).

This divine love, however, is not just confined to God. To every child of God this pinnacle of divine grace is imparted. It is wrought in the heart by the Holy Spirit. It is not superficial sentimentality, sociability, or human emotion. But love is a sublime, supernatural flowing forth of the life of God into the human heart. It is the infusion of all that God is into our souls.

As a result of this Spiritual impartation of love, we ought to let love control, dominate, and characterize our life. "If God so loved us, we ought to love one another." Again Peter says, "Above all things have fervent love among yourselves." Jesus tells us that love is the greatest commandment (Matthew 22:37-40), and Paul wrote that it was the end of the commandment.

This great need of the Church universal and especially our Free Will Baptist fellowship is a new baptism of love. Love for the brethren is measured by the love we have for Christ (I John 4: 20-21). It is the acid test of our spirituality. It is the mark of maturity. Genuine faith in God will produce genuine love in our hearts for our brethren.

A head knowledge of love will not suffice. It must be translated into action. It must be exercised, practiced, and demonstrated. Love displays humility. It is the opposite of conceit, pride, and an arrogant attitude. It does not promote a clique or party spirit. It is meek, patient, and long suffering. It exercises itself in restraint and self-control. It repels stubbornness, resentment, and bitterness. It endures affliction. It does not tolerate ill will or unforgiveness.

Love is not compromise but rather it is the foundation upon which we build and the bond that keeps us seeking the solution to our problems. Love promotes unity and understanding. It contends for truth without being contentious. It is not devisive, self-seeking, or dictatorial. It is not jealous nor possessive. It is not destructive but constructive.

Paul prayed that the Ephesian Church might be rooted and grounded in love. It is my same prayer for our denomination at this Christmas Season.

Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, Love divine;

Love was born at Christmas, stars and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead, Love incarnate, Love divine,

Worship we our Jesus, but where-with  
for sacred signs?

Love shall be our token, Love be yours  
and Love be mine;

Love to God and all men, Love for  
plea and gift and sign.

—Christiana Rosetti



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Christmas is a time of giving—giving to those in need, spiritually and physically. Even before we start our Christmas shopping, let us make a gift to missions or to our church. We are then apt to be more careful what we spend on gifts for friends and family. The first Christmas originated because someone gave a gift of self. In remembering Jesus Christ, the greatest gift of self ever known, may our gift giving this year be an expression of our love for Him.





# religious news

## Maf Flyer Killed In Air Crash

FULLERTON, Calif. (EP)—Don Roberson, a veteran flyer of eight years with Missionary Aviation Fellowship, and a missionary passenger were killed in the Venezuelan jungles near Puerto Ayacucho when an MAF Cessna 180 crashed on October 6.

The accident was the first fatal mishap in the 23-year, 15-mission-mile history of the American MAF which serves 40 mission societies in 14 countries.

## Signs Pornography Bill

WASHINGTON, D.C. (EP)—President Lyndon B. Johnson reportedly has signed into law a bill to create an 18-member commission to recommend steps to control the flow of obscene and pornographic material.

## Marine Helmet Inscription

CON THIEN, Vietnam (EP)—Peering out of his foxhole while taking repeated shellings from the North Vietnamese, a U.S. Marine's helmet was conspicuous by its inscription.

Blazoned across the hard hat were the words, "In God We Trust."

Another soldier described how a bullet from a Communist enemy gun punctured his vest pocket New Testament and stopped at the 91st Psalm. The G.I. said he never before that date had read the verse: "A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee."

## General Baptists Establish Commissions

DAVENPORT, IOWA (EP)—In general sessions of their 98th annual meeting in the Blackhawk Hotel here, delegates of the General Association of General Baptists voted to form a historical society two years ahead of its centennial observance. In other action, the Baptists established commissions for Chaplains' services and for radio and television ministries.

New officers included the Rev. Glen Lashley, pastor of the First General Baptist church at Oakland City, Indiana (moderator); Mr. Vern Whitten of Evansville, Indiana (re-elected clerk);

and the Rev. Dale Porter of St. Louis (reading clerk).

## Alcohol Study Promotes Drinking

WASHINGTON, D.C. (EP)—Solutions to the alcohol problem in America today tend to be wet rather than dry, according to a government-sponsored study on the matter.

The special committee said it should be national policy to promote drinking in a family setting and recommended a reduction in the legal age for buying and for drinking of alcoholic beverages publicly to 18 throughout the country.

These proposals were immediately and forcefully endorsed by the National Council of the Churches of Christ, which called them a part of a "total alcohol program" aiming at deliberate changes in American drinking patterns. The Council thinks home drinking will lessen the scourge of alcoholism plaguing more and more Americans.

The report was made from a study carried on over the past five years with a \$1-million grant from the National Institute of Mental Health by a 21-member Cooperative Commission on the Study of Alcoholism, working out of Stanford University.

## C.O.'s May Hide In Churches

NEW YORK (EP)—Young men who refuse to be drafted into the Armed Forces will be able to hide from the long fingers of the law, if pledges by clergymen and literary figures gathered here are kept.

The group offered asylum in churches and synagogues, "So that this country can see the nation is in violation of basic laws," said the Rev. William S. Coffin, Jr., chaplain at Yale University.

He was chairman at a meeting this week of representatives of a group of 320 signers of a document titled "A Call to Resist Illegitimate Authority."

Among the signatories were 35 clergymen.

The Selective Service Act makes it illegal for anyone to abet, aid or counsel men to refuse the draft.

Said Coffin: "If a further mockery of American justice is not to be made, we (the clergymen) must be arrested too."

## Bob Jones Replies To NCC

GREENVILLE, S.C. (EP) "The issues that stand between Bible-believing, Bible-obeying Christians and the National Council of the Churches of Christ are the issues of heaven and hell, trust and error, God and the devil," according to Dr. Bob Jones, Jr., president of Bob Jones University here.

The educator made the remarks in reply to an appeal from officials of the National Council of Churches meeting in Atlanta to "clarify the issues that stand between us."

The NCC, according to a UPI report, wants conservative fundamentalists to end their bitter war of words.

"The Council's General Board—expecting to reach national and theological conservatives such as Bob Jones and the fundamental Christian church—asked for 'clarification of the issues that stand between us,'" the wire story stated.

Dr. Jones said, "It is strange that the National Council of Churches should ask us to clarify something they specialize in trying to confuse. The issues that stand between Bible-believing, Bible-obeying Christians and the National Council of Churches are the issues of heaven and hell, trust and error, God and the devil. It is a matter of whose side you are on—righteousness or ungodliness, sound doctrine or apostasy.

"Anybody who knows anything about the National Council of Churches," he added, "knows they have no concern for truth and their leaders and promoters are outrageous liars whenever it suits their purpose. They misrepresent the facts regarding their position and they slander those who stand for the Bible and expose their apostasy."

## Graham Decides On University

DALLAS (EP)—"We'll decide before Christmas," Evangelist Billy Graham revealed here in an interview when questioned about his plans to establish a university.

The school to train evangelists and other religion specialists for service throughout the world reportedly would cost \$50 million for the plant alone, thus requiring a major fund-raising effort.



# THEN JESUS CAME

***From pulpits across our denomination this month ministers will herald the glorious message that embodies the thrill of Christmas: the great mystery of all ages was consummated in Bethlehem nearly 2000 years ago—the God of the ages emerged as a newborn babe from the womb of the virgin mother.***



by Lonnie Skiles

**G**OD has forgotten! Surely God has forgotten! These, or similar thoughts, plagued the minds of the people of Israel. And truly it must have seemed that God *had* forgotten them.

For over 4000 years God had been promising His people that a deliverer—a saviour—a messiah would come. Yes, as early as the creation scene God had initiated this promise. In Genesis 3:15, that great “key verse” of the entire Bible, we find the birth of this promise. It is to Satan, himself, in the Garden of Eden that it is first voiced: “And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.” God did not leave it merely as a warning to Satan, however. Throughout Old Testament scripture, on *specific occasions*, in *specific words*, and to *specific people*, this promise is reaffirmed.

The Messiah is to be of the seed of Abraham (Gen. 12:3). He is to be a “star out of Jacob” (Numbers 24:17), signifying more specific family lines. The very tribe (Judah) through which He is to come is revealed (Gen. 49:10). To David is given the promise that Messiah will be of his house and lineage and will establish his throne forever (II Sam. 7:16 and Psalm 89:35-36). He is to be a ruler over Israel (Isa. 9:6 and

Micah 5:2); a light to the Gentiles in darkness (Isa. 42:6-7); and a liberator to those bound by chains of sin (Isa. 61:1-2). These and a multitude of other promises were made by God concerning this matter.

But with all this, it *did* seem that God had *forgotten*. After all, it had been over 400 years since the voice of God had sounded within the borders of Israel. Over 400 years since a prophet had arisen to proclaim God’s message of hope to people. No vision or dream; no light to brighten the darkness of despair and doubt. For longer than that, the nation of Israel had been under bondage to one people or another; and now the oppression of the Roman tyrants made the burden almost unbearable. The Jewish people were enslaved, both spiritually and politically. The spiritual famine that had plagued their land for the past 40 years had even corrupted their religion to the point that it was no longer a joyful worship of Jehovah God, but a tedious burden enforced by their own corrupted religious leaders. Even creation itself was groaning and travailing under this heavy burden of physical and spiritual bondage (Rom. 8:22). If ever a deliverer was needed, surely it was *now*.

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FROM THE  
GREEK NEW TESTAMENT

by ROBERT PICIRILLI

Then Jesus came! As a light shining through the darkness! As a note of harmony in the midst of discord and confusion! As a bright day of hope in the midnight of despair! To a lonely group of shepherds, in the stillness of the night, this great light broke forth; a host of angelic beings proclaiming the arrival of the long-awaited Messiah. "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people," the angel said. "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Good news indeed! Why, this was unbelievable! Could this really be happening? After 4000 years of waiting—after 400 years of complete spiritual darkness—could this *really* be the Messiah of Israel?

Who can imagine the mingled fears, wonder, and ecstasy that filled the hearts of these simple shepherds as they began to realize the full implications of this announcement. Who can really imagine the thoughts of their hearts as they quickly left their sheep and journeyed to Bethlehem to confirm this wonderful news? Who can understand their mixed emotions when they found their King lying in a manger, with the beasts of the stable as His attendants, born of a virgin of humble parentage?

No, God had *not* forgotten. This is part of the impact of Christ's birth—the fact that God does *not* forget His promises. But it surely must have seemed strange that He would fulfill His promise in this manner. Jesus had come, not as a king, but as a servant. His purpose was not to set up an earthly, but a spiritual kingdom. He was born under the humblest of circumstances, for He, Himself, said that He "come not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his

life a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45). This is the stumbling block over which the Jewish nation fell.

Then Jesus came—and even though "his own received him not", still the world has never been the same since that day. His earthly life and ministry left an unforgettable impression on the world, for He not only healed the sick and raised the dead, but more important, He brought deliverance to their sin-sick souls. In Him was forgiveness of sins and eternal salvation for the soul. "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God" (John 1:12). His influence was so great that they killed Him. But even this could not stop, nor even hinder, His influence, for He broke the power of sin, bruising the head of Satan on the cross. He completed the plan of salvation by offering Himself as the sacrifice, once and for all, for the sins of the world. After three days in the grave, He came forth victorious over death and hell. Because of this, the Church of Jesus Christ was born, has survived the onslaughts of Satan in the centuries since, and stands today as the only stabilizing force in a world rocked with sin and chaos.

Then Jesus came—and who can, with words, describe the far reaching effects of that coming? Yea, who would even undertake such an overpowering task? Suffice it to say that to one who has come to know Him personally, His coming meant and means *everything*. When the fulness of time was come, God sent forth His Son "that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). "And unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation" (Heb. 9:28). □□

There are three different words in the Greek New Testament which are, in various places, translated by our English word "rest," but they do not each have exactly the same connotation.

The first one to be mentioned is used in 2 Thessalonians 1:7, where Paul promises that the persecuted Christians will be given "rest" when Jesus returns. The word here is *anesis*, and it does not refer to the kind of "rest" we usually think of when we speak of resting from hard work or other type of activity. Instead, this word means "relaxation" in its literal sense, that is the "loosening" of strings or cords that have been tightly drawn. The picture is that of threads being tied in knots and pulled tightly around something that is then restricted by the interference; then comes *release*. The idea is basically the same as when we think of a person all tensed up needing something to relax him or loosen him up. Jesus promises us, therefore, this kind of "rest" when He returns.

The next word to be mentioned *does* involve that idea we usually have when we think of rest, that is a period of respite after one has been hard at work or involved in long activity and has grown tired. This word is *anapausis*, and one of its occurrences is in Revelation 14:11 where the doomed are said to have "no rest, day or night." What an awful picture of the wicked dead for whom eternity is like endless labor with never a moment's let-up for rest.

It will be noted that this second word does not at all imply *permanent rest*; it is a temporary relief, implying refreshment as a preparation for the renewal of activity. Thus Jesus, in Matthew 11:29, is not promising permanent rest, but the temporary refreshings we can always find in Him to relieve us and recover us for a fresh thrusting forth into our labors and battles.

The third word, however, does refer to permanent rest. This word is *kata-pausis* and occurs in Acts 7:49 and in chapters 3 and 4 of Hebrews.



# A DAILY RADIO MINISTRY

*How far reaching are the effects of a church-sponsored radio ministry? A southern pastor places this strategic ministry in the limelight of his local church program.*

**By Guy Owens**  
**Florence, South Carolina**

ON APRIL 18, 1966, I sat before the microphone at WJMX radio station in Florence, S. C. The announcer gave the time—10:30 A.M. The red light above the plateglass window flashed, meaning I was on. I said, "Greetings, friends, and welcome to *Preaching the Truth in Love*. This is Guy Owens, pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church, 1507 King Avenue, Florence, S. C."

Daily, we have introduced our program with the theme "Throw Out the Life-Line", sung by the beautiful and dedicated tenor voice of Bill Gardner. We began with a daily trip to the radio station and then went to a direct line and had an amplifier installed in a Sunday school room in our church with blankets taped to the walls for acoustical effects. Now, we have a completely sound-proof studio with our own professional recording and broadcasting equipment valued at \$1,000.00.

It all started in the choir room of Philadelphia Free Will Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan, where I was pastoring. Tom Lilley, then pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church, Pontiac, Michigan, urged me to begin a radio ministry in Detroit, stating that he felt my type message and delivery would be successful. I did not feel impressed to begin radio work then because I was already considering leaving the Detroit church for another pastorate. But this suggestion planted the thought in my mind, and I never forgot it. Upon ac-

cepting the pastorate of First Free Will Baptist Church in Florence, S. C., I knew that I would attempt a daily radio ministry.

## **The Beginning**

Driven by the abiding conviction that God wanted me to begin a daily, faith radio ministry, I went to the manager of radio station WJMX (as I have with each succeeding station we have taken on) and asked if he would sell me time. If the venture should fail, I promised to personally pay off the indebtedness on a monthly installment basis. This he graciously agreed to do.

I returned to my church and laid the plan before the congregation. I told them that if they felt impressed to give a weekly or monthly offering to radio through our church above their regular tithe and missionary giving, I would be happy. In instructed them that whatever they did was not to interfere with regular or missionary giving.

We began with a 15-minute daily program at 10:30 a.m., with an option on the other 10 minutes before network news. God worked miracles to meet our financial needs, and within two months we took the other 10 minutes, expanding to 25 minutes daily. This gave time for a special message in song, a 15-or 16-minute message and three or four minutes at closing to announce a FREE LITERATURE offer and give my telephone number inviting interested persons to call.



### Free Literature Ministry

From the very first day we have given away FREE literature, not requiring our listeners to send a gift to receive it. We have found the producers of good literature cooperative in making this literature available to us at a discount we could afford. *Our voice* remains on the air only a few minutes daily. *The literature* is in the home 24 hours of every day. Recently a man called from a neighboring city—he had received one of our books while in jail. Now, months later, he was convicted and sought help. We give this literature, trusting God to make it a blessing and to send in sufficient gifts to pay our necessary expenses. We have distributed literally thousands of pieces of literature these few months.

### Does The Radio Ministry Help The Local Church?

This question is asked often by interested pastors and friends. The answer is an emphatic "YES". This past Sunday we had 293 for Sunday school without any promotion at all. We have had a "packed house" for morning preaching service with chairs brought in for many weeks, and our evening service has grown by one-third, averaging near 200. This past year we have had a record number of conversions, backsliders restored and people joining our church. Much of this was either directly or indirectly related to our radio ministry. This is not to mention the scores of visitors who come regularly to be in services featuring singing and preaching like that they hear on radio. This past year attendance at all our services was up over the previous year with a 25% average attendance increase in our Sunday school.

### Has It Paid Off In Spiritual Results?

Each day as I leave the air I give my phone number inviting interested persons to call for spiritual help and prayer if needed. This has brought hundreds of calls—some seeking salvation, backsliders seeking to get right with God, others request prayer, some inquiring what we as a church believe and some taking issue with some point of the message. Some of these have been prayed with over the phone. Some have been invited to come to the study for counseling, and others have been contacted through our weekly visitation program.

One day, as our special music, Bobby Jackson was singing "Don't Take Your Eyes Off The Saviour". A terribly defeated and discouraged Christian woman, ready to resign her Sunday school class in one of our churches, heard the message, went into her bedroom, fell across



**From an amplifier installed in a Sunday school room with blankets taped to the walls for acoustical effects (above), the First Church in Florence, South Carolina now has a completely sound proof studio (below) with their own professional recording and broadcasting equipment valued at \$1,000.00. The monthly radio budget, which began at \$300, has reached the \$1,000 mark.**



the bed weeping and praying. She re-dedicated her life to the Lord and wrote me about the experience. A young colored man in his early twenties called for help, came by, accepted Christ. He was our first known convert. A lost church member heard the program over both our local stations. I visited him in the hospital. It was an easy matter to win him because the radio message had prepared him for my visit. A defeated Christian man called, came by, and after prayer and counseling left in glorious victory. An unsaved deacon in a liberal church and large denomination heard the message over powerful WJMX while riding toward Florence. When he arrived in town he phoned to inquire if I would see him. God had been opening his eyes for months, and that particular program brought him to the point that something just had to be done. In our radio studio we knelt and prayed as he received Christ. A precious woman came to our services, asked to see me after the service. The series of messages on "The Prodigal Son" brought this backslider back to God. She joined our church and is regular in attendance today.

### Whom Does Radio Reach?

All classes are reached by this medium. We have received letters (approximately 2000) and telephone contacts (approximately 300) from rich and poor, white and colored, educated and some whose writing we cannot even read. We have a particularly wide ministry among housewives, office workers, people whose jobs require traveling. We receive letters from hospitals and nursing homes. Another thrill is to be able to preach the gospel to multitudes of people, both colored and white, who regularly attend liberal churches where the gospel is not preached. The eyes of many have been opened and are some of our best listeners and most regular supporters.

### Who Supports a Free Will Baptist Radio Ministry?

Every day I have identified myself and the church I pastor unashamedly as FREE WILL BAPTIST. I have uncompromisingly preached the whole Word of God. I have sought not to ride hobbies or over-play denominational doctrines. I have been specific and plain in denouncing sin as well as exalting the Saviour. Who supports this type preaching? Let me put at the head of the list our own Free Will Baptist people. Lay people and preachers alike have been very generous in support. Southern Baptists. Independent Baptists, Methodists. Southern

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## A Daily Radio Ministry

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Methodists, Wesleyan Methodists, Plymouth Brethren, Presbyterians, Nazarenes, Episcopalians and several branches of Pentecostals and Church of God to mention a few other denominations by name. What kind of people are they? What kind of places do they fill in everyday life? Farmers, housewives, day laborers, mechanics, traveling salesmen, mail carriers, electricians, bank tellers, doctors, carpenters, sign painters, picture framers, undertakers, merchants, printers, barbers, preachers, piano tuners, politicians, clerks, insurance agents, woman's auxiliary circles, Sunday school classes and sister churches.

This month we have an unusually large budget to meet. Our mail has been average. But this past Friday a friend stopped by with a \$50.00 gift. He had been to have his eyes examined. His physician, whom I had never met, asked him to deliver the check. A Christian lady, not a member of our church, stopped by the parsonage and left \$80.00. She had been praying about where to give it, and God impressed her to give it to our radio ministry. A young man had been doing some surveying off hours from his regular job. He gave \$50.00 unexpectedly. Another man had received a large bonus for the year and gave \$78.00. I could go on and on.

The point I wish to make is this—the world is hungry, almost starving for the Bread of Life as revealed in the Word of God. The only person who can satisfy the heart is Jesus Christ. Another thing deeply impressed upon my heart is God's love for the preaching of His Word. God loves the gospel and will bless the most feeble effort to spread it if we only will be true to Him and preach the truth. If we will be truthful to uncompromisingly preach the whole counsel of God, He will supply our needs. God has performed many financial miracles to keep our program on the air.

### Is It Worth The Time, Labor and Money?

A radio ministry is time consuming, expensive and just plain hard work. Is it worth it? When I think of all the letters, phone calls, and decisions we have seen in this relatively short period of time along with the spiritual and numerical growth of our church, I answer with an emphatic "yes". I believe this is God's will for me. I would consider dropping many other things in our church's min-

istry before I would voluntarily quit radio.

One day a man from a large church in town came by to bring a gift. He said, "I believe your radio program is doing more for the cause of Christ than our whole church." Many fundamental churches spend thousands of dollars monthly and go sometimes for months without seeing one single conversion. Sometimes they spend more in a single week than we do in a year. Just today, as I left the air I gave my phone number. A lady 39 years old called from over 50 miles away. The message on Romans 6:23 had convicted her, and with many tears she prayed as I counseled with her over the phone and was saved. Last night we received eight new members into our church, five of whom were the direct result of radio. Yes, it is worth it all.

### The Image of Church and Pastor

The radio ministry acquaints people with your message and convictions and lets them know that here is a church that still stands for something in an age of compromise and apostasy. A ministry that strikes hard at sin and exalts Christ as the only remedy gives to the church the image of being an "evangelistic center." People will call asking you to visit lost loved ones because they know you will try to get them saved. These will be your prospects. It makes the spiritually needy conscious that here is a church and pastor that love people. They will think subconsciously, "They are concerned about me, my family and needs." Many of these will eventually call for you in time of need. When the pastor goes into a hospital, home or place of business, he is already known before he enters. They have heard him on the radio. May God help us to build churches with a message that counts and a compassion that cares. Pastor, your image and the image of your church are vitally important in the area where you labor.

### Would God Have You Start a Radio Ministry In Your Area?

I feel God must lead. There must be the personal conviction that this is the will of God for you. Not every voice and type delivery is suited to radio—but what about you? The masses are there and many can be reached. Lay your area and needs before God. Ask Him to give you clear leading in this matter. I will be happy to share with you anything I have learned if you care to correspond with me. □□

## Sunday Waste

WHO listens to those expensive Sunday morning religious services on television? Only a few religious people confined to their homes, and none of the unchurched.

That sweeping charge was leveled against the earnest preachers who grind out Sunday morning TV religious services hoping to reach vast audiences of the unconverted.

"I don't see what would attract unchurched people to church-sponsored programs," said John Bloch, a television scriptwriter who addressed a group of Christian communications specialists at Montreal.

The writer of "The Man from U.N.C.L.E.," "The Invaders," "The Rogues," and "Dr. Kildare," was speaking to delegates to the Conference on the Performing Arts and Technological Media held at Expo 67 and McGill University under the auspices of the National Council of Churches.

"All the money and energy being channeled into half-hour programming on Sunday morning is a waste," he said. "It's incestuous . . . because you're talking only to yourselves. What you are reaching are religious people confined to their homes." Mr. Bloch urged pastors and evangelists to spend time working with writers, producers and directors who put content into prime-time evening viewing. There, he said, is where the church could do the most good for the most people.

"At this moment the producers, directors and writers of television programs don't need the church," Mr. Bloch is quoted in the New York Times as saying. "Producers are concerned about significance and meaning and some of them try to slip their values through the system whenever they can, hoping they'll be seen and felt. But as for the church—who needs it?"

Billions do, of course, but perhaps they don't need the dreary TV channels of communications at the traditional church time each week. Perhaps it is time to lay aside programs for organs and carpeting while evangelistic opportunities, job training programs and struggles against poverty prevail. We can ignore the first remarks of writer Bloch's secular viewpoint, but not his conclusion:

"So many of your materials put emphasis on the big generalities of Christianity. They make no connection between faith and action. They don't speak in the language of today's young people." —NBR

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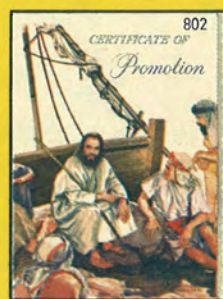
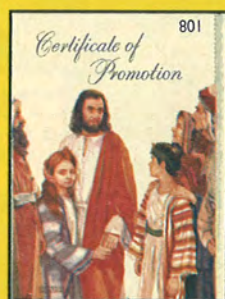
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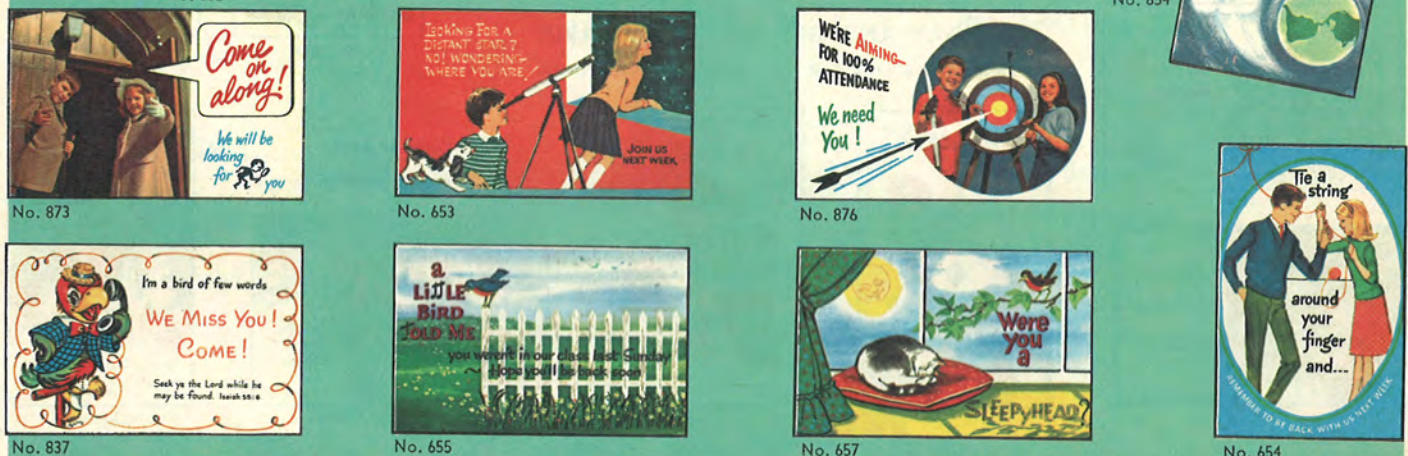


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*Pictured on the right are several students in the central lounge of the new men's dormitory at Free Will Baptist Bible College. The furniture is being provided through projects sponsored by small groups across the denomination.*



## glancing around the states

### Promotes Furniture Projects

Free Will Baptist Bible College has adopted a small-projects plan to provide furniture for the school's new men's dormitory and classroom building. Development Campaign Director Jack Paramore has announced that the school is urging state associations, quarterly meetings, auxiliaries, C.T.S. groups and Sunday schools across the denomination to adopt a project that will aid in equipping these buildings. The suggested projects range from \$16 to \$7,000 and are suitable for groups of all sizes. All projects of \$200 or more may be designated as memorials.

The following projects are suggested:

Science Laboratory	\$7000
Teachers' Office Equipment	1500
Lounge Furniture (3 needed)	500
11 Typewriters (each)	275
23 Typing Desks (each)	70
23 Bookkeeping Desks (each)	40
200 Student Desks (each)	16
Lounge Furniture (Men's Dorm)	1100
Venetian Blinds (60)	600

Mirrors (60)	275
Furniture (one room)	400
Furniture (one student)	200

Announcements were recently made about the addition of two minors in the field of Business. Minors may now be earned in Business Administration and in Secretarial Administration, beyond the 2-year Business Certificate already offered. Twenty-four semester hours beyond basic freshman courses will be required for each minor.

Among the six new business courses added recently to the curriculum are Law, Business Machines, Work Experience and Seminar, Economics, and Administrative Office Management.

### Record Attendance

WAYNE, MICH.—The Community Free Will Baptist Church here recently reached a peak attendance of 911. This church was started nine and one-half years ago in a predominantly Catholic area. Plans have just been completed for a new gymnasium covering 11,000 square feet of floor space. It will be a

combination building with a full basketball court and 19 Sunday school rooms, two offices, and a kitchen surrounding.

### Visas Rejected

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Unofficial word from the Indian government indicates rejection of the second visa applications for Sherwood and Veda Lee. Their first applications were turned down earlier this year and appeal for reconsideration was made. The appointees are seeking to join the North India staff.

Meanwhile, visa applications for the Joe Haases to replace Missionary Volena Wilson in South India are still pending. It is felt that likelihood of favorable action in South India is greater than North India where border tensions complicate the situation.

Pastor D. Dorairaj, Free Will Baptist representative in South India, in late September made personal appeal before state government officials in Madras in the Haases' behalf. "The officer received me kindly," Dorairaj reports, "and ex-



plained that he had already recommended that Rev. and Mrs. Haas be permitted to come to India and had forwarded their papers to the Central Government at New Delhi. So now we must prayerfully leave the matter in the hands of God."

### Expansion Plans Approved

MOORE, OKLA.—The approval of expansion plans for the Oklahoma Bible College at Moore has been heralded by several denominational leaders as the most daring financial program ever undertaken by a state association of Free Will Baptists.

The construction program, which will provide housing for 144 students on campus, was approved by the Oklahoma State Association in their meeting at Ada, October 17-19. The two-year program will be launched immediately to provide \$455,532 for the construction of a men's dormitory and a women's dormitory each to house sixty students. Of this amount, \$155,532 will be raised through gifts from friends of the College, with \$300,000 to be raised by a bond program. The first dormitory will be started as soon as plans are drawn and sufficient finances are available. The second dormitory will be built during the second year of the campaign as funds are available.

Projected expansion plans call for the erection of a multi-purpose building to complete Phase A of the master campus plan as recently unveiled to the College Board of Trustees and viewed at the State Association. This third building would house a kitchen, dining hall, chapel, and library or classrooms. When Phase A of the building plans is completed, the College will have facilities to instruct a student body of 200 in all areas of academic work, according to OBC President, Dr. J. D. O'Donnell. The student body enrollment for the present semester now stands at eighty.

### Mission Report

NASHVILLE, TENN.—Word has been received here from Larry and Wanda Powell, missionaries to the Virgin Islands, that they recently had 18 present for Sunday services. Included in the congregation were a doctor and contractor. The young contractor is a former football star from North Carolina. He is scheduled to be in the islands for three years.

Mr. Powell reports, "I have never met so many peculiar and adventuresome

people. They are here from all over the world."

### Oldest Minister

COMANCHE, OKLA.—Rev. Tollie Maynard born in Clay County, Tennessee, July 31, 1866 now resides in the Canasta Nursing Home here at the age of 101. Mr. Maynard was licensed to preach in 1910 and ordained in 1911 in Decatur, Texas.

Pastorates held by this elderly minister include Weavers Chapel Free Will Baptist Church and Clemscott Free Will Baptist Church. It was necessary for Mr. Maynard to walk to and from preaching engagements and many times he did not arrive home until one or two in the morning. His membership is presently in the Comanche Free Will Baptist Baptist Church. He is believed to be the oldest Free Will Baptist minister.

### Building Purchased

LITTLETON, N.H.—The Littleton Free Will Baptist Church here was started in 1959 as a Home Mission Church. The group recently purchased the Christ Lutheran Church building to be used for worship services.

The first services in the newly acquired building were held October 8. Dedication services were held October 15. Rev. Eddie Riddick is the pastor.

### Retreat Cabin

BENTON, ILL.—Bear Point Free Will Baptist Church at Sesser was host for the Illinois State Woman's Auxiliary Convention in early October. A highlight of the meeting was the announcement by Mrs. Ellmae Hiltibidal of the proposed Missionary Retreat Cabin to be built on the Tabernacle grounds here. The project will be sponsored by the women of Illinois. The cabin will be for use by missionaries while in the States on furlough.

### Officers Elected

SPRINGFIELD, MO.—At a recent meeting of the Missouri State Association of Free Will Baptists Rev. Woodrow Matthews was elected Moderator; Rev. Tom Malone from Flat River was elected Assistant Moderator; Rev. Andy Lay, Kirksville, was elected Clerk; and Rev. Alton Loveless, Joplin, Assistant Clerk. Rev. Harry Beatty of St. Louis will continue as Promotional Secretary.

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# readers respond

### Helpful Article

Dear Editor:

In these days of theological confusion and ecclesiastical compromise, such scholarly articles as "Current Issues Among Evangelicals" by Dr. Robert E. Picirilli, are, in my humble judgment, timely, helpful and essential.

W. Irvin Hyman  
Jacksonville, Fla.

### Correction Please

Dear Editor:

... The news item regarding our youth camp at Springdale, Arkansas was incorrect. Our first youth camp was held in 1965 not 1967.

George Bradley  
Springdale, Arkansas

### Appreciates Emphasis

Dear Editor:

Your editorial, "Power in the Printed Page," (October 1967) brought to our attention one of the great needs of our denomination. The establishment of a Board of Publications and the merging of some of our departmental periodicals may be in the distant future. But, I too, believe that such a move would be most effective and efficient.

The cost of maintaining six departmental mailing lists, which, for the most part are identical, plus the cost of postage fees for each separate mailing, amounts to quite a staggering figure. This does not take into account the hundreds of man-hours necessary to address each departmental publication. Surely, some study must be made in this area for the sake of economics as well as efficiency.

I appreciate your emphasis on the ministry of journalism and pray that it will have an increasing part in the work of the denomination.

Robert C. Hill  
Richmond, Virginia



# THE INTERCESSION OF THE

**I**N SEVERAL verses preceding Romans 8:18-30 you will notice the significance of the indwelling of the Spirit and that the Spirit's presence in our hearts is a testimony to the glorious inheritance we will one day receive. Ephesians 1:14 speaks of the Holy Spirit in this way: "Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory." This thought, then, of the wonderful inheritance which we will one day receive, and of which the Holy Spirit is but a foretaste and guarantee, prepares us to understand the passage in Romans 8:18-25, which is our first area of study.

## **The Hope We Have By the Spirit**

Romans 8:18-25 gives us a wonderful description of the glorious hope we have, and of which the Holy Spirit is our earnest. His presence in our hearts testifies that we are sons of God and will one day come into an inheritance as heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ (note 8:17). There are several things to notice

## HOLY SPIRIT

**By Robert Picirilli**

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our behalf to give us  
these things.*

about this hope that is wrought in our hearts by the Spirit.

First, this hope gives us *confidence even in time of suffering*. This is the emphasis of verses 18-21. Human suffering is a fact of existence; the suffering of Christians at times is a specific fact of existence even though it sometimes raises questions in our minds about its meaning. In this passage Paul does not take time to comment on the meaning of suffering, but he does give us the ultimate answer: "The glory which shall be revealed in us." His approach is to turn our minds from the sufferings of the present to the permanent glory of the future; and in that light the "sufferings of this present time" fade into insignificance.

Second, this hope gives us *assurance about the ultimate redemption of our bodies*. This is the emphasis of verses 21-23. In a sense, this is the answer to the problem of suffering, for the redemption of our bodies will make them unassailable by pain, disease, or age. But it is the answer to far more than just phy-



sical suffering. The ultimate redemption of the body is the answer to everything that is a part of the present "corruption" (verse 21). Now we are, indeed, subject to suffering because of the frailties of our bodies. We are also subject to the passions and desires of the flesh in its depravity. We are weak and capable of sin. We are surrounded by a world that is not a "friend to grace." Our bodies are possessed with death, and we are always a-dying while we live. But the presence of the Spirit of God in our hearts is a testimony to the hope we have that one day our bodies will be delivered from the "bondage of corruption" when the work of redemption is extended not only to our spirits but our bodies as well, and to the whole creation.

Third, this hope gives us *patience as we wait for these promises to be fulfilled*. This is the theme of verses 24, 25. And here we understand that the hope wrought in us by the Spirit of God is a very powerful hope, one that gives us complete confidence in the future. Otherwise, we could not wait in patience. When a man is given promises of good things to come, but has no basis of assurance about them, he becomes impatient. But the promises given to us are accompanied by the very Spirit of God as an earnest of the sincerity of the Lord to deliver. We have a quiet assurance about them as a result. They are not seen yet, but to us they are as good as already seen.

### The Help We Have From the Spirit

In times of difficulty, as already noted, we get great help because of the hope wrought in our hearts by the Spirit about what God has in store for us. But this is not the only kind of help rendered us by the Spirit. Verse 26 introduces an even more encouraging thought: not only do we have the promises of the future, but we have a helper for the present! That helper is the Holy Spirit: "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities."

The word translated "helpeth" is a very interesting Greek word that is much more picturesque than our English "helpeth." The word is a compound of three original Greek words: one means "takes," another means "together," and the third part means "on the other end." In other words, then, this word means "to take up together on the other end." The idea involved is of one who has to carry a burden, and a helper comes along to carry the burden together. Each gets

one end of the burden and they carry it together. The point, then, is that the Holy Spirit helps us in this manner. Our infirmities are burdens we have to bear, but we do not have to bear them alone. The Spirit comes and takes one end of the burden and we can carry it together! This writer is always reminded how we boys used to carry logs down on the farm: the job is a whole lot easier if there are *two* to carry, one on each end. Well, the Holy Spirit gets His end of our burdens and weaknesses and helps us carry them.

The means by which the Holy Spirit helps us—or at least the most important way in which He helps—is described in this same verse. He makes prayers of intercession for us. It would be difficult to conceive a more comforting thought than this. In the midst of our weaknesses, even when we do not know how to pray so as to help ourselves, the Holy Spirit of God is offering prayers of intercession for us before the throne of God. And *He* certainly knows what will help us, what strengths we need, what circumstances will give us aid; and He intreats the Father on our behalf to give us these things.

### The Nature of the Spirit's Intercession For Us

These thoughts about the intercession offered for us by the Holy Spirit are such that we wish to examine them in closer detail. Verses 26-28 give us considerable information about the nature of the intercession offered by the Spirit. Three things in particular are called to our attention.

First, verse 26 indicates this intercession is "with groanings which cannot be uttered." We cannot explain everything that is involved in this statement, but there is at least one thing about it that is crystal clear: the Spirit's intercession with the Father is such that it goes beyond the ability of human language to express. In other words, when we have framed all our thoughts and ideas into the most expressive words that might be found, the Holy Spirit's "groanings" before the Heavenly Father are yet far more expressive of our real needs. What we cannot put into words, the Spirit of God can express clearly to the Father—for they are, after all, One. Verse 27 adds that the Father knoweth the mind of the Spirit.

Second, verse 27 tells us that the Spirit's intercession is *according to the will of God*. This is the very kind of intercession we need, for often our foremost problem in praying about our wants and needs is failure to know what

would really be best for us in a given situation, what the Lord's will would really have us experience. Sometimes we are reluctant in our humility to ask definitely for certain things we might think we need for our aid, because we are uncertain whether this is what the Lord would rather us have. But there is no such uncertainty about intercessory prayers offered in our behalf by the Holy Spirit. He knows what the will of God is, and so knows how to pray for our aid in such a way as will befit the carrying out of His will.

The third thing about the Spirit's intercession is really another way of saying the same thing: Verse 28 adds that "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." Then the Spirit's intercession is such as to pray for that which we really need most, that which will most truly benefit us and work out our own good. This obviously will accord with God's will.

And the fourth thing is yet another way of saying this same thing again: The Spirit's intercession is in such a way as to *help realize the Lord's purpose in our lives, the purpose of bringing us into conformity with His Son*. Verses 28-30 make this point plain. God's will, and our own good, lie in our being brought into conformity to the image of Christ. We are, as children of God, involved in a process (which we call *sanctification*) of being made over more and more like the Son. This is God's ultimate purpose for us, and so the Spirit's intercession is fully in accord with that goal.

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*This is one in a series of five studies on the Holy Spirit by Dr. Picirilli which appear in The Person and Ministry of the Holy Spirit, publication of the CTS Department. Other studies include: The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament, The Holy Spirit in the New Testament, The Holy Spirit in the Life of the Individual, and The First Fruits of the Spirit. Pastors will find this booklet ideal for a series of messages on The Person and Ministry of the Holy Spirit. Thought-provoking questions are included with each separate study. You will appreciate this meaningful series for its enriching effect in the life of every believer in your church. Why not order a copy for each family? Order from CTS Department. Price per booklet (includes all five studies)—25¢*

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# woman to woman



by CLEO PURSELL

## Wailing Wall

When General Moshe Dayan led the victorious Israeli forces into old Jerusalem last June, access was gained to the sacred Wailing Wall. General Dayan approached the old stones of the wall in silence and stared, and then took out a notebook, and scribbled a few lines on a paper and wedged it among the stones. Later, when asked what was on the paper, he replied, "It is an old custom to insert pleas in the wall." I wrote "Would there be peace upon the house of Israel?"

From among the stones he plucked a flower and kept it with him. "Imagine," he said, "flowers sprouting from the Wailing Wall." (*Look*, August, '67.)

Frequently through life one finds beauty, goodness, or neighborliness in *unlikely* places; occasionally, even treasure.

As the Christmas season draws near our thoughts turn toward a stable in an obscure village. The descendants of David had come to Bethlehem to enroll for the census and were busily rushing here and there, each intent upon his own affairs. Quite an *unlikely* setting for the extraordinary events which were to take place that night. But on this dark night, God kept His promise to send a saviour into the world. And the night was ordinary no longer. Light blazed in the sky! Angels proclaimed the news: "Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord . . . Ye shall find the babe . . . lying in a manger" (Luke 2:11-12).

## Homemade Candies—How to Mail

Are you planning to make candy and send to someone in the armed forces, to a missionary, or a son or daughter away from home? Here are some tips for packing and mailing.

Choose varieties that travel well—fudge, caramels, or fruit drops. Use a metal container and place a layer of crushed waxed paper in the bottom, then cut dividers of cardboard and fit

into the box to help keep the pieces from shifting about.

After arranging candies attractively in their gift box, add a lid and tape or tie shut for extra protection. Set container in a strong, larger carton and fill in the spaces with unsalted popped corn or crushed paper to cushion the bounce. Wrap outer carton in heavy brown paper, tie securely, affix label (printed or typed) on one side only, and mark the package "Keep from heat." Plan to mail gifts early, and remember to include ZIP Code for speedier delivery.

## The Label Costs

When sending small packages to Africa please insist that the postal clerk place *green* labels on the packages instead of yellow ones. Mrs. Lorene Miley writes that about half the small packages of sheets which have been sent for the hospital have been sent parcel post and bear a yellow label. "*The label costs us*," she said. They have to pay from three to five dollars on each package received which bears a yellow label (parcel post) even though the package may be small. They have already paid approximately \$40.00, needlessly, for customs on sheets sent.

Some postmasters are not familiar with overseas mailing and may place the wrong label on the package unless you insist on the *green* one.

## Pre-Christmas Season of Prayer

"The Depths . . . of the Wisdom of God" is the theme of the pre-Christmas season of prayer programs written by Mrs. Gladys Findly, Norfolk, Virginia. The Alice Lupton offering, in honor of WNAC's first president, will be used for *state home missions*.

## Christmas Socials

Christmas season is a busy one for almost everyone, with many social events vying for one's time. It is a good idea to

hold your class socials and programs early. There is an endless list of decorations to choose from—evergreen boughs, holly, real or artificial Christmas trees, creche scene, angels, candy canes, poinsettia, colored balls, paper bells, and beautiful candles and flowers.

It is amazing how a few extra touches can turn the simplest dessert into a Christmas treat. For instance, lime gelatin in a ring mold sprinkled with cherries and outlined with whipped cream or mayonnaise makes a striking "holly wreath." Tiny coconut macaroons in wreath shapes may sport red cinnamon candies (red hots). Or you may provide star and bell shaped cookies iced and sprinkled with colored sugar. And of course there are many Christmas candies, mints, nuts, and fruits.

## Gift Exchange

To distribute the gifts, you might try a sit-down version of musical chairs. Give one gift to every person; then have the pianist begin playing a Christmas carol. As the gifts are passed around, suddenly stop the music. The gift the person is holding at the time will be hers. Give each person a chance to find and thank the person who brought her gift.

## A Christ-like Christmas

Frequently, children show us the way to a happier Christmas observance. One group collected their Christmas fund in a big, empty jar. On Christmas day there was enough in the jar for Christmas dinners and gifts for two families. The children themselves took their gifts to both families. On the way back one of the teachers saw a little girl tightly clutching the empty mayonnaise jar that had held the Christmas fund.

"I'm going to put it under my tree at home," the little girl explained all aglow, "to remind me of the loveliest Christmas I've ever had." Let such a Christ-like Christmas happen to you. You'll like it better than any Christmas you ever had.



*"The Lord's Supper is that outward rite in which the assembled church eats bread broken and drinks wine poured forth by its appointed representative, in token of its constant dependence on the once crucified, now risen Saviour, as source of its spiritual life."*

It is the witness of Jesus that His blood would be poured out for many. We read in I Cor. 11:24: "This is my body, which is broken for you . . ." and see that the Lord's death is the primary meaning, but our *partaking* of it is as clearly taught as the passover for the

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Israelites. It symbolizes the continual dependence of the believer upon Christ. John 6:53 reads: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, ye have life in you." This really doesn't mean that a person has literally to eat flesh and blood, but it is speaking of the spiritual union with Christ, which the Lord's Supper symbolizes the ultimate union of Christians in Christ, their Head.

"Seeing that we, who are many, are one bread, one body: for we all partake of the one bread" (I Cor. 10:17). This shows the oneness and fellowship which we have in Christ around His table. However, it first expresses the believer's relationship to Christ and then to other believers. There is also joy in the partaking of what the Lord's Supper symbolizes. "For I say unto you, I shall not drink from henceforth of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come" (Luke 22:18). We cannot only connect it with death—but life! One day Christ will pour new wine, and we shall all be partakers in the fulness with Him!

The elements which are universally

employed in this ordinance are bread and wine. (See Luke 22:16-20.) Nothing is said in the Scriptures concerning the particular kind of bread and wine to be used, and it is generally left up to the judgment and convenience of the particular church. However, most churches hold that unleavened bread and unfermented fruit of the grape are certainly most fitting, and hence they are almost universally used. The leaven is a type of sin in the Scriptures.

There should be *preparation* before coming to the table of the Lord. A short lecture on the meaning is very appropriate before partaking of the elements. The way in which they are to be administered is not given in the Scriptures, but is left up to the church to be regulated. The circumstances depend upon the frequency of its administration, the time and place, the attitude of the communicants, and such like. No more is command than the administering to the worthy communicants and their eating and drinking in faith. Formerly, there was some mystery preached with connection to this, and the supper was administered in private. There is no reason for this, and if the service is carried on in the proper manner there is no reason to exclude spectators. It is the writer's opinion that the service should be administered not less than one time in three months.

There are different views as to the deeper meaning of the Lord's Supper.

## ■ The Transubstantiation View.

They hold that the bread and wine literally become flesh and blood as the priest blesses it. They also believe that the partaking of this will bestow saving grace upon the partaker. It is a new atonement by Christ for that particular person. They quote as a basis for their belief Matthew 26:26-28: "And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said: Take eat; this is my body. And he took the cup and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the New Testament which is shed for many for the remission for sins." Let us think more closely on this. Christ was present when He declared this. He was still alive. Therefore He must have been using a symbol. Too, Christ did not make the elements become literal flesh and blood. Why should anyone suppose that a mere human priest does this? Common sense should show the absurdity of this and realize the reproach it brings upon the work of Christ by rendering His past atonement for sin insufficient for the present day.

## ■ The View of Consubstantiation held by the Lutherans, or High Church.

Believing in the omnipresence of God, they believe that the communicant is partaking of Christ in and through the bread of Christ, but the elements are still material. If this be the case, we partake of the Lord's Supper every time we eat a meal. Also, it does not require faith at all, but anyone may partake of it, and as a result, without faith it brings condemnation to one's soul. It makes contact with God dependent upon that which is matter when the Scriptures declare that the righteousness of Christ is received through faith. "And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31).

■ The view generally held by most Christians is that there is nothing supernatural or mystical in the Eucharist, but that it is commemoration and the elements used are symbolic, yet an appropriate spiritual blessing is enjoyed in the ordinance by all who rightly partake.

There are only two prerequisites for participation in the Lord's Supper: *regeneration* and *an orderly walk*. Strong includes baptism as one of these because it was instituted before the Lord's Supper, but this we exclude as a weak argument, although we do believe that it is better if it does precede communion. Regeneration is important and necessary because the natural man cannot discern the spiritual things of God for they are foolishness to him. Neither can the unregenerated man perceive the nature of Christ's body (I Cor. 2:14).

For an orderly walk let us examine I Cor. 11:28-30: "But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep." We know that an orderly walk is the proof of a saved life and is essentially a qualification entitling one to sit at the Lord's table. But, let us not take this Scripture as a means of keeping us away from the Lord's table and thus miss the real blessing intended, and also fail to keep a command. What did Paul mean here? Dr. Erdman says concerning this that Paul means that such shameful conduct as he had described was really profaning the sacred feast and ignoring and insulting the body and blood of the Lord which were symbolized by the feast. Paul is not here instructing unworthy persons to not attend the ordinances. This might sometimes be needed, but it is a mistake to

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introduce the thought here, and this mistaken interpretation of the words of the apostle has kept many innocent persons from the table of the Lord, and has caused others needless anxiety and distress. Many people fear that their conscious unworthiness makes them unfit to approach the table of the Lord. But, is anyone really worthy to partake of these things set forth by a true and holy God who partook of death for all of us? Each will admit that he is not worthy within himself to do such, but by true repentance and faith is able to partake and receive the blessings set forth in this act of Christ. Let a man be mindful of what he is doing. Unregenerates or those who are under discipline for sin by the church should not partake.

There are other factors which disqualify participation. Let us mention those which are listed by Fitzwater. (1) *Immoral Conduct* (I Cor. 5:1, 9, 10). If he is living in sin he is proving that he is not of Christ's body. (2) *Disobedience to Christ's commandments*. This is one who is living in open rebellion against the commandments of Christ. (3) *Idleness and the conduct of a busybody* (II Thess. 3:6, 8, 11, 15). Men and women who engage in idleness and interference in other people's business are unworthy. (4) *Heresy* (Titus 3:10; I Jn. 4:2-3). This is a denial that the Son of God has become incarnate. Those who believe it are to be barred from the Lord's table. (5) *Schism*. (Rom. 16:17). If a person is engaged in creating divisions among Christians he is surely not worthy to partake of the peace which Christ stood for.

Some groups will not allow all who meet the mentioned requirements to commune with their group. Among evangelical denominations in this country, the chief controversy on this subject is with the Close Communion Baptists. Believing that baptism is a prerequisite, they will not allow pedobaptist groups to commune with them, nor Free Will Baptists because they commune with pedobaptists. Also, they say that the person must be of their faith and order. In the first place, they have no Scripture which definitely makes baptism a prerequisite. The Free Communists believe that the Lord's Supper is the communion of saints, and every true believer who is leading an orderly life has a right to it. *The table is the Lord's, not ours.* We have no right to exclude any whom He has not excluded. □□

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	October 1967	Year To Date	Total To Oct., 1966	Designated Oct., 1967
Alabama .....	\$ 662.55	\$ 2,912.76	\$ 2,714.16	\$
Arizona .....		858.97	794.54	
Arkansas .....	280.63	3,792.84	3,911.00	
California .....	593.47	5,333.27	6,579.09	
Florida .....	802.55	4,708.15	2,253.02	
Georgia .....	1,178.68	3,335.37	1,823.16	
Idaho .....		216.53	395.38	
Illinois .....	738.70	7,256.38	6,668.37	
Indiana .....	8.29	310.26	94.00	
Kansas .....		874.50	1,888.00	
Kentucky .....	93.97	564.73	733.44	
Louisiana .....		256.26	224.23	
Michigan .....		2,132.12	482.27	
Missouri .....	2,588.15	18,625.10	13,567.14	
New Hampshire .....	30.24	388.74	223.77	
New Jersey .....	14.00	137.00		
New Mexico .....		416.42	249.95	
North Carolina .....	92.65	1,852.48	1,997.56	
Ohio .....	637.95	3,142.71	2,986.12	
Oklahoma .....	1,858.17	14,466.56	12,847.20	
Tennessee .....	494.61	4,772.75	2,391.35	
Texas .....	61.64	1,729.24	2,002.09	
Virginia .....	656.70	6,201.92	5,700.82	
Washington and Oregon ..		267.07	436.94	

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Foreign Missions ...	\$3,129.96	\$24,520.12	\$	\$116.27	\$24,636.39
Bible College .....	2,266.52	17,755.96		116.27	17,872.22
Executive Dept. ....	2,266.52	17,288.01		93.02	17,381.03
Home Missions .....	1,726.87	13,528.35		116.27	13,644.62
Church Training ...	1,079.29	8,455.21		13.96	8,469.17
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"I heard the bells on Christmas Day  
Their old, familiar carols play,  
And wild and sweet  
The words repeat  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!  
And thought how, as the day had come,  
The belfries of all Christendom  
Had rolled along  
The unbroken song  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!  
And in despair I bowed my head;  
'There is no peace on earth,' I said;  
'For hate is strong,  
And mocks the song  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!'  
Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:  
'God is not dead; nor doth He sleep!  
The Wrong shall fail,  
The Right prevail,  
With peace on earth, good-will to men!'"

