

# TEACHER'S NOTES

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**July 2, 1989**

**Paul's Testimony On The Castle Stairs**

Scripture references: Acts 21:37-40, 22:1-29.

God will never allow us to suffer or be tempted above what we are able to endure. He will prepare us through many mysterious happenings, that we might gain strength to be victorious through every trial, or He will remove the severity of the trial. Our God is all wise, and He knows all the future and past. We should never limit neither His wisdom or power.

It is interesting how even the building of the castle had something to do with God's promise to "make a way of escape" for His suffering children.

Praise God that we have the privilege to introduce our children to this great Saviour and friend!

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**July 9, 1989**

**Paul's Defence Before The Council**

Scripture references: Acts 22:30; 23:1-11.

This lesson should prove a blessing to those who have trouble disciplining their tongues. Paul was testifying before the council that to the best of his understanding he had lived before God in a perfect way, when suddenly the high priest commanded him to be smitten for his testimony. Paul's pure, honest character could not tolerate such hypocrisy in those who were supposed to be men of God. The Jewish council, headed by the high priest, was there to "hear and seriously weigh the defense of an accused person, who must in justice and equity be presumed to be innocent until he is proved to be guilty; and instead of acting according to the law," commanded Paul to be smitten contrary to the law, thus breaking the law they taught the people to obey.

Paul was a clean vessel God had used in bringing the true light to thousands

of heathen persons, and in performing many miracles, but this time he spoke too hasty. Since the great Apostle Paul spoke too hasty, we must realize that we or other brethren will at times, do the same. We should, however, be quick to admit our failure and make it right as he did.

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**July 16, 1989**

**A Plan To Murder Paul**

Scripture references: Acts 23:12-35.

God miraculously protected Paul from the fierce murderous hands of his enemy. How marvelous are God's ways! They are past finding out, yet He condescends to work in magnificent ways to help His trusting children solve their problems.

Although our problems may be a valley of death, or seem even heavier than death, God will be with us through everything. Who can stand against our God? Not one! Trust Him! Trust Him! Trust Him to the end.

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**July 23, 1989**

**Paul's Testimony Before Felix**

Scripture references: Acts 24:1-23.

Each of us has times in our life when we are perplexed about how to handle a problem. Children too, have problems to face, and therefore have perplexing times. The problem may be with a friend, a neighbor, a teacher, or even parents. Regardless of what the problem is or with whom it is, Jesus has the answer. He also has the ability to help us know how to handle the problem.

Sometimes these problems are within one's self, other problems have to be talked out. When the problem must be talked over, children, as well as adults, can learn to rely on God for wisdom and the right words to say.

Often children are asked questions about their beliefs, their manner of dress, or why they are honest. They need the Holy Spirit to help them with words of explanation. God has promised to give to His children the right words to say. Let us encourage the students to trust God and not be fearful about these problems, for Jesus has promised, "it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak." (Matthew 10:19).

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**July 30, 1989**  
**Paul Appeals To Caesar**

Scripture references: Acts 24:27; 25:1-12.

It is vital to a Christian's testimony that he, by the grace of God, control his tongue. The "tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity, . . . and it defileth the whole body." Some people have held as a standard that Christians are always to be "as a lamb dumb before his shearer," and should never open their mouths when they are wronged. Paul was not always "dumb." Many times he was bold and told the people just where they stood before God.

During his first hearing before the council, he knew all the men were set to kill him, so he said something that caused confusion among them. This saved him. Later, he had his nephew reveal to the chief captain the plot to kill him. He also stood for his rights and appealed to Caesar. He did these things, not because he was afraid to die, but because he felt his work on earth was not yet finished.

Children need to be taught that there are many times in everyday life that they must refrain from talking to defend themselves. But, let us not teach this so strongly as to cause them to be afraid to stand before leaders and admit their faith. Many may have to do this during their lifetime.

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**August 6, 1989**  
**What Festus Says About Paul**

Scripture references: Acts 25:13-27.

The wise man, Solomon, said, "Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure." Adults and children display who they are by what they do.

Apostle Paul was a stranger to Governor Festus, but by what he said and how he acted, Festus was convinced that he was not the kind of person that the Jews had said he was, nor did he feel that Paul was worthy of death.

It should be stressed to children that the things they choose to do each day are building them to be either a useless, or a great person. These choices are also helping others decide if they are a good or bad child. Just as Festus decided Paul was good by what Paul said and did, so others will decide what we are by what we do.

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**August 13, 1989**  
**Paul Testifies To King Agrippa**

Scripture references: Acts 26:1-18.

Few persons have the opportunity to testify before kings as Apostle Paul did, but each of us have our own chances to share salvation's news with someone. Even children have times when they can tell someone about Jesus. Reading God's Word and praying helps keep a person alert to these opportunities and is a reservoir from which to draw when speaking. Paul's childhood training and his education in the Jewish religion was an aid to him, but the Holy Spirit gave the wisdom and understanding to use this knowledge.

Every year, more and more people are being called upon to answer for their convictions. Encourage the children to read and memorize God's Word and sanctify themselves to God, so when their time comes (as surely it will) they will be effective, as Apostle Paul was.

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**August 20, 1989**  
**"Almost Thou Persuadest Me To Be A Christian"**

Scripture references: Acts 26:19-32.

Although King Agrippa had a knowledge of God's teaching from the Old Testament, it is possible that he had little esteem for it. His father and grandfather had not been obedient to it, and it was their national religion. Neither had they submitted to the more strict disciplines of Christ.

God, however, had called Paul to be His minister and to give his testimony to kings. God also promised that His

grace would appear to all men. God's will was being fulfilled as Paul testified to Agrippa, Bernice, Festus, and the many listening officials. God was appearing to them. As Paul spoke, the plan of salvation was unfolded before the eyes of those in the courtroom.

We have no record in the Bible of any of them getting saved, but we know God gave them an opportunity.

Each one is responsible to accept the plan of salvation whenever it is revealed to them.

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**August 27, 1989**  
**Sailing For Rome**

Scripture references: Acts 27:1-14.

Have you ever questioned why a sweet old saint has to suffer, or why a widow should also be bereaved of her baby, or why a man dedicated to benevolence is murdered? We know God allows all these things to happen, but why? We do not know. We just must submit and realize that God's ways are sometimes "past finding out." His wisdom and knowledge is so much greater than ours that it creates in us many "whys."

Paul may have had some "whys" in his mind also, but some things were made clear to him by the Holy Spirit. The storm did not take him by surprise, for the Holy Spirit had already revealed to him that the trip would be dangerous.

Yes, the Holy Spirit knows the great wisdom of God, and although it does not answer every "why," it will reveal many things. Sometimes these things are revealed to other persons, and given out as advice. This advice should be heeded. By heeding advice from godly men, persons can save themselves a lot of trouble that they might otherwise get into.

By reading the remaining part of Acts, we discover that everyone on the ship would have been saved a lot of trouble if Paul's advice had been heeded.

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**September 3, 1989**  
**An Angel Speaks To Paul**

Scripture references: Acts 27:13-29.

Pre-teens and teen years are a very stormy time of life. Emotions run very high at times, then drop to extreme

depths. These changes cause storms within a person and sometimes cause trouble with others. If children could learn to trust God through these stormy times, they could enjoy life much more.

Just as God came to Paul in the storm and comforted him, so He will comfort each of His trusting children in their storms. Go to Him in prayer, as I am sure Paul did, and He will meet the need, whatever it is. The more often we go to God with our troubles, the more precious He becomes to us. We then can comfort others by sharing our experiences with them, just as Paul comforted the other men in the ship by sharing with them his experience of the night before.

At the beginning of the voyage, the captain and others did not listen to Paul. But after a few days, Paul's way of living had gained their confidence. They then would listen to him, and he was able to help them and comfort them during the storm.

God is our comfort and only through Him can we be a godly comfort to others.

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**September 10, 1989**  
**Shipwrecked**

Scripture references: Acts 27:30-44.

God was with Paul in the ship while he was being tossed on the stormy sea. Paul was a blessing as he witnessed to the ship's crew, the passengers, the soldiers, and the other prisoners.

Some of Jesus' last words to His disciples were, "Go teach all nations, . . . and, lo, I am with you always." Paul, although a prisoner, was keeping this commandment by teaching everyone he came in contact with, regardless of their nationality. Right on the ship he was bold to tell the men about Jesus. He also told them what God had shown him about their trip and what they should do. He was not intimidated nor angry because the captain hadn't accepted his entreaty not to go on the sea at that time.

Paul was not afraid because he knew that God was with him. We read from the book of Acts how God was with him; therefore we know that God fulfilled His promise. The commandment to "go teach all nations," and the promise that He will be with us is also for us today. God expects us to love

others enough to want them to also be saved and go to heaven. Even children can pray for the unsaved and share the gospel with their family and friends when they have an opportunity. When they do this, Jesus will always be with them.

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**September 17, 1989**  
**Miracles On Melita Island**

Scripture references: Acts 28:1-15.

Jesus told His disciples that they should go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, and that signs of healing and miracles would follow them. Paul was careful to use every opportunity to preach wherever he happened to be—in the jail, on the witness stand, on the ship, or when shipwrecked on an island. The signs of healing and miracles followed him wherever he went, just as Jesus had promised.

I am sure that by the time Paul left Melita, or Malta, Island, people all over the island knew that God had sent them a special messenger.

Are we each being the messenger that Christ wishes us to be? Are we supporting and showing love to God's messengers as the brethren showed to Paul? Small children, teenagers and adults are a living message. Our friends are either getting a positive godly message or a negative ungodly message from our lives. We should be living close enough to God that our words and actions have a positive Christian message.

When the disciples of Jesus who live today obey Jesus' commandment to "go into the world and preach the gospel to every creature," they can expect signs of healing and miracles to follow.

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**September 24, 1989**  
**Preaching in Rome**

Scripture references: Acts 28:16-31.

Although Paul was a prisoner in Rome for two years, he had freedom to rent a house in which he conducted preaching services, thus spreading the gospel in Rome as he had desired to do for many years.

Paul's great desire to preach to the people in Rome caused him to with-

stand much suffering. It appears that the congregations today have very little desire that others hear the gospel, for they are not willing to endure the sufferings necessary to reach out. This, however, does not have to be. Hopefully, the children can be taught the importance of reaching others and will grow up with such a desire to do so, that they will be willing to suffer for others. It is said in Acts 8:4, that the believers "went every where preaching the word."

I beg each teacher to seek God for personal leadings to know how to help your students love other souls enough to reach out to them.

Many have a desire to reach out to others, but the desire is not strong enough, for they let the cares of life, people, or problems, hinder. Paul let nothing hinder him. Imprisonment, travel, shipwreck, and being chained to a guard did not stop Paul from spreading the gospel.

## **The Lord Jesus Changed Me**

There are some who have made a study of the human body and can tell by the shape of one's head what his traits and capabilities are. One such a man was giving a lecture before a group of people one night and he declared that he could tell anyone's nature by examining his head. He asked if someone would volunteer to come to the platform.

One man in the audience walked up and mounted the platform. The lecturer having examined his head quite thoroughly, declared among other things that he had an unfriendly nature.

Many in the audience laughed because they knew the man to be kind and friendly and always looking for opportunities to help others. They decided that the lecturer had utterly failed in his examination.

However, the man turning to the audience said, "Friends, what this gentleman has said of me was exactly true once. I used to be hard, and unfriendly, just like he said, but one day I met Jesus. His love laid hold of me; He took possession of me. He has completely changed me. I have a new nature. I want to be like Him. To Him belongs all the praise!" —Selected

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## A Trip To Alexandria

(Continued from last week)

It was very hot but the 5 little girls sat as still as statues in the back seat of Jeanie's car. It was their first car ride and their first trip away from Assiout. Each time Mama went away for a vacation, if at all possible, she took some orphans with her so they could experience life outside the orphanage. This time they were headed to Alexandria to spend the summer in the cool breeze of the Mediterranean Sea. The children would play on the seashore, investigate a large city, see wild and unusual animals in the zoo, ride the elevators and escalators, shop in the big department stores, buy an ice cream cone, and many other things.

While riding along, Lily told the girls about one time when she took a newborn infant on the airplane. When she got off the plane, the stewardess asked, "Whose is the baby? Where did you get it?"

"She's an orphan. I got her from an orphanage," Lily answered.

The stewardess took the baby in her arms and said, "How darling! Did you get her from Miss Lillian's orphanage?"

Lily wrote in her diary most of the morning while Jeanie pointed out things along the way to the girls. For lunch they stopped in Cairo so the girls could eat in a restaurant for the first time.

"It is so good to be able to leave the orphanage and feel an assurance that

things will be well taken care of while I am away," Lily said to Jeanie after they left the restaurant. "Mena will take care of the business needs, and Assad the spiritual needs."

"I'm happy you could get away. You need this time of rest. After all, you're 73 years old. The hard years of work and worry for the children have overworked your heart."

"Well, maybe so, but I love the time I have with them. For years I had to be away getting food or was busy sewing clothing; but now God is supplying our needs without my effort. I am using every day to pass on all the knowledge I can to the children while I am able; that is what will help them even after they have left the orphanage or we are not around to help. Somehow, I feel I may not be around much longer," Lily said rather sadly, "so I'll do what I can while I can."

"Everyday I have devotions with the girls before school time. I teach two English classes and, from 3:30 to 5:30, teach French. Friday evening is Bible study and the other four evenings I teach the girls who are teachers. As you know, each Sunday afternoon I lead the worship service, and. . ."

"Lily," Jeanie scolded, "you are doing too much."

"Maybe——but I love it, and it's hard to stop," Lily explained. "Say, there's the port where we came to meet Lord Maclay!" she exclaimed as they

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### Paul's Testimony On The Castle Steps

Acts 21:37 . . . As Paul was to be led into the castle, he said unto the chief captain, May I speak unto thee? Who said, . . .

38 Art not thou that Egyptian, which before these days madest an uproar, and leddest out into the wilderness four thousand men that were murderers?

39 But Paul said, I am a man which am a Jew of Tarsus, . . . suffer me to speak unto the people.

40 . . . When he had given him licence, Paul stood on the stairs, and beckoned with the hand unto the people . . . When there was made a great silence, he spake. . . .

22:1 Men, brethren and fathers, hear ye my defence. . . .

4 I persecuted this way unto the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women.

5 As also the high priest doth bear me witness, . . . from whom also I received letters . . . and went to Damascus, to bring them which were there bound unto Jerusalem, for to be punished.

6 And it came to pass, that, as I made my journey, and was come nigh unto Damascus about noon, suddenly there shone from heaven a great light round about me.

7 . . . I fell unto the ground, and heard a voice saying unto me, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

8 . . . I answered, Who art thou Lord? . . . he said said unto me, I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest.

17 . . . When I was come again to Jerusalem, even while I prayed in the temple, I was in a trance;

18 And saw him saying unto me, Make hast, and get thee quickly out of Jerusalem: for they will not receive thy testimony concerning me.

21 And he said unto me, Depart: for I will send thee far hence unto the Gentiles.

22 . . . They gave him audience unto this word, and then lifted up their voices, and said, Away with such a fellow from the earth: for it is not fit that he should live.

23 And as they cried out, . . . and threw dust into the air,

24 The chief captain commanded him [Paul] to be brought into the castle, and bade that he should be examined by scourging; . . .

25 And as they bound him with thongs, Paul said, . . . Is it lawful for you to scourge a man that is a Roman, and uncondemned?

27 Then the chief captain came, and said unto him, Tell me, art thou a Roman? He said, Yea.

29 Then straightway they departed from him. . . .

**Central Thought:** Paul may have been killed on the portico of the temple if the watchmen in the tower had not sounded the alarm for his rescue. I like to think that God knew all this would happen to Paul and was preparing a way of escape for him even years before he was arrested.

#### Questions:

1. Where was Paul being led?
2. The chief captain thought Paul was whom?
3. What did Paul confess to the mob?
4. Why did Paul stop persecuting the Christians?
5. At Damascus, what miracle happened?
6. Where was Paul baptized?
7. What did Jesus tell Paul to do?
8. What did the mob say should be done with Paul?
9. Why didn't the captain have Paul beaten?

#### MEMORY VERSE

. . . God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

I Corinthians 10:13



# Let's Talk

Years before Paul was arrested at Jerusalem, a high priest, John Hyrcanus had built on a hill, a castle with four look-out towers. It was so very close to the temple that the stairs descended into the portico (a roof supported by columns forming a porch or walkway) of the temple. When Herod the Great was king over Jerusalem he beautified the castle and named it Antonia in honor of his friend Mark Antony.

While the Jewish king and chief captain were enjoying this beautiful palace, an Egyptian was busy getting his soldiers ready for an attack on Jerusalem. He pretended to be a prophet and told his followers that the walls of Jerusalem would fall before them. But his men were called assassins because each carried, hidden in his clothing, a crooked knife called a sica. It was used for stabbing. The assassins made their way toward Jerusalem, arriving at the Mount of Olives, which is only one mile from the city. Here the Roman governor, Felix, made a surprise attack on them. Four hundred assassins were killed and two hundred taken captive, the Egyptian leader and all the others escaped.

The chief captain, Claudius Lysias, judging by the anger of the mob below him, thought that Paul must be that Egyptian murderer. When Paul said that he was not, Lysias was puzzled. "May I speak to the crowd?" Paul asked.

"Yes," Lysias answered.

When the mob finally quieted down, Paul stood on the castle stairs and spoke to them. "I was once a believer of the Jewish religion," he said. "I persecuted the Christians, consented to Stephen's death, and went to Damascus to have other Christians put in prison. On the way to Damascus, however, Jesus spoke to me and changed my way of thinking. I was baptized in Damascus, and began immediately witnessing for Jesus. The people were angry because of my testimony and I had to escape from the city hidden in a basket which was let down over the city wall. When I came again

to Jerusalem, I was received even less. The Christians were afraid of me, and the Jews quickly formed plans to kill me. One day as I was praying, Jesus said to me, 'Make haste, and get thee quickly out of Jerusalem: for they will not receive thy testimony concerning me. Depart, for I will send thee far hence unto the Gentiles.' "

At this point, the mob erupted again! They began shouting, "Away with this man! Kill him! Kill him!" They shook their fists in the air, some threw off their outer robe getting ready to stone Paul, and others pitched handfuls of dirt! It was the only thing they dared to throw at him while the soldiers were there!

The chief captain who had not been able to understand what Paul was saying, because Paul was speaking in the Hebrew language, still did not know what was going on, nor who Paul was, so he demanded that Paul be stripped to the waist and be beaten until he would admit his crime.

Paul was taken into the castle, roughly stripped of his clothing until his back was bare. Then binding him securely he was made ready to be beaten. But just before he was whipped, he told them that he was a Roman citizen, because his father was a Roman. Then the chief captain, for fear of getting himself into trouble, commanded the beating be withheld until further investigations.

The next morning Paul was taken before the council for a hearing.

Be sure to read next Sunday's lesson and find out what happened during the hearing.

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. Into the castle. 2. An Egyptian who was leader of 4,000 murderers. 3. That he had been of the Jewish religion and persecuted the Christians. 4. Because he became a Christian. 5. Paul was saved and healed of blindness. 6. At Damascus. 7. To leave Jerusalem and go teach the Gentiles. 8. They said he should be killed. 9. Because Paul was an uncondemned Roman, and beating an uncondemned Roman could get the chief captain in trouble.)

passed the port. "That day he laid more money in my hand than I had spent in two full years for all the orphanage expenses." She paused for a few minutes then said, "Things were so cheap in those days, I could keep a child for 10¢ a day. And just think, the tourists who went on that luxury excursion from Cairo to Luxor paid \$350.00! That was enough to keep an orphan for nine years!"

"How can people be so selfish as to spend that much money on a few days of fun when the money could take care of an orphan for years?" Lily questioned.

"They just aren't Christians or don't understand the need. Christ helped the needy," Jeanie answered. "God's work would prosper if all Christians were like the poor 94-year-old brother that sends you most of his social security check. How much did he send last month?"

"Four hundred dollars," Lily answered. "It's nearly that much every month. God needs people who can give only a little, as well as those who give great amounts like Lord Maclay. Jeanie, did you know that the orphanages in Scotland that Lord Maclay is trustee of, are taking in infants since he has seen how we do. I'm so glad that what I have done has influenced him. It makes me feel like I have helped him just a little bit, too. They have 30 babies now, and I think around 1,200 children."

"I suppose, though, that they haven't had the financial struggles you've had," Jeanie mused.

"No, but we do have so many nice things now—plenty of clothing that I haven't had to make, hot and cold running water, washing machines, and much much, more. This year, when Leo took sick with the measles, I quickly moved him into isolation and only a few more caught the disease. Remember years ago when I wrote you about the many children being sick with measles and 18 of them dying?"

Jeanie nodded her head to show she remembered.

"Might have happened again if God hadn't supplied a building in which to isolate the sick ones."

"And too," Lily continued, "God was good to me by letting you be here to nurse me when I took sick with the rheumatic fever. I was so-so-so sick. I thought I might die."

"I, too, can be thankful I was here. If I had been home, I might have been killed in the earthquake. . . ."

The girls, who usually never interrupted adults when they were talking, cried together, "An earthquake!"

"Yes," Jeanie answered, "An earthquake completely destroyed my home several years ago."

"So you're at the orphanage because you don't have a home either?" one little girl asked.

Jeanie laughed. "Not really," she answered. "I'm here because I think it is a great privilege to work with you children. And I'm here to stay."

The girls giggled. They were glad Auntie Jeanie was staying. She gave treats to the children.

"Children are priceless," Lily said. "Jesus took a little child and said to those standing by, 'Whosoever shall receive this child in my name receiveth me.' I feel I am receiving Jesus into the orphanage each time I receive a little dirty ragged child. A child is the most important thing in the world. These children will carry on when we are gone. They will lead the world in whatever direction they think is best, be it good or bad. Today is our opportunity to mold the future by helping the children to learn that living for God has much value, and doing evil has none."

"In every child there is a soul that will someday awaken to its need for God. By teaching them God's standards and His Word, we are equipping them with the ability to find God."

"And think of all the dormant possibilities in each of these children that you are helping," Jeanie added. "Someday they will feel the desire to do something with their lives."

The sun was setting when they arrived at Jeanie's home in Alexandria. They had talked most of the afternoon about the great blessings they were receiving by helping the poor and needy of Egypt.

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# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Mama's Picture Album

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Each evening at seven o'clock, the older girls who were teaching met in Lily's office for studying and lesson preparation. After class was over, Ruela said, "Mama, tell us about yourself. Did you ask God to make you a missionary?"

"I always wanted to do something for God. A lot of young people back in those days wanted to be missionaries; I may have asked God to make me one."

"Did you know God was sending you to Egypt to be a mama to orphans?"

"No, but I loved children and wanted to have twelve. When I left America for Egypt, I was young and full of wonderful anticipation for whatever life held for me. Here I am, 50 years later, a tired old gray-headed woman with not 12 children, but almost 1,400!"

"How many children did you have when you moved out of Assiout to live here?"

"I had 50. The neighbors were complaining that my children were too noisy. Of course I didn't think so!"

"Do you have some pictures of those children?" Ida asked.

"Yes, a few. Get the old brown picture album out of the closet and I will show them to you.

"This picture of 50 children was taken in 1915. This one of 300 was taken in 1923."

"Of whom is this picture?" Ruela asked.

"That is Miss Clayton. She came to help in 1928 and worked for 17 years. She was the most faithful of all the missionaries who have come. She arose early each morning and took care of all the sick children before going to teach school. Besides doing this, she supervised the little girls.

"The pictures on this page were taken in 1939. There were 670 children. Here is one taken of a baptizing, when," she paused to think, "seems like maybe 250 or 275 were baptized. This is 25 men who were saved and dedicated their lives to the Lord during the great orphanage revival of 1927. Each one grew up here."

"Look, here's one of the girls sewing," Ida said, pointing to the album.

"For many years all the clothes we had were sewn by the girls. This picture shows the 60 girls who did the sewing for 700 children in 1935. Each one had to finish one garment a day, pin her name on it and bring it to my office so I could inspect it. If it wasn't sewn right, it had to be done again. We also had 60 small girls learning to sew who had classes twice a week."

"Will you tell us about this newspaper clipping?" Ida asked.

Lily took the paper in her hands and read, "A supreme committee of prominent Muslims has been appointed whose object will be to oppress the activities of the missionaries."

"Why did they want to oppress the missionaries?" Fouzeah asked.

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### Paul's Defense Before The Jewish Council

**New Words:** *Conscience:* The sense of right and wrong; ideas and feelings within a person that tell them when they are doing right and warn them of what is wrong.

*Smite:* To hit hard.

Acts 22:30 On the morrow [after Paul's arrest], because he [the chief captain] would have known the certainty wherefore he [Paul] was accused of the Jews, he loosed him from his bands, and commanded the chief priests and all their council to appear, and brought Paul down, and set him before them.

23:1 And Paul, earnestly beholding the council, said, Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day.

2 And the high priest Ananias commanded them that stood by him to smite him on the mouth.

3 Then said Paul unto him, God shall smite thee, thou whited wall: for sittest thou to judge me after the law, and commandest me to be smitten contrary to the law?

4 And they that stood by said, Revilest thou God's high priest?

5 Then said Paul, I wist not, brethren, that he was the high priest: for it is written, Thou shalt not speak evil of the ruler of thy people.

6 But when Paul perceived that the one part were Sadducees, and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, Men and brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee: of the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question.

7 And when he had so said, there arose a dissension between the Phari-

sees and the Sadducees: and the multitude was divided.

9 And there arose a great cry: and the scribes that were of the Pharisees' part arose, and strove, saying, We find no evil in this man: but if a spirit or an angel hath spoken to him, let us not fight against God.

10 And when there arose a great dissension, the chief captain, fearing lest Paul should have been pulled in pieces of them, commanded the soldiers to go down, and to take him by force from among them, and to bring him into the castle.

11 And the night following the Lord stood by him, and said, Be of good cheer, Paul: for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome.

**Central Thought:** God will enable all those who trust Him to live righteously and godly. In this way they will have a clear conscience.



#### Questions:

1. What did Paul say to the council?
2. Can you explain what is understood by "good conscience?"
3. Was Paul persecuted for this testimony?
4. Are Christians usually persecuted who testify to living a sinless life?
5. What mistake did Paul make?
6. How did Paul explain why he reviled the high priest?
7. Had Paul sinned by saying what he said?
8. Why do we know God did not reject Paul for his mistake?
9. Why did the soldiers take Paul away?
10. What did the Lord tell Paul that night?

#### MEMORY VERSE

... The grace of God ... hath appeared unto all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously and godly, in this present world;

Titus 2:11, 12

# Let's Talk



Paul saw streaks of light between the unmortared rocks of the dungeon walls and thought it must be morning. He lay on the damp prison floor waiting for the guard to come in and was thinking of what had happened in the last few weeks. He remembered well, how very determined he had been to come back to Jerusalem. On his return voyage, he had stopped over at Tyre and also Caesarea. Prophets in each city had said that he would be bound by the Jews in Jerusalem and the brethren from both cities had begged him not to continue his journey. He hadn't listened and here he was, a prisoner in bonds, just as they had said. But Captain Lysias hadn't really arrested him. He had just dragged him into the castle to stop the riot and save his own neck, for he knew that he dare not let a riot get started or he would lose his job.

Paul was thankful to Captain Lysias for saving his life, because he didn't want to die just yet. He wanted to preach Jesus to the heathens and especially to the people of Rome.

"Time to appear in court," demanded a soldier in a gruff voice. He unchained Paul and led him away to the judgment hall.

When it was Paul's turn to speak for himself, he said, "Men and brethren, I have from a child done what I thought was right. Although I did not always know what was right, my conscience did not condemn me, because I was innocent."

"Slap him on the mouth!" shouted a man sitting in the council.

Paul turned fearlessly towards the man and said, "God will smite you too, you whited wall, for you are to punish me if I have broken the law, and you have broken it yourself by slapping me while I am testifying."

Immediately the council was in an uproar, for Paul had reviled the high

priest, which, to the Jews, was a terrible thing to do.

Quickly Paul said, "I would not have said that, had I known he was the high priest, for God commanded that no one speak evil of the rulers of his people." While Paul was talking, another idea entered his mind. "These men are ready to fight," he thought, "and there are about as many Pharisees as there are Sadducees here. I'll let them fight among themselves a while."

He shouted, "I was raised a Pharisee! I am being tried because I believe people will come back to life after they are dead."

Paul's statement did what he had hoped it would do. The Pharisees, because they believed in a resurrection, started shouting that Paul should be released. The Sadducees, who did not believe in a resurrection, demanded his death! Such a great tumult followed that Paul had to be taken by the soldiers back into safety of the prison.

That night God said to Paul, "Be of good cheer, thou must bear witness of me also at Rome." —Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. "I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day." 2. I understand Paul to be saying that the things he had done were what he believed was pleasing to God and therefore his conscience approved of his conduct. 3. Yes. 4. Yes. 5. Paul reviled the high priest when he said, "God will smite thee, thou whited wall." 6. He said that he would not have reviled, had he known he was the high priest. 7. No, for when testifying before Felix, Paul again said, "I have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and men." 8. Because God comforted him that night. 9. To keep him from being torn apart by the mob. 10. He said, "Be of good cheer for you will testify of me in both Jerusalem and Rome.")

"The trouble started when a girl in a Swedish orphanage in Port Said, was spanked for misbehavior," Lily said.

"She ran to the police station and told that she had been beaten because she would not become a Christian. The tale stirred up all of Egypt, for 90% of the Egyptians are not Christians, but Muslims. Their religion is called Islam."

"Well, the missionary was sent out of the country at once! All of the Muslim girls were taken out of the orphanage and placed in a Muslim orphanage many miles away in Cairo."

"Did they take any children from you?" the girls asked in surprise.

Mama Lillian wiped tears from her cheeks as she said, "About three weeks after that happened they took 70 children. Pauline and Malazama were both over 21 years of age. They were the only Muslims who stayed except little Brestine. They didn't want her. She was blind, had a crooked leg and a twisted arm. I was so thankful they left her, for she needed me so badly.

"I was still crying at midnight when the telephone rang. 'Please Miss Trasher,' a police official begged, 'will you please come over here and try to quiet these children? They won't stop calling for Mama.' I went over not only that night but many nights until they were adjusted to the change."

"Here's the front page of the *El Ahram* and there is an article about you," Ida began reading.

Fouzeah interrupted her by asking, "What is this picture about of all these women with arms full of clothing?"

"The Egyptian Charity Society gave out a lot of old army clothes because of the shortage of cloth. For two winters they gave us some. I was thankful because it could be used to make very warm clothing. The material was wool. The suits had to be taken apart and cut to fit the children, then sewn together again using the reverse side of the material, as it looked nice and new. It was a big job!

"This is Farid the day he left for Souhag to help Mr. Makiel with his 70 orphans," she said, pointing to a boy waving good-bye. "Mr. Makiel was once

our teacher and he is the only Egyptian in all of Egypt, that I know about, who has a faith orphanage.

"This is Miss Leteefa when she first came to us."

"She is so skinny and ragged," Ida exclaimed.

"Quite different all right," Lily said.

"And even though she is blind, she is the best English teacher of all, right?"

The girls agreed.

"This is William and Robert Niseem. Their mother died with a disease called T.B. They came here with their little sister after their blind father died. The sister died later. Robert didn't like to study but loved to work with wood and became an excellent cabinetmaker. William liked to study. After graduation from the American University, the only private college in Egypt, he taught for several years then went to Sudan and opened his own school. His school in Sudan has gotten national recognition for him.

"This picture was taken in the nursery when it was filled to overflowing with 50 babies. The nine older girls in the picture cared for the babies in the daytime; another group came for the night."

"What happened to the boy in the wagon?"

"He was run over by a train. The little fellow beside him had a shriveled arm and hand and could never walk properly. He was made fun of so much in the public school that he was brought here. No one here ever thought of laughing at him. The man behind him is also crippled but went through college. Henanna Leas, your teacher, came to me with only stubs for hands. She had fallen into a fire when only a baby, as you all know. But what you didn't know is that she was always top of her class, and that she could not hold a spoon to feed herself for many years."

Ida threw her arms around Mama and said, "Oh, Mama, no one loves children like you do. What would Egypt have done without you!"

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# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## The Last Days

(Continued from last week)

"Just thought I would drop in and visit you a moment," Philip said as he placed a chair beside Miss Trasher's bed and sat down. "How are you feeling today?"

"I feel very tired, very tired indeed; but happy. My work reminds me of the fable about a little boy who walked across a hot desert. To preserve his own life he had to dig a well. He dug into the sand until his hands were bleeding, but finally he found water. He drank and saved his own life.

"He went wearily on his way until he was again obliged to seek water by digging with bleeding fingers in the sand to make another well. Each time he dug for water his hands became more and more wounded. Finally after much suffering, exhausted and fainting, he reached the other side and lay down to rest.

"Months later he was sitting at the edge of the desert when he saw a happy little boy coming across the desert carrying freshly picked flowers. He was puzzled that the two had traveled the same way, one struggling for life and the other looking so fresh.

"How is it you came across the desert with such ease?" he asked.

"The way is very easy because there are small wells along the way from which springs fresh cool water. Bushes, flowers and green grass grow around

each well providing a good place to rest."

"The first boy looked down at his scarred hands and knew that he had made the way easy for others through his suffering.

"I trust that what I have done will be like 'wells in the desert' to help girls and boys face the problems of life. Their healthy bodies, educated minds, the knowledge of the Word of God and their experience of seeing God work to provide for the needs of the orphanage should be a deep source of strength to them."

"Yes, Miss Trasher, you have made life easier for at least 10,000 children: 8,000 have lived here at the orphanage, and you have helped many who live with their parents," Philip assured her as he opened the door and greeted Assad.

"I hear that you are glad to be back in Egypt," Assad said teasing her. He was the orphanage pastor and an Egyptian orphan she had taken in when he was 6 years old. He hated for her to be away.

"I really am happy to be back! I was so sick in Detroit, I was afraid I would die in America. I want to die right here at home in Egypt, busy for the Lord caring for the 1,400 children He has given me."

"Hello," Jeanie greeted them, as she brought a glass of ice cold lemonade for each one.

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### A Plan To Murder Paul

Acts 23:12 And when it was day, certain of the Jews banded together, and bound themselves under a curse, saying that they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed Paul.

16 And when Paul's sister's son heard of their lying in wait, he went and entered into the castle, and told Paul.

17 Then Paul called one of the centurions unto him, and said, Bring this young man unto the chief captain: for he hath a certain thing to tell him.

19 Then the chief captain took him by the hand, and went with him aside privately, and asked him, What is that thou hast to tell me?

20 And he said, The Jews have agreed to desire thee that thou wouldest bring down Paul to morrow into the council, as though they would enquire somewhat of him more perfectly.

21 But do not thou yield unto them: for there lie in wait for him of them more than forty men, which have bound themselves with an oath, that they will neither eat nor drink till they have killed him: and now are they ready, looking for a promise from thee.

22 So the chief captain then let the young man depart, and charged him, See thou tell no man that thou hast shewed these things to me.

23 And he called unto him two centurions, saying, Make ready two hundred soldiers to go to Caesarea, and horsemen threescore and ten, and spearmen two hundred, at the third hour of the night;

24 And provide them beasts, that they may set Paul on, and bring him safe unto Felix the governor.

25 And he wrote a letter. . .

31 Then the soldiers, as it was commanded them, took Paul, and brought him by night to Antipatris.

32 On the morrow they left the horsemen to go with him, and returned to the castle:

33 Who, when they came to Caesarea, and delivered the epistle to the governor, presented Paul also before him.

34 And when the governor had read the letter, he asked of what province he was. And when he understood that he was of Cilicia;

35 I will hear thee, said he, when thine accusers are also come. And he commanded him to be kept in Herod's judgment hall.

**Central Thought:** Our life is always in God's hands. He will protect it until it is His time for us to die.



### Questions:

1. What did the Jews promise they would do?
2. Who heard about their plans?
3. How did the chief captain find out about the plot?
4. How many men plotted to kill Paul?
5. When did Paul leave the castle?
6. How many men went to protect Paul?
7. Where was Paul taken?
8. When was Paul to have a hearing?
9. Where was Paul kept while in Caesarea?

### MEMORY VERSE

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Psalms 23:4

# Let's Talk

"What do you want?" demanded the soldier who guarded Paul.

"I would like to see your prisoner," answered Paul's nephew.

He was allowed to enter. After a short visit, Paul called the guard and said, "Please, take this young man to the captain. He has an important message to give him."

"What is this? A conspiracy?" Captain Lysias asked as he led the young man into his private quarters and closed the door behind him.

"The Jews," he whispered. "Forty Jewish men have sworn to not eat even a mouthful of food nor drink even a drop of water until they have killed Paul."

"But they can never get into this barrack to attack him. We have four lookout towers and guards posted all the time."

"No, they can't enter the castle, but the high priest has agreed to ask your special permission to send Paul to him that he might discuss with Paul some point from the sacred Scriptures. These forty hungry men are posted around the castle and at every temple entrance, expecting you to allow Paul to visit the high priest."

"I will take care of the matter," he promised. "Be sure you don't tell anyone else."

As soon as Paul's nephew was gone, the chief captain called two centurions who each had 100 soldiers at their command. "Get ready 200 foot soldiers, 70 horsemen, 200 spearmen, and horses for Paul and his guard to ride. We shall leave at nine o'clock tonight taking Paul to Caesarea! I'm turning him over to Governor Felix."

Quickly he wrote a letter to Felix saying that he had rescued Paul from being killed by the Jews. He had brought him to trial, but found no reason to have him put to death, nor to keep him in prison. However, he dared not turn

him loose because the Jews had a conspiracy to kill him.

By morning Paul was safely away from his enemies at Jerusalem.

I wonder how many days the men did not eat or drink. Paul was still alive years after they stopped eating!

A shadow of death clung close to Paul, but God was with him and brought him through the valley and safely to the other side. God will do the same for each of us. Always remember the memory verse when you are in danger or afraid.

—Sis. Charlotte



## The Lord Has Sent It

There was once an old lady who lived alone in a little cottage by the side of the road. She was all alone, but she knew the Lord as her Saviour and her needs were supplied day by day by the gracious hand that feeds even the little sparrows. She ever acknowledged Him as the Giver, whatever or whoever the instrument might be, for she would always say, "The Lord has sent it."

One day some bad young boys of the village thought they would have some fun at the old lady's expense. Climbing onto the roof of her cottage they threw a loaf of bread down her chimney. A little later they appeared at her front door and asked how she was getting on.

"The Lord has sent me a loaf of bread," she told them. The boys laughed and said, "That wasn't the Lord; it was us who put that loaf of bread in your chimney."

"Well," she replied, "I am sure the Lord sent it, even if the devil brought it."

How true it is as the poet has said,  
When the Lord's people have need,  
His goodness will find out a way!"

—Selected

(Answers: 1. They promised each other to not eat or drink until they killed Paul. 2. Paul's nephew. 3. Paul's nephew told him. 4. More than 40. 5. The third hour of the night (about 9:00 p.m.). 6. 200 soldiers, 70 horsemen and 200 spearmen. 7. To Felix the governor who lived in Caesarea. 8. Whenever his accusers came. 9. In Herod's judgment hall.)

"Don't talk about dying, you may live to be 100," Philip said. "Thirteen years ago I came to work here because you were ordered to stay in bed or die. You stayed in bed a few days, then came out of the bed saying, 'If I'm going to die, I'm going to die working.' How many times have you almost died?"

"Four times. A lot of people thought I would die young. They used to say, 'Poor Lillian, suffering through the summer heat on a desert with no money and all those children; spending her life in the dirty villages! Oh, what she is missing!' Poor dears, they don't know what they have missed. They have missed a chance to make over broken lives and to build up the most wonderful memories any youth could have. Here is the joy of repairing crushed hearts, of loving dying babies back to life, of spending youth and strength for God. My life has been so wonderful! The 51 years I spent here in Egypt have been the best. I would never trade it! I have been chosen of God!"

"It's like I told the children the other day, 'You children are chosen children. Of all of the thousands of orphans in Egypt, God has chosen you to have the privilege to be reared in this home which He built for you years before you were born.' I do not know why the Lord chooses these children, nor what they will be when they grow up, but I know He has. And I know He has chosen me to plant the seed of God's Word in each heart and water it so it will grow."

"The seed of your labor is yielding fruit all over Egypt. There are thousands, yes, I would say around 6,000 to 8,000 Christian homes established in Egypt—then count all the churches and Christian schools that have been established in the villages around here and the hundreds of people which have been brought to the Lord through their efforts."

"Some folks say we get a star in our crown for every soul we bring into the kingdom. There won't be room on your crown for the stars, you will have stars plastered all over your white robes."

"Now, Philip," she said rebukingly, "I haven't done anything great. The

only reason I would get a special reward, if there is any such thing, is because I haven't run from any kind of hardship. I have stayed and have tried to be faithful to the task that God has given me. Perhaps the Lord will remember that and say, 'Well done.' "

"You have also shown mercy and helped all who have come to you, so you shall receive plenty of mercy," Assad assured her, "for Jesus says, 'Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.' "

"I knew that the conditions from which the needy have come are so bad that even the least amount of care is better than anything they would have otherwise. More than that, we give them love and concern; that is something they would not get in their villages."

"Say, did I ever tell you about the Moslem government official who came while you were away?" Philip questioned.

"No," she answered.

"He sat in the office and talked awhile. When he got up to leave, he reached into the folds of his long flowing robe and pulled out a bank note. I was surprised to see a \$500.00 bill. 'It's very unusual for a Moslem to give to a Christian institution,' I said."

"His quick response was, 'Not so! not so!' Then, almost whispering, he added, 'We here in Egypt know what this great lady has done for our poor children. And I believe that when she dies, in spite of the fact she is a woman and a Christian, God will take her directly to paradise.' "

"I trust that God will do that, not because of anything I have done, but because Jesus made the way for me when He died on the cross," Lily said.

They talked about preparations for Christmas and about the wedding which was soon to be. Before leaving, they knelt in prayer. That was to be their last visit with her.

On December 17, 1961, she slipped away into the other world, 74 years old, but a new life for eternity had just begun.

The End





# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Over the Falls

(A true story)

It was a beautiful day on July 9, 1960. James Hunnicut came to visit our family. Rodger, my seven-year-old brother and I wanted to go boating. James had a small boat with a 7½ horsepower outboard motor, so Dad said we could go with him. "Be sure to wear your life jackets," he told us.

We took the life jackets. Rodger put his on and I took mine in my hand, putting it on as soon as I was in the boat, then taking it off as soon as I was out of Dad's sight. We entered the river's calm water five miles above Niagara Falls.

I was seventeen years old and knew nothing about boating. James, however, was forty and an experienced fisherman, a trusted family friend, and none of us were in the least bit worried. We let the boat float along on the smooth water for a long time. We talked and laughed during the time and little noticed that the boat was drifting into unsafe water.

Rodger noticed a large building on the bank and asked, "James, what is that building?"

"That is the Ontario Hydro control dam," James answered. Then he added, "We've gone farther than I realized. Maybe we better turn around and head back up the river. We covered those miles mighty fast!"

He turned the boat around and gave it all the power! "Rum, rum, rum," went the engine. I was prepared for the boat to lunge forward, but it seemed to be barely moving. "What's wrong?" I asked.

"This current seems a little stronger than I expected," he answered, with a puzzled look on his face. "Don't be afraid, though; we'll be all right. We'll take off in a minute."

Minutes passed, and we could tell by the things on the shore that our boat was steadily moving downstream. "Give it more gas!" I called above the roar of the accelerated motor.

He did, but instead of leaping forward as I thought it would, the boat only whirled around and kept on heading for the swirling rapids.

James seized the oars and fought with all his might to bring us to the shore. Try as he might, we were getting nearer into the rapids! Then, amid the rocks, the motor sheared a pin and was useless! By then I had on my life jacket—Rodger had been wearing his all the time. The roar of the water falling over the cliff could be heard in the distance. The swirling churning of the water on the rocks as it carried us downward was like the open mouth of a man-eating shark ready to devour us. On we raced, faster and faster, each moment getting nearer to the drop off! We were near enough that anxious tourists were calling for us to stop! Others waved us

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### Paul's Testimony Before Felix

**New Words:** *Heresy:* A belief different from the established doctrine.

*Pestilent:* Destroying peace, troublesome.

*Ringleader:* A person who leads others in opposition to authority or law.

*Sedition:* Action causing discontent or rebellion against the government.

*Temperance:* Restraining oneself properly.

Acts 24:1 And after five days Ananias the high priest descended with the elders, and with a certain orator named Tertullus, who informed the governor [Felix] against Paul.

2 And when he was called forth, Tertullus began to accuse him, saying, . . .

5 . . . We have found this man a pestilent fellow, and a mover of sedition among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes:

6 Who also hath gone about to profane the temple: . . .

9 And the Jews also assented, saying that these things were so.

10 Then Paul, after that the governor had beckoned unto him to speak, answered,

11 . . . There are but twelve days since I went up to Jerusalem for to worship.

12 And they neither found me in the temple disputing with any man, neither raising up the people, neither in the synagogues, nor in the city:

13 Neither can they prove the things whereof they now accuse me.

14 But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets:

15 And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.

22 And when Felix heard these things, having more perfect knowledge of that way, he deferred them, and said, When Lysias the chief captain shall come down, I will know the uttermost of your matter.

23 And he commanded a centurion to keep Paul, and to let him have liberty, . . .

24 And after certain days, when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, which was a Jewess, he sent for Paul, and heard him concerning the faith in Christ.

25 And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee.

**Central Thought:** The Holy Spirit helped Paul to witness in such a way that Felix became interested in his faith and called for Paul to explain it to him. Felix was so convinced of the truth that he trembled.

#### Questions:

1. Who came to inform the governor against Paul?
2. Of what was Paul accused?
3. Did the Jews plan to judge Paul according to their law?
4. What accusations did Paul deny?
5. What did Paul accept as true?
6. What privileges did Paul enjoy in prison?
7. Why did Felix and his wife send for Paul?
8. When did Felix tremble?
9. How long was Paul kept in prison by Felix?
10. Why did Felix leave Paul bound when he left office?

#### MEMORY VERSE

. . . When they deliver you up, . . . it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. Matthew 10:19



# Let's Talk

The Roman authorities who ruled over Judea had allowed the Jewish people freedom of religion. They made their own rules for their religion, based on the laws handed down to them from Moses. They also had the privilege to enforce punishment for breaking of these laws. One law stated that any person or persons who profaned the temple were to be put to death.

The malicious Jews, the elders and the high priest, were hoping since their other plans to kill Paul had failed, that they could through a legal process have him killed. To do this they needed to prove that Paul had profaned the temple. They hired Tertullus, a shrewd intelligent speaker, to go with them to Caesarea to appear before Governor Felix to accuse Paul. They themselves would be the false witnesses needed to back Tertullus' misleading statements.

Their plans might have been successful except that God had already promised Paul that he would go to Rome, and God always keeps His promises.

Another promise God had made is that the Holy Spirit would give to the Christian just the right words to say when falsely accused, and that is just what He did. Paul's testimony before Felix was so anointed by the Holy Spirit that Felix dismissed the trial until the chief captain, Lysias, could come, and he gave Paul protection as well as liberty and freedom to have any visitors.

Felix was so affected by Paul's statement of faith that he called for him and discussed the Christian beliefs with him. At this time the Holy Spirit so convicted Felix that he trembled. Felix was known to be ungodly, cruel and wicked in his actions. After Paul explained the truth of God calling every person into judgment to give account of their actions, Felix felt uncomfortable and fearful.

Sad to say, we have no account of Felix making any changes in his life. God, however, was faithful to him, just as he was to Paul by giving Paul just the right words to say.

—Sis. Charlotte



## "I Have Christ! What Want I More?"

In the heart of London City,  
Mid the dwellings of the poor,  
These bright golden words were  
uttered—

"I have Christ! what want I more?"

By a lonely dying woman,  
Stretched upon an attic floor,  
Having not one earthly comfort,—  
"I have Christ! what want I more?"

He who heard them, ran to fetch her  
Something from the world's great  
store,

It was needless—she died saying,  
"I have Christ! what want I more?"

But her words will live forever—  
I repeat them o'er and o'er,  
God delights to hear me saying,—  
"I have Christ! what want I more?"

Look away from earth's attractions;  
All earth's joys will soon be o'er;  
Rest not, 'til each heart exclaimeth,  
"I have Christ! what want I more?"

—Selected

(Answers: 1. Ananias, the high priest, the elders and Tertullus, an orator. 2. Of being pestilent, a mover of seditions, and ringleader of the Nazarenes. 3. No, they planned to kill him. (For information about this, read chapter 23.) 4. All of them. 5. He confessed that he worshipped God differently than they did. 6. He could have visitors and other liberties. 7. To hear him concerning the faith in Christ." 8. As Paul was reasoning with him (showing him the facts) about righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come. 9. Two years. 10. To please the Jews.)

toward the shore. How glad we would have been to come to shore!

Now the roar of the mighty cataract pounded our ear drums. "We're going to die!" Rodger screamed. Trembling all over, I tried to calm him, when suddenly the boat capsized and threw us all into the water.

The last thing I heard from Rodger and James was Rodger screaming and James saying, "Don't be afraid! I'll hold you." I looked up to find my little brother, just in time to see them both going swiftly on toward their certain death. I was swimming with all my might toward the shore of Goat Island, my life jacket keeping me afloat. The strength with which I was steadily being pushed toward the shore was unnatural. Although I was a good swimmer, I was no match for the wild current against which I was combatting. Within a few feet of the shore the current seemed stronger or else my strength was failing. I began losing ground; then I would gain again, but never quite enough to touch land. The people stood as if frozen, seeing my death as a sure thing. I was so close to the shore! Finally, a brave man stepped across the safety rail and locking his feet around the rail post, stretched himself out on the water. I forged ahead with all my strength. Stretching with all my might, my hand touched his! I managed to grasp a firm grip onto his thumb. Then another man risked his life also by climbing over the rail and reaching to help the man struggling to pull me out.

I came to shore only fifteen feet from the brink of an awful chasm. Unrescued, the water would have taken me 162 feet to my death on the rocks below.

Moments later, my little brother went over the Falls, plunging 180 feet in torrents of water. His body shot clear of the rocks and the abyss below. He was spotted by some tourists going for a sight-seeing ride on an excursion boat called "The Maid of the Mist."

"Look! Something's in the water!" a man called in excitement.

"It's a small boy," the boat captain shouted. He radioed in for help. "There is a small boy at the bottom of the Falls, and he's alive!"

The boat started toward Rodger. As he floated past them going downstream, they threw him a life line. He missed at first and the current rushed him on. They raced the boat motor and threw another. Rodger missed it, also. He began to cry as the surging, boiling torrent tossed him from one place to another. The third time the life line went out to him, he seized it securely in his hand.

Apart from a few scrapes and bruises, neither Rodger nor I was hurt. We were taken to a hospital, examined, and released in a few hours.

Four days later, James Hunnicut's body was found floating in the river.

Surely it was only the mercy of God that spared our lives. The life jackets, no doubt, helped in some ways. James had no life jacket. He died.

We're all being carried along irresistably in the great stream of time. That awful drop over the mighty Falls of Niagara may well serve as a picture to us of death. ". . . It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." Hebrews 9:27. It may be a bright sunny day in the midst of some seemingly innocent pleasure that death may come and call for you, dear reader.

James Hunnicut's last words to my brother Rodger were, "I'll hold you," but how vain his efforts! Reader, when you pass from time into eternity you will go out by yourself—unless you have Christ.

Without a doubt, what helped save Rodger's life was his life jacket. That life jacket may well serve as a picture of Christ. Those who have Christ in their life will have Him in death—they will not pass into it alone.

Just as Rodger rose again above the awful torrent of water, so every believer shall rise again over the power of death to live with Christ forever.

(P.S. Rodger was saved one year later. He was eight years old.)

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## The Flood

"Mom, Mom," called Cindy. Her mother was pulling weeds from her flowers. "Come and listen! The radio announcer says everyone in Thompson River Canyon should evacuate immediately. They're predicting the worst flood in Colorado's history. The river is already flooding the canyon. Roadblocks have been set up."

Mrs. Diller stopped her work and came in saying, "I don't think there is any real danger. The river is high I know, but I don't think peaceful old Thompson will do any great damage. Sheriff Williams is just cautioning people, especially campers."

"But Mom, the sheriff has been warning us all day! I think we should do something! Water is plunging out of the Rockies like a falling wall," Cindy said, her voice rising with every word as she watched her mother unconcernedly pouring a glass of ice water.

"So what? If there is a wall ten feet high, when it gets here it will spread out. This is the widest valley in the canyon. Just don't get excited. Your Dad's watching out for us."

"I'll call Stacy and see if it is flooding there," Cindy hastily dialed. "Hello, Stacy? Is it flooding there? . . . Water's in the restaurant parking lot? . . . Really? . . . Your Dad has closed the restaurant? . . . Everyone is leaving? . . . You're leaving right now!"

Then Cindy heard Stacy drop the telephone, and scream, "The water's com-

ing! It's as high as our roof and. . ." She heard another scream and a terrible crash . . . then total silence. "The flood's hit the Covered Wagon Restaurant!" she shrieked to her mother who was again weeding her flowers.

"I heard Stacy scream, 'It's here!' and I heard the crash! Let's go, Mother!"

Cindy ran out the back door to where her dad was working on the car. Quickly she told him what she knew, then ran to tell her friends in the neighborhood. Mr. Diller hastily put the old part back on the car motor. "I hope this works long enough to get us out of here," he said.

He hurried inside and telephoned the homes farthest up the canyon. "I still don't see what all the excitement is about. Gentle old Thompson will stay within its banks. It always does," Mrs. Diller complained as she got the younger children herded into the car and threw in a few necessities.

Down the narrow crooked canyon road they drove as fast as they safely could. Some cars from up the canyon were already headed down. Some neighbors followed, but other neighbors, like Mrs. Diller, thought there was no danger. In places the canyon was only wide enough for the river. When the road was built, the mountain was cut to form a ledge 25 feet above the river. The river looked too close to Cindy as it churned angrily.

Mrs. Diller glanced over her shoulder, and gasped. Cindy saw her mother's white face. "What's wrong?" Cindy demanded. She was afraid to look.

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# WORDS OF GOLD



## Paul Appeals To Caesar

Acts 24:27 But after two years Porcius Festus came into Felix' room: and Felix, willing to shew the Jews a pleasure, left Paul bound.

Acts 25:1 Now when Festus was come into the province, after three days he ascended from Caesarea to Jerusalem.

2 Then the high priest and the chief of the Jews informed him against Paul, and besought him,

3 And desired favour against him, that he would send for him to Jerusalem, laying wait in the way to kill him.

4 But Festus answered, that Paul should be kept at Caesarea, and that he himself would depart shortly thither.

5 Let them therefore, said he, which among you are able, go down with me, and accuse this man, if there be any wickedness in him.

6 And when he had tarried among them more than ten days, he went down unto Caesarea; and the next day sitting on the judgment seat commanded Paul to be brought.

7 And when he was come, the Jews which came down from Jerusalem stood round about, and laid many and grievous complaints against Paul, which they could not prove.

8 While he answered for himself, Neither against the law of the Jews, neither against the temple, nor yet against Caesar, have I offended any thing at all.

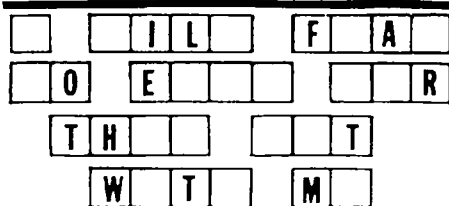
9 But Festus, willing to do the Jews a pleasure, answered Paul, and said, Wilt thou go up to Jerusalem, and there be judged of these things before me?

10 Then said Paul, I stand at Caesar's judgment seat, where I ought to be judged: to the Jews have I done no wrong, as thou very well knowest.

11 For if I be an offender, or have committed any thing worthy of death, I refuse not to die: but if there be none of these things whereof these accuse me, no man may deliver me unto them. I appeal unto Caesar.

12 Then Festus, when he had conferred with the council, answered, Hast thou appealed unto Caesar? unto Caesar shalt thou go.

**Central Thought:** Paul knew he would not have a fair trial in Jerusalem so he asked to be judged by Caesar, who lived in Rome. For a long time Paul had wished to preach in Rome. He knew he could speak before Caesar and have the freedom to preach, because his confidence was in God and not in himself.



Try to fill in the missing letters and complete this gospel text. PSALM 23

## Questions:

1. Who was the new governor in Felix' place?
2. What city did Festus visit after becoming governor?
3. What did the Jews ask Festus to do?
4. Were the Jews still planning to murder Paul enroute to Jerusalem?
5. Where was Paul tried?
6. Could Paul's accusers prove what they said?
7. Why did Festus ask Paul if he would go to Jerusalem and be tried?
8. By whom did Paul want to be judged?
9. Did Festus agree to send Paul to Caesar?

## MEMORY VERSE

... Ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, ... [and] it shall be given you ... what ye shall speak.

Matthew 10:18, 19



# Let's Talk

One would think that the Jews would have forgotten their hatred toward Paul during the two years he was in prison, but they had not. They were always watching for a chance to get Paul back into their hands. Their first plans to kill him two years ago had failed, but they had not given up the idea. They waited for another time.

When they heard that a new Roman ruler was taking over, they made plans again to have Paul assassinated on the road to Jerusalem.

A few days after Festus became the new governor in place of Felix, he made a trip to Jerusalem. While there, the leading Jews told him of the many charges against Paul, hoping it would influence Festus to have Paul tried again. After they felt confident that Festus would have another trial for Paul, they then asked if he would please have the trial in Jerusalem.

Most new governors would have taken this opportunity to become popular with their new subjects. Festus, however, acted differently. He may have already read the records about Paul in the court files. He might have been told by Felix about Paul's trial. To explain the reason for Paul being at Caesarea instead of Jerusalem where the trouble took place, Felix may have told him of the Jew's plan to kill Paul enroute to the temple. This appears evident by Festus' shocking reply which indicated that he believed sending Paul back to Jerusalem would mean certain death for him.

His answer was, "No! Paul will be judged in Caesarea. I will be going back soon, and your principal men may go with me and accuse him there. Then we shall see if he is guilty or not."

Within a few days Paul was tried before Festus in Caesarea. A group of Roman lawyers, called a tribunal, were present as Festus' council. Paul's accusers, the principal leaders of the temple, had come with Festus from Jeru-

salem. They gave many grievous complaints against Paul, however, they could prove nothing. The Jewish law could convict persons to die by word of testimony, but the Roman's demanded proof before a man could be convicted.

Paul answered his accusers saying, "I have committed no offense against the Jewish law, nor the temple, nor against Emperor Caesar."

"If you have done nothing against the Jewish law nor their temple, I am sure you will be willing to be judged of these things in Jerusalem," Festus said.

Paul answered, "I ought to be judged according to Caesar's law, for, as you very well know, I have done nothing worthy of death. If I have done anything worthy of death, I will die; but I have not. Therefore, you cannot give me over into their hands. As a Roman citizen I have a right to appeal to Caesar when I am not getting justice, which I certainly will not get if I am tried at Jerusalem. Therefore, I appeal to Caesar. Let the Jews come to Rome and testify against me before the emperor."

After a short discussion with the tribunal, Festus turned to Paul and said, "You have appealed to Caesar, to Caesar you shall go."

Paul knew this meant that he would be held as a prisoner for a long time. He would be taken under guard to Rome; but he was happy. His wish to go to Rome was about to be realized. God had promised, and God would see that he got there.

—Sis. Charlotte



## Ask And Ye Shall Receive

"Ask what ye will"—His Word is true,

His power is all divine;  
Ye cannot test His love too far;

His utmost shall be thine.  
God does not mock believing prayer;  
Ye shall not go unfed.

He gives no serpent for a fish,  
Nor gives He stones for bread.

—Selected



(Answers: 1. Festus. 2. Jerusalem. 3. To send Paul to Jerusalem to be judged. 4. Yes. 5. In Caesarea. 6. No. 7. To give the Jews a pleasure. 8. By Caesar. 9. Yes.)

"The water! the water!" her mother gasped. "It's a tidal wave! A wall of water, high as an electric post, is charging through the canyon! 'Can't we go any faster?' she screamed.

Mr. Diller accelerated. The car coughed a few times, but it kept going up, up, up, past the Cedarmonst Hotel, to a high lookout point where Dad knew there was a large flat place to park.

"What if we hadn't listened to Cindy?" she said as Mr. Diller parked the car. "I wonder how many of our neighbors are safe?"

"And Stacy? She's my best friend. Where are you, Stacy? Oh, Stacy, I wish I could help you," Cindy cried. She buried her face in the pillow her mother brought.

A loud noise awakened Cindy.

Dark clouds covered the sky and it was raining. It was only nine-thirty. On a sunny day it would just be getting dark, but now it was like midnight. Power lines were down, she was sure, for no electric light shown from the motel nor restaurant below. A few men were walking around, but most of the people seemed to be at the other end of the parking lot gathered around a bonfire.

Suddenly Cindy thought she saw movement in the canyon below the car. "Something is there," she whispered.

Mr. Diller wiped the fog from the windshield. "Sure enough," he said, as he squinted his eyes, "a big dark blur. It's moving from side to side. I wonder what it is?"

"It's a bear!" Cindy's little brother muttered sleepily without raising his head or opening his eyes.

Mrs. Diller was asleep, too, with the baby in her arms. Cindy and her dad watched as the blur came nearer and nearer. It was going a little to the south toward the fire over at that end of the parking lot. A flash of lightning revealed the form more clearly. It was big all right!

"Should you go tell the people?" Cindy questioned. "Someone might get hurt."

"Surely all the noise they are making will frighten it."

"Do you have a flashlight?" Cindy asked.

"Yes. Maybe I could frighten it with the light."

Mr. Diller slipped on his raincoat, and took the flashlight. Standing on the car bumper, he aimed the light towards the blur.

From somewhere down the canyon Cindy heard the words, "Thanks, ever so much."

She jumped out of the car and threw her sweater over her head. At the end of the beam of light she saw a man, clad in pajamas and hiking jacket, climbing up the canyon wall.

"I'm Wayne Link," he said, when he had finally worked his way to the top. "Thanks for helping me." He was dripping wet, covered with mud, and shaking from the cold. Cindy thought she saw blood on his hands. "Say, that water is coming up fast and it's cold, too. I think I will join them around the bonfire and see if I can get warmed up."

While Cindy and her dad were walking with Mr. Link to the fire, he said, "I was asleep in an upstairs room of the Cedarmonst Motel when I was awakened by the unusual roaring of the river. There were no lights anywhere as I jumped out of bed to get my flashlight. The floor was covered with water. Slipping on my wet shoes and feeling in the darkness, I found the flashlight and shined it out the window. A car's roof was lodged against the motel! I raced to the rear of my room nearest the canyon wall and kicked out the window. I dropped my flashlight trying to get out, but I knew I hadn't time to hunt it."

Some men were putting up a large tarpaulin to shelter the 24 people who had scaled the canyon wall to escape the flood. "I thought I woke everyone," a man apologized to Mr. Link when he learned he had been left asleep in the motel.

"No apologies needed," Mr. Link said. "I just thank God for saving my life. I heard the motel crumble right after I climbed out."

(Dear reader, a lot of people escaped death because they heeded the warnings, but 145 persons were drowned in this flood, on the evening of July 31, 1976. All names have been changed. Will you heed the call of God to save your soul, or will you not heed the warning and be eternally lost?)

Charlotte Huskey



# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Hero's Rescue

One afternoon as we were coming home from school, we saw a boy sitting on the river bank with a little dog on his lap. As we came to where the boy sat, we noticed that he had a string tied around the dog's neck and at the other end there was a big stone tied with a cord. The little fellow was crying bitterly and every now and then he gave the little dog a hug as he clasped him to his breast. Several of the school boys stood still, but no one wanted to ask what was the matter.

At last a man came walking along the river bank, and when he came opposite to where the boy sat with the dog, he stopped. "What are you going to do with the dog, my boy?" he inquired in a kind sympathetic voice.

Bursting afresh into tears, the boy said, "The man I work for sent me to drown him, sir. But I have never drowned a dog in my life, or killed any of God's creatures, and I can't do it."

"Why does he want the dog drowned?" asked the man.

"I think it's because he has no need for him, and nobody would buy him, sir," replied the boy, half hoping that the man would in some way relieve him of his unwelcome job.

"Take me to your boss, and we'll hear what he says. I need a dog, and if he will sell him to me, I will save you this sad work of drowning him," said the kind gentleman.

The boy wiped his tears away and cut the big stone from the cord. In a moment he was on his way to his boss' house. The man walked along by his side and we all followed to see the end.

I'm glad to tell you that the dog's owner was very glad to sell him, so the money was paid over and Hero—for that was the name his new master gave him—was rescued from death, and passed over to his new master, who had redeemed him. He grew up to be a fine useful dog, and for many years he faithfully watched his master's property.

I often think of this simple incident, and as I do so, the picture rises before me of a more wonderful Deliverer and of a redemption at much higher cost. We were all sinners, "for all have sinned," (Romans 3:23), condemned to die the sinner's death.

From that just and well-deserved doom, we could not deliver ourselves. But there was One who saw us in our terrible case, and He looked upon us with love. He was rich, yet for our sakes He became poor; He came from heaven down to this earth to where we were. It was Jesus, the Saviour of sinners. He saw us in our ruin; He knew we had nothing to pay. Then it was that He Himself paid the price of our ransom, and that was His own precious blood. He could say, "I have found a ransom." Now all who believe on Him are set free from sin and from Satan's chains, to enter His blessed service, and to own His claims as their Lord and Master.

—Selected

## WORDS OF GOLD



### Festus Tells Agrippa About Paul

**New Word:** *Pomp*: A grand, majestic, stately display.

Acts 25:13 And after certain days king Agrippa and Bernice came unto Caesarea to salute Festus.

14 And when they had been there many days, Festus declared Paul's cause unto the king, saying, There is a certain man left in bonds by Felix:

15 About whom, when I was at Jerusalem, the chief priests and the elders of the Jews informed me, desiring to have judgment against him.

16 To whom I answered, It is not the manner of the Romans to deliver any man to die, before that he which is accused have the accusers face to face, and have licence to answer for himself concerning the crime laid against him.

22 Then Agrippa said unto Festus, I would also hear the man myself. Tomorrow, said he, thou shalt hear him.

23 . . . On the morrow, when Agrippa was come, and Bernice, with great pomp, and was entered into the place of hearing, with the chief captains, and principal men of the city, at Festus' commandment Paul was brought forth.

24 And Festus said, King Agrippa, and all men which are here present with us, ye see this man, about whom all the multitude of the Jews have dealt with me, both at Jerusalem, and also here, crying that he ought not to live any longer.

25 But when I found that he had committed nothing worthy of death, and that he himself hath appealed to Augustus, I have determined to send him.

26 Of whom I have no certain thing to write unto my lord. Wherefore I have

brought him forth before you, and specially before thee, O king Agrippa, that, after examination had, I might have somewhat to write.

27 For it seemeth to me unreasonable to send a prisoner, and not withal to signify the crimes laid against him.

**Central Thought:** Festus was a new governor and a stranger to Paul, but Paul's actions and testimony proved to Festus that he was not worthy of death. The Jew's actions proved to Festus that they were seeking Paul's life, not justice.



### I Resolve

To keep my health; To do my work, to live;

To see to it I grow and gain and give;  
Never to look behind me for an hour;  
To wait in weakness, and to walk in power;

But always going onward to the light;  
Always and always away from the night.  
—Selected

### Questions:

1. Who left Paul in prison?
2. Who desired judgment against Paul?
3. Did the Romans believe in fair trials?
4. A question from past lessons: Do you remember before whom Paul had been tried?
5. Did Festus think Paul should die?
6. Why did Festus not release Paul?
7. Why did Festus want Agrippa to hear Paul?
8. What did Festus think was unreasonable?
9. Did Agrippa agree to hear Paul?

### MEMORY VERSE

Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right.

Proverbs 20:11

# Let's Talk



Some days after Festus became the new governor, King Agrippa and Bernice came into Caesarea to visit with Festus. There were many days of feasting and entertainment for all the important persons of the province.

After many days of celebration, Festus' mind turned again to his duties as governor. There were some puzzling problems he must take care of. One very puzzling problem was the prisoner, Paul. Paul had appealed to Caesar to be judged at his court, so by law Festus had to send Paul to Caesar. Sending a prisoner to Rome was a major operation. It was a long expensive trip of nearly 2,000 miles which demanded the use of several soldiers. The trial, too, was no small matter. It would take time from the busy schedules of the Roman emperor and his important lawyers. For these reasons, Festus felt he could not send Paul without a record of some crime. He thought perhaps King Agrippa could help.

King Agrippa had been reared among the Jews. He was a son of King Herod who had John the Baptist beheaded, and the grandson of King Herod the Great who had the babies put to death in Bethlehem in his effort to kill Jesus. He was well acquainted with the Jewish religion, and would therefore know if Paul had broken the Jewish law or defiled their temple as the Jews accused.

When Festus found an opportunity to talk privately to Agrippa, he said, "I have a prisoner whom Felix left bound when he was removed from office. The Jews presented their case against him, and asked for his conviction. I told them that I could not by law give him unto them until I could get them together with him and hear the case. After I had finished the business at hand, I had a trial for him. The men did not accuse him of things I consider to be crimes, but about religion; about respect for their temple of worship and about a certain man they called Jesus,

whom they said was dead, but Paul said was alive. I did not know how to investigate such matters, and as the Jews had already begged me to send him to Jerusalem to be tried, I asked if he would go there for another trial. But he answered, 'I am a Roman citizen. I appeal to Caesar.' "

Without hesitation, King Agrippa said, "I would like to hear him."

"We will arrange for you to hear him tomorrow," Festus said.

News was spread about the hearing, and the next day the judgment hall was packed with the chief captains and principal men of the city. At the appointed time, King Agrippa and his sister Bernice, dressed very finely, came ceremoniously in behind flag bearers and trumpeters. After all the bowing and greeting was finished, Festus commanded Paul to be brought in.

The great Apostle Paul, a son of the Everlasting King, was brought in, chained to his guard.

Festus addressed King Agrippa, then said, "The multitude of Jews are crying that this man should not live. I found that he has committed nothing worthy of death."

The Holy Spirit helped Apostle Paul to act right, which convinced Festus that he was not guilty.

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. The governor, Felix. 2. The Jews from Jerusalem. 3. Yes (verse 16). 4. The first was before the Jewish council, second before Felix, and the third before Festus. 5. No. 6. Festus was not allowed to release any prisoner after they had appealed to a higher court, and that is what Paul had done when he appealed to Caesar. 7. He hoped that because Agrippa was of the Jewish religion, he would understand and explain the accusation. 8. To send a prisoner to another court without a record of his crime or crimes. 9. Yes.)

## Which Loved Best?

"I love you Mother," said John,  
Then forgetting his work, his cap went on,  
And he was off to the garden swing,  
Leaving his mother the wood to bring.

"I love you Mother," said Nell,  
"I love you more than words can tell."  
Then she teased and pouted half the day,  
Till Mother rejoiced when she went to play.

"I love you Mother," said Fan,  
"Today I will help you all I can."  
Then to the cradle she did softly creep,  
And rocked the baby till it fell asleep.

Then stepping softly she took the broom  
And swept the floor and dusted the room.  
Busy and happy all day was she,  
Helpful and cheerful as could be.

"I love you Mother," again they said,  
Three little children going to bed.  
How do you think the mother guessed  
Which of the children loved her best?  
—Selected

## What Shall I Do?

"What shall I do?" My boy, don't stand  
asking;

Take hold of something—whatever you  
can;

Don't turn aside from the toiling or  
tasking;

Idle, soft hands never yet made a man.

Grasp with a will whatever needs doing  
Still stand ready, when one work is  
done,

Another to seize, then still pursuing  
In duty your course, find the victory  
won.

Do your best for today, trust God for  
tomorrow;

Don't be afraid of a jest or a sneer;  
Be cheerful and hopeful, and no trouble  
borrow;

Keep the heart true, and the head cool  
and clear.

If you can climb to the top without falling,  
Do it. If not, go as high as you can.  
Man is not honored by business or calling;  
Business and calling are honored by  
man.  
—Selected

## An Affectionate Tiger

A friend was one day visiting the zoo  
and enjoyed watching the great lions  
and tigers in their cages. He was par-  
ticularly struck by the appearance of a  
tiger who was affectionately licking the  
hand of a gentleman leaning over the  
rail in front of his cage.

My friend expressed surprise and still  
more so when the man remarked, "He  
is mine"; and then he told a remarkable  
story about this tiger.

He had been an army officer in the  
Far East and had had the tiger ever  
since it was a baby. One day his two  
little boys, seven and eight years old,  
were playing on the bank of the river  
near their home. Getting possession of  
a boat they began paddling about. The  
tiger, then a few months old, was walk-  
ing along the river bank.

In the end the boat capsized and the  
two children were soon struggling for  
their lives in the current of the river.  
There was no one to save them when  
the tiger plunged into the river and  
swam to the rescue of his master's chil-  
dren. Seizing hold of them both he tried  
to swim back to the shore. But his  
strength began to fail and his noble  
efforts would have proved fruitless had  
not some natives, who had arrived at  
the scene of danger, come to the tiger's  
assistance. All three were brought safe-  
ly to land.

Brave, noble tiger! He was a true  
friend and tried hard to be a saviour to  
those boys.

The Lord Jesus is a mighty Saviour,  
willing and able to save sinners from  
going down under the dark waters of  
death and judgment.

O what a Saviour is Jesus the Lord!  
Well may His name by His saints  
be adored!

He has redeemed us from hell by His  
blood.

Saved them forever and brought them  
to God.

Jesus the Saviour mighty to save,  
Jesus hath triumphed o'er death and  
the grave.  
—Selected

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## "Can You Tell Me The Way To Heaven?"

One morning we were holding the line in a trench when we came in for unusually heavy shelling. Presently there was a black cloud as a shell burst and pieces of shrapnel came whizzing past us. Poor Bert S— fell like a log. Tiny Jim who was 6 ft. 3 in., and another young man jumped down and picked him up; but they saw at a glance that it was a hopeless case. There was not a nursing station near, so Tiny Jim and some other fellows got hold of some empty sandbags and an old coat, and laid Bert on them in the bottom of the trench.

Back on the firing step they got, but they had not been there long, when Jim was startled by a voice behind him saying, "Can you tell me the way to heaven?"

Tiny Jim jumped down again beside poor Bert and said, "The way to heaven? I am sorry, I don't know the way, but I'll ask the other fellows and find out if they know."

He returned to the firing step, walked along to the first man and asked him, but he did not know; so he went further and asked the next man, but he did not know either. Tiny Jim then went over to the firing bay and asked the fourth man, but he was no better than the rest of us. From there on each man relayed the question to the man next to him. Down the line went the story of what had happened, and the question went

from man to man until No. 16 was reached. Not one of the sixteen could tell the way to heaven.

The story was passed on to No. 17: "Bert is dying and wants to know the way to heaven. Can you tell him the way?"

"Yes, I know the way to heaven, but I cannot go along the trench. I dare not leave my station." Thrusting his hand into his pocket he pulled out a little khaki Testament. Quickly, he turned its pages and said, "Look here, this is the way to heaven—that verse marked around with pencil (John 3:16). I'll turn the leaves back there; you put your thumb on that verse. Tell him that is the way to heaven."

Quickly the message and the Testament passed back from man to man until it reached Tiny Jim. He dropped beside Bert, who lay there so still. He touched his shoulder; slowly Bert opened his eyes.

"I've got it, Bert, old chum," said Tiny Jim. "Here is the way to heaven: 'For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life.'"

Poor Bert's eyes were wide open now, he was drinking in every word. What a scene it was—Tiny Jim kneeling on the bottom of the trench, his great hand holding the little Testament, the tears running down his cheeks, reading again and again those life-giving Words in Bert's ears!

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### Paul's Testimony Before Agrippa

Acts 26:1 Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Thou art permitted to speak for thyself. Then Paul stretched forth the hand, and answered for himself.

2 I think myself happy, king Agrippa, because I shall answer for myself this day before thee. . . .

3 Especially because I know thee to be expert in all customs and questions which are among the Jews: wherefore I beseech thee to hear me patiently.

4 My manner of life from my youth, which was . . . at Jerusalem, know all the Jews;

5 . . . that after the most straitest sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee.

6 And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the promise [resurrection] made of God unto our fathers:

8 Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise the dead?

9 I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth.

10 Which thing I also did in Jerusalem: and many of the saints did I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I gave my voice against them.

11 And I punished them oft in every synagogue, and compelled them to blaspheme; and being exceedingly mad against them, I persecuted them even unto strange cities.

12 Whereupon as I went to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests,

13 At midday, O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, . . .

14 And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? . . .

15 And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest.

16 But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee;

18 To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

**Central Thought:** Paul sanctified himself by studying the Word and by prayer. He used every opportunity that he had to testify about what God had done for him.



#### Questions:

1. Why was Paul happy?
2. What was Agrippa an expert of?
3. In what religion was Paul raised?
4. Of what was he being judged?
5. Did Paul once think he should do things contrary to Jesus?
6. Where did Jesus appear to Paul?
7. What was Paul doing to Jesus?
8. What did Jesus want Saul to do?
9. What shall those who turn from darkness receive?

#### MEMORY VERSE

. . . Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you. . . . I Peter 3:15

# Let's Talk

Festus arranged to have King Agrippa hear Paul. He hoped that it would help him to write a letter about Paul to Caesar, for Paul had appealed to Caesar.

Paul was happy to have the chance to speak before King Agrippa. This was a privilege that few people could have. Also, years ago God had told Ananias that Paul was chosen to bear Jesus' name before the Gentiles and before kings, so Paul knew this was another promise being fulfilled.

"Oh, king," he said, "I am happy that you will let me explain to you why I am not guilty of the charges brought against me. I know you are an expert in all customs and questions which are among the Jews. Also, you understand that God is without beginning or end and that He controls all power. You know also about Jesus' miracles, His death, and you have heard the stories that are told about His resurrection. It will take me a long time to explain it all, so please be patient," Paul said to the king.

"From birth I was surrounded by high standards, and taught to obey God in the strictest manner. When a young man, I studied in Jerusalem. Many of the Jews know this and, if they would testify the truth, would say that I was a very strict Pharisee. Gamaliel was my teacher. He helped me understand the resurrection, and for this belief I am accused today.

"But why should you think it strange that God could raise Jesus from the dead? Our fathers believed it and served God for this hope. I should not, however, think it strange that the elders have not accepted this truth for I, too, was once like them. I persecuted all those who believed that Jesus had been resurrected and even sent women and children to prison. My hatred for this way was so strong that I encouraged the death of believers.

"One day, when I was traveling toward Damascus with the intention of

arresting and imprisoning all the believers that I could find in the city, Jesus met me! His countenance was brighter than the mid-day sun and it blinded me.

"After this experience, O king, I have traveled into many parts of the world to teach people of this way. For I know without a doubt that Jesus did rise from the dead and is alive today. King Agrippa, why should it be a hard thing to believe that God could raise Christ from the dead to never die again? I am sure you know about the Shunamite's son being brought back to life, and the corpse that was resurrected when it touched Prophet Elisha's bones, and of the widow's son and Lazarus to whom Jesus restored life. All of these died again, but Jesus arose and is alive today! This is the resurrection which the Jews do not believe.

"Having a part in this resurrection will give a man power over hatred, lying, stealing, adultery, pride and every sin. Christ has done this in my heart, O King Agrippa."

Next Sunday we will study the remainder of Paul's testimony and what the king said. —Sis. Charlotte



## Never Say Fail!

Keep pushing—'tis wiser  
Than sitting aside,  
And dreaming and sighing,  
And waiting the tide.  
In life's earnest battle  
They only prevail  
Who daily march onward  
And never say fail!

—Selected

(Answers: 1. Because he could speak for himself to King Agrippa. 2. The customs and questions among the Jews. 3. In a sect of the Jewish religion called Pharisees. 4. Of the hope of the resurrection. 5. Yes. 6. On the way to Damascus. 7. Persecuting Him. 8. To be His minister and witness. 9. Forgiveness of sins, and an inheritance among them which are sanctified.)

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16.

A look of peace came over Bert's face as he kept gasping out "whosoever." Then after lying quiet for a while, his face lit up with satisfaction, and with one last gasp he said, "whosoever," and was gone, gone from the battlefield to be with Christ!

The Lord Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life," (John 14:6), and "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved." (John 10:9).

It is not enough to merely know the way to heaven; you must actually tread that way, by entering through Christ—the Door.

The Lord Jesus, whose precious blood cleanses us from all sin, (I John 1:7), died, the Just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God. He is now seated at God's right hand where He is crowned with glory and honor. He is the only Saviour and the only way to heaven.

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:12.

—Selected

## How God Saved Hudson Taylor

No one thought that the careless boy would later go to China to tell others how to be saved, for from the age of 11 when Hudson was at school, he grew more and more careless of his own need of being saved. He seemed to want fun and money more than God's salvation.

Often he had tried to make himself a Christian, and failed of course. Then he began to think he never could be saved, and thought he might as well enjoy as much of the world as he could.

When 15, young Hudson met some men who claimed that the Bible was not true. He quickly accepted their infidel reasonings, only too thankful for some hope of escape from the doom which, if the Bible were true, awaited the ungodly. Hudson was smart in school, but he was stupid to think he

could escape hell by pretending it was not real.

However, Hudson's mother and sister were praying earnestly for his salvation, and God answers prayer.

One afternoon he was alone and picked up a little book which he read. It made his sinful and dangerous state very real to him. If he died that afternoon, he knew he would be in hell. He read on until he noticed the words, "The finished work of Christ." He thought about the Lord Jesus on the cross saying, just before He died, "It is finished!"

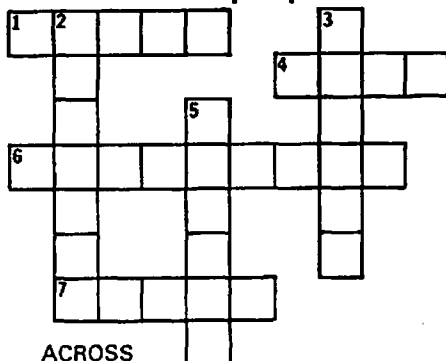
"What was finished?" Hudson asked himself. He understood then that the Lord Jesus had paid his debt of sin when He died, and God does not ask anything more.

What was there left for him to do? The answer was, "There is nothing left to be done, but to accept this Saviour and His salvation, and praise Him forevermore."

Before Hudson had finished reading the little book, he was saved!

→Selected

### Bible Epitaphs



#### ACROSS

1. God said he was "a man after Mine own heart." Acts 13:22.
4. "The disciple whom Jesus loved." John 13:23, 19:26, 20:2, 21:7, 21:20.
6. A man "in whom is no guile." John 1:47.
7. The man was "very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth." Num. 12:3.

#### DOWN

2. "The Friend of God." James 2:23.
3. "A fruitful bough by a well." Gen. 49:22.
5. A man "greatly beloved." Dan. 9:23.



# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## The Loss Of The Lusitania

On Saturday, May 1, 1915, the giant Cunard line, Lusitania, one of the largest and fastest ships afloat in her day, sailed out of New York Harbor with 2000 souls aboard.

It was wartime, but most of the passengers, seemingly confident that the great swift vessel could elude and outrun any enemy underwater craft, were having luncheon. As she neared the coast of Ireland, suddenly, without warning, two torpedoes fired from a German submarine, crashed into her starboard side, and in a very short time the huge ship sank with a frightful loss of 1400 lives.

Harold Boulton, a young Englishman, was one of those who were saved. When he heard that the ship had been struck by torpedoes, he quickly put on a life belt, jumped into the ocean, and started swimming away from the ship. From the water he saw the Lusitania sink. Later Harold was saved by some fishermen who pulled him out of the water and took him to England. He wrote:

When the lifeboats were just about to be lowered, I saw Captain Turner appear on the bridge, shouting loudly and waving his hands. "Don't lower the boats!" he called at the top of his voice. "The ship can't sink. She is all right. Kindly assist in getting the women out of the boats and off the upper deck!"

I believe that the loss of many lives is chargeable to the captain's orders to empty the boats, for later there was not time to reload them. I saw that the second class passengers had ignored the captain's orders and were loading the lifeboats; they had launched four of them. This is why, I think, more second class than first class passengers were saved.

The captain made a terrible mistake. How sorry he was later that he told the passengers on the Lusitania they were safe, *when they were not*.

Preachers, teachers and parents can make terrible mistakes too. Oftentimes they tell people they are safe, when they are not. Do not rest, dear reader, in the thought that you are saved from judgment, and saved for heaven, until you have *God's word* for it.

"... If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Romans 10:9.

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Romans 10:13.

Harold Boulton also wrote:

I asked a woman and her daughter if there was anything I could do for them, and the mother replied, "Not a thing, thank you. We're not going to get excited, but remain calm and stay here. The captain says the Lusitania cannot sink." Alas, they were both drowned.

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### “Almost Thou Persuadest Me To Be A Christian.”

Acts 26:19 Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision: [which I saw on the way to Damascus]:

20 But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.

21 For these causes the Jews caught me in the temple, and went about to kill me.

22 Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come:

23 That Christ should suffer, and that he should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should shew light unto the people, and to the Gentiles.

24 And as he thus spake for himself, Festus said with a loud voice, Paul, thou art beside thyself; much learning doth make thee mad.

25 But he said, I am not mad, most noble Festus; but speak forth the words of truth and soberness.

26 For the king knoweth of these things, before whom also I speak freely: for I am persuaded that none of these things are hidden from him; for this thing was not done in a corner.

27 King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest.

28 Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.

29 And Paul said, I would to God, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were both almost,

and altogether such as I am, except these bonds.

30 And when he had thus spoken, the king rose up, and the governor, and Bernice, and they that sat with them:

31 And when they were gone aside, they talked between themselves, saying, This man doeth nothing worthy of death or of bonds.

32 Then said Agrippa unto Festus, This man might have been set at liberty, if he had not appealed unto Caesar.

**Central Thought:** The grace of God has appeared unto all men. Each person then is responsible to accept their opportunity to become a Christian.



### Simple Searching

In Barnabas, *not* Paul,  
In Samuel *and* in Saul,  
In David, *not* in King,  
*Not* found in Stone, but Sling  
In Jonah, *not* in Whale,  
In Esau who did fail,  
In Persians, *not* in Medes,

*Whole:* One a sinner needs.

### Questions:

1. Was Paul obedient to the heavenly vision?
2. What did Paul tell the Gentiles?
3. Why had the Jews caught Paul?
4. Who helped Paul to stay alive?
5. What did Festus say to Paul?
6. Did Paul believe that King Agrippa knew he was telling the truth?
7. How was Agrippa affected by Paul's speech?
8. Did Paul wish that his audience were Christians?
9. What did the men decide about Paul?

### MEMORY VERSE

... Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.

Acts 26:28



# Let's Talk

(The first part of Paul's testimony is in last week's paper.)

Paul was brought into the judgment hall. Before him sat King Agrippa, Bernice, and Governor Festus. On either side were the chief captains, and other leading citizens of Caesarea. King Agrippa was a Jew and was asked by Festus to hear Paul and judge if Paul was guilty of death by the Jewish law as the Jews at Jerusalem claimed he was. Although he was a Jew, King Agrippa was not obeying the Jewish laws, not even the Ten Commandments. Like his father, Herod, and his grandfather, Herod the Great, he, too, was doing many sinful things that he liked to do.

"You are permitted to speak for yourself," King Agrippa said to Paul.

"O King Agrippa," Paul said, "Jesus spoke to me in a vision and said that I was persecuting Him everytime I persecuted those who believe on Him. He also told me that I should be His minister, and open people's understanding so that they can turn from darkness and the power of Satan, and receive forgiveness of sin, after which they will have an inheritance among the holy.

"O King, I obeyed this message from Jesus, and I went first into Damascus. Then I went to Jerusalem and throughout all Judea not arresting believers as I had done before, but testifying that I, too, am a believer. Since that time, I have traveled over Asia and many other countries preaching Jesus to the Gentiles.

"Because I tell the Gentiles they, too, have a part in the Kingdom of God, the Jews seem to think I am teaching that God will cast off the Jews and work only with the Gentiles. God will not cast off the Jews, for He loves all people; but thou knowest, O king, that the prophets said that Christ should be a light unto the Gentiles."

"Paul," Festus stormed, "you have studied so much you are crazy!"

"No, most honorable Festus, I am not crazy but speak sober and true words," Paul answered. "The king understands what I am saying. He also knows that it is true, for the miracles which Jesus and His followers have done are told in every city. Even the prophets spoke of them. You believe the prophets, don't you, King Agrippa?" Paul asked.

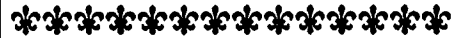
Before Agrippa answered, Paul said, "I know you believe them."

Agrippa finally said to Paul, "You have almost persuaded me to also be a Christian."

Paul smiled, "I wish that not only you but everyone in this room was a Christian just like me, except, of course, I wouldn't want any of you to be chained as I am."

After Paul said that, Agrippa, Festus, Bernice, and the others left the room. When they finished talking they had decided that Paul was not worthy of death nor bonds. "He might have been set free if he had not appealed to Caesar," King Agrippa said.

—Sis. Charlotte



Not many lives, but only one have we—  
Frail, fleeting man!

How sacred should that one life ever be—  
That narrow span.

Day after day filled up with blessed toil;  
Hour after hour still bringing in new  
spoil.

—H. Bonar

"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." John 8:36.

God has warned of greater sorrows,

He has told of judgment sore

Which will fall on Christ rejectors,

When the day of grace is o'er.

But His only Son once suffered,

He for us the judgment bore;

Those who come to Him are sheltered

By His blood, forevermore.

—Selected



(Answers: 1. Yes. 2. That they should repent and turn to God. 3. Because he worked with the Gentiles. 4. God. 5. "Thou art beside thyself; much learning doth make thee mad." 6. Yes. 7. He was almost persuaded to be a Christian. 8. Yes. 9. That he had done nothing worthy of death nor bonds.)

Why were they drowned? Because they thought they did not need to be saved. But *they did need to be saved*, and so does every child of Adam's fallen race. God says in His Word, "All have sinned," (Romans 3:23), and "The wages of sin is death," (Romans 6:23). "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." (Luke 13:3).

This world is a sinking ship, but Christ is God's Lifeboat—large enough to save all who will come and put their trust in Jesus. Countless thousands have left the sinking ship of this world and are safe aboard, safe in Christ and on their way to heaven's happy shore. There's still room for more.

But all who remain in the world's doomed ship will surely go down with all their sins into death's dark waters and eternal judgment.

"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." Proverbs 14:12.

Come from darkness into light,

From the way that seemeth right;

Come and start for heaven tonight!

Be in time!

"... Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, ..." Acts 16:31. —Selected

## I Believe God Answers Prayer

In the province of Hunan, China, there lived a little Chinese boy named Ho Long. Ho attended a village children's meeting and there learned to know and love the Lord Jesus Christ, the "Friend of little children."

Ho's home was a sad one. His father used to spend night after night away in the village, gambling and drinking, so that his poor mother was very miserable and often cried.

One night she was sitting up as usual, waiting for her husband to come home, and her heart was so heavy with dark hopelessness that she sat and sobbed as if her heart would break.

"What shall I do?" she cried. "What shall I do?"

At last little Ho could stand it no more. "Why don't you pray to the Lord Jesus?" he suggested.

"I don't know how to pray," sobbed the poor woman.

"I'll teach you, Mother," said the little boy, sitting up.

"But your God wouldn't listen to me, and He can't do anything for your father," replied his mother in a hopeless voice.

Ho climbed out of bed and knelt beside his mother. "Let's pray, Mother," he coaxed. "The Lord Jesus can change Father. He changes people's hearts."

"I don't know what to say. I can't pray," said Mother.

"I'll say it first, and you say it after me, Mother," said little Ho.

So in the shadowy darkness the little fellow taught his mother to pray sentence by sentence. She hardly believed there could be any answer to that prayer, but little 8-year-old Ho had no doubts about the matter. Had he not been praying for some months now that the Lord Jesus would change his father's heart, and bring peace and happiness into that little home?

Night after night, when the father was gambling and drinking away his earnings, Ho and his mother prayed together, and she seemed to get comfort from their prayers.

A few months later, the gospel tent came to their village. Out of curiosity Ho's father began to attend the meetings. Before long he was convicted of sin. At last the time came when he was saved by the power of God.

Now there was no more gambling or drinking, and soon Ho Long's home was the happy place he had dreamed of. Together he and his father and mother thanked God for hearing and answering their prayers.

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." II Corinthians 5:17.

—Selected



# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Across Niagara Falls On A Tightrope

Charles Blondin, the famous French acrobat and the world's greatest tight-rope walker, performed the amazing feat of crossing Niagara Falls on a rope carrying a man on his back.

His first trip he made alone in the year 1859. One hundred thousand people went nearly frantic as he pranced and ran, turned somersaults, walked backward, sat down, lay down, walked with baskets on his feet and even walked with stilts. When he landed safely on the other shore, the great crowds were weak with anxiety for his safety.

The next year he came back to do it again. Special trains were run from Toronto, Canada, and Buffalo, New York carrying the huge crowd that gathered to witness the breathtaking spectacle. Among them was the Prince of Wales, later King Edward VII.

With a 40-pound pole to balance him, Blondin darted back and forth across the river like a playful monkey. He walked across pushing a wheelbarrow, he ate his lunch at mid-stream and cooked himself an omelette on a small griddle he carried with him. Finally amid the cheers of the thousands of onlookers, he set foot on the American shore.

Then waving his hand in thanks, he shouted, "I don't want to go back to the other side by myself. I want to carry a man on my back. Who will volunteer?"

There were no volunteers. It is said he asked Edward the prince. Edward didn't question Blondin's ability, but he wouldn't dare take the risk.

At last he asked his manager, Henry Colcord, from Chicago, "Do you believe I can carry you across?"

"Yes," he replied.

"Then will you trust me?"

"I will."

"All right. Let's start."

With Colcord on his shoulders, piggy-back fashion, off they went, Colcord shaking in his boots. Foot by foot and inch by inch they moved along. They reached the center of the river. Below them churned the deep dark swirling waters of death, as if waiting for their prey.

So far all was well. But as they neared the Canadian side one of the guy lines had been severed and the rope was swaying fearfully. Blondin was nearly exhausted. He told Colcord to dismount while he took a rest. Colcord obeyed, somehow holding on to Blondin's hips. The crowd, all tense, held their breath.

"Henry," said Blondin, "you are now Blondin. Be a part of me. If I sway, sway with me. Do not try to balance or it will be the end of us."

Colcord climbed back on Blondin's back. The rope was swaying wildly. Blondin's teeth were set, for this was his closest call. Then he started to run. How he kept his balance no one could understand. But he made it. At last with Colcord on his back he stepped

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### Sailing For Rome

Acts 27:1 And when it was determined that we should sail into Italy, they delivered Paul and certain other prisoners unto one named Julius, a centurion of Augustus' band.

2 And entering into a ship of Adramyttium, we launched, meaning to sail by the coasts of Asia; one Aristarchus, a Macedonian of Thessalonica, being with us.

3 And the next day we touched at Sidon. And Julius courteously entreated Paul, and gave him liberty to go unto his friends to refresh himself.

4 And when we had launched from thence, we sailed under Cyprus, because the winds were contrary.

5 And when we had sailed over the sea of Cilicia and Pamphylia, we came to Myra, a city of Lycia.

6 And there the centurion found a ship of Alexandria sailing into Italy; and he put us therein.

7 And when we had sailed slowly many days, and scarce were come over against Cnidus, the wind not suffering us, we sailed under Crete, over against Salmone;

8 And, hardly passing it, came unto a place which is called The fair havens; nigh whereunto was the city of Lasea.

9 Now when much time was spent, and when sailing was now dangerous, because the fast was now already past, Paul admonished them,

10 And said unto them, Sirs, I perceive that this voyage will be with hurt and much damage, not only of the lading and ship, but also of our lives.

11 Nevertheless the centurion believed the master and the owner of the ship, more than those things which were spoken by Paul.

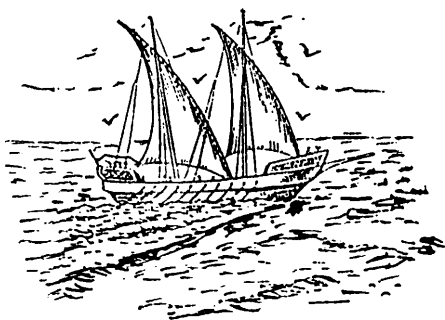
12 And because the haven was not commodious to winter in, the more part

advised to depart thence also, if by any means they might attain to Phenice, and there to winter; which is an haven of Crete, and lieth toward the south west and north west.

13 And when the south wind blew softly, supposing that they had obtained their purpose, loosing thence, they sailed close by Crete.

14 But not long after there arose against it a tempestuous wind, called Euroclydon.

**Central Thought:** Many mysterious things happen in life, but often we can save ourselves a lot of trouble by taking the advice of a Holy Spirit filled person.



### Questions:

1. Into what country was Paul sailing?
2. Who was Julius?
3. When did they arrive in Sidon?
4. What was the prisoner, Paul, allowed to do?
5. Where did they change ships?
6. Why did they sail slowly for many days?
7. What did Paul say would happen on the voyage?
8. Who did Julius believe?
9. What happened soon after they left the haven near Lasea?

### MEMORY VERSE

... O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! Romans 11:33

# Let's Talk

Paul was anxious to get to Rome but he had to stay in prison at Caesarea until all arrangements were made for him to sail. At Rome he would get to encourage the brethren and testify before the great Emperor Caesar who was to be his judge.

Finally the day came. Two of his friends, Luke and Aristarchus, went with him. Both men had traveled a lot with Paul before he became a prisoner. They were both with Paul in Ephesus when he was mobbed by the worshipers of the goddess Diana. They were both with him when he went across the Aegean Sea into Macedonia. In Asia they were also his helpers. As they traveled from place to place, Luke wrote about things that were happening.

At the port in Caesarea, many other prisoners boarded the ship. Julius, a Roman officer from the Augustus regiment, was in charge. After a short stop at Tyre, they sailed on all night on the Mediterranean Sea. The next day they

docked at Sidon. Here Paul was allowed to go ashore and visit with his friends.

Leaving Sidon, the wind blew them off course and up through the sea of Cilicia and also the sea of Pamphylia before they docked again at Myra. Here Julius found a ship of Alexandria which was sailing directly to Italy, so he put the prisoners in it. Again the ship sailed

but again the winds were contrary, and for many days they made very little progress. The strong winds forced them down along the east end of the Island of Crete. They narrowly escaped wrecking on a point of the island projecting into the sea near Salome. Finally the

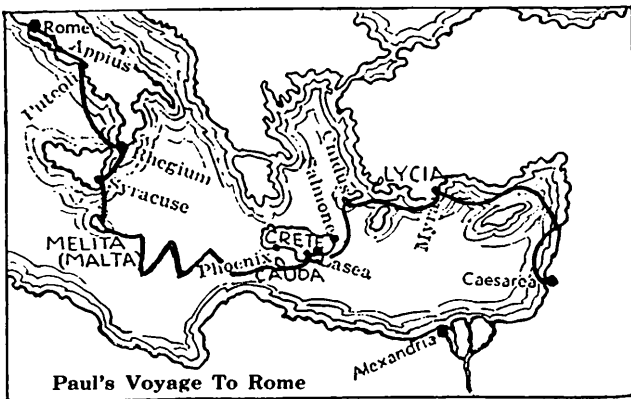
were able to slip into The Fair Havens, near Lasea.

Here they waited and waited hoping the winds would become calm. Paul felt sure that danger was ahead. He went and talked to his commander, Julius. "I am sure that my God has revealed to me that it is far too dangerous to sail," Paul said. Julius talked it over with the ship captain and the ship owner. It was late in the fall, and they knew worse weather was ahead. Since The Fair Havens was not a good place to spend the winter, they decided it was best to sail on. They hoped to reach a better haven on the other side of the island.

Finally the day came when the sun shone and the south winds blew softly. the captain ordered the sails be hoisted and the anchor lifted. They sailed.

Sailing was smooth for a few hours, then the winds changed from the south to the northeast. The wind began to blow stronger and stronger. Soon the strong wind was rushing the ship away from the island and out into the middle of the great sea. The sailors worked hard to reverse the route of the ship, but all their work was vain. The only thing left to be done was lower the sails and let the ship ride the waves. All night long the ship tossed helplessly on the raging water of the Mediterranean Sea.

—Sis. Charlotte



Paul's Voyage To Rome

(Answers: 1. Into Italy. 2. The centurion who was the officer in charge. 3. The next day. 4. To go ashore and visit with his friends. 5. At Myra. 6. The wind would not let them go faster. 7. That there would be much hurt and damage to the ship and the men. 8. Both the master (pilot) and the owner of the ship. 9. A great tempestuous wind arose).

safely on the Canadian shore, while the crowd went wild with excitement. But that was Blondin's last trip across the mighty Niagara.

Well, dear friends, Charles Blondin has long gone. "The paths of glory lead but to the grave." Whether he crossed the deep dark mighty river of death and is landed safely on the heavenly shore, eternity alone will reveal. Gone too is his friend, Colcord, and all the great crowds that witnessed his death-defying feat.

One thing is sure, no man has crossed the waters of death alone.

But there is One who crossed that deep dark river. Jesus went down under those mighty waters of God's judgment against man's sin and gave His life that He might land every believer safe on the peaceful shore. We deserved to die, but He took our place in death. When that fearful judgment against sin had spent itself, Jesus rose from the dead the mighty Conqueror of Satan, death and the grave.

Since then He has borne countless thousands of souls across the river of death to that peaceful happy shore. He wants to take you over too, dear reader, if you will get saved.

Prince Edward thought Blondin could carry him across Niagara, all right, but he didn't have the faith to trust him. Do you believe Jesus can save you? Are you willing to trust yourself to those everlasting arms of love that will never let you go

May God give you the faith to commit the safe-keeping of your soul to Him

who has said, "... They shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. John 10:28, 29.

—Selected

## Could I Trust The Bridge?

When I was in the mountains once, I wanted to cross a deep gorge. There was a slender rope bridge stretched across one mountain to another; over a thousand feet below was a river. I knew that if I fell from that great height I should certainly be killed. The question was, Could I trust myself to that rope bridge?

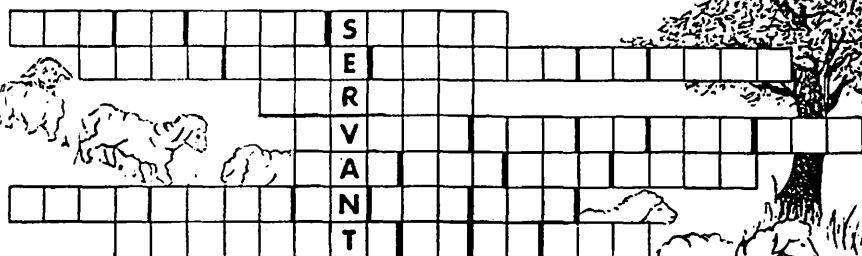
I stood there and watched several other people go across. I saw that even heavier men than I went safely over. At last I believed that that bridge would sustain my weight. Finally I believed in it enough to trust myself to it and went safely across.

This illustrates what it is to believe in Jesus. It is beautifully expressed in the little hymn:

Jesus, I will trust Thee,  
Trust Thee with my soul;  
Weary, worn and helpless,  
Thou canst make me whole.  
There is none in heaven,  
Nor on earth like Thee;  
Thou hast died for sinners,  
Therefore, Lord, for me.

—Selected

## CHRIST the PERFECT



Fill in this acrostic with the verse, Isaiah 53:6, so that the letters, SERVANT, come in their proper order. Do you know who had our sins laid on Him, and when?



# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## How God Answered Prayer

Ed and Kenny Renner were on the other side of the Big Thompson River from their parent's motel when the terrible flash flood struck on the evening of July 31, 1976. First, the bridge over to the motel was washed out. Then they watched in alarm as the waters rose quickly into the parking lot and floated all of the cars down the river like a big traffic jam.

Ed said: "The complete feeling of helplessness came over us as we watched the water continue to rise across the front of the motel. The rushing stream was just below the window sill. There was still flickering candlelight in the living quarters where my mother and Kenny's girl, Tammy, were staying. But when the water rose to about halfway up the windows, all went dark, and we just knew it was all over for Mom and Tammy. All we could do at that point was to stand there transfixed and *pray to God* for some miracle. From then on we watched the water as it went on over the top of the doors and windows on the bottom floor.

"What we couldn't know until much later was that at that very moment our prayers were being answered. Mom had checked in a couple with two teenagers from Georgia just before this nightmare had started. She had asked the father (Mr. Henrich) to invite his wife and family inside while he registered

for the room, to get them indoors and out of the downpour of rain. Minutes after his family had entered the motel office, they watched their camper float away.

Mr. Henrich had the presence of mind and strength to tear a hole in the ceiling of Mom's bedroom with the aid of only a butcher knife and an old hammer (the only available tools at the moment). He managed to make the hole in the ceiling, through the ceiling tile, a double floor and a double carpet, into the unit on the second floor. It was just large enough to push Mom through, her cat Misty, Tammy and her dog, and his own family. By the time he was pulled up, the water was up to his neck."

Later, when the water had gone down far enough, Ed and Kenny worked their way across to the motel. There on the mountain behind the motel they found their Mother and Tammy and several others who had escaped from the second floor of the building. Yes, God had answered their prayers. He is a prayer-answering God.

And God can answer your prayers too, dear reader. One prayer which He will always answer immediately is, "God be merciful to me a sinner." When the publican prayed this prayer in Luke 18:13, we read that he "went down to his house justified."

The flash flood down the Big Thompson River that night in July, 1976 was a terrible disaster; however, God saved

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### An Angel Speaks To Paul

**New Words:** *Euroclydon*: A stormy northeast wind of the Mediterranean.

Acts 27:14 But not long after there arose against it [the ship] a tempestuous wind, called Euroclydon.

15 And when the ship was caught, and could not bear up into the wind, we let her drive.

16 And running under a certain island which is called Clauda, we had much work to come by the boat:

17 Which when they had taken up, they used helps, undergirding the ship; and, fearing lest they should fall into the quicksands, strake sail, and so were driven.

18 And we being exceedingly tossed with a tempest, the next day they lightened the ship;

19 And the third day we cast out with our own hands the tackling of the ship.

20 And when neither sun nor stars in many days appeared, and no small tempest lay on us, all hope that we should be saved was then taken away.

21 But after long abstinence Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have loosed from Crete, and to have gained this harm and loss.

22 And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of any man's life among you, but of the ship.

23 For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve,

24 Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee.

25 Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me.

26 Howbeit we must be cast upon a certain island.

27 But when the fourteenth night was come, as we were driven up and down in Adria, about midnight the shipmen deemed that they drew near to some country;

28 And sounded, and found it twenty fathoms: and when they had gone a little further, they sounded again, and found it fifteen fathoms.

29 Then fearing lest we should have fallen upon rocks, they cast four anchors out of the stern, and wished for the day.

**Central Thought:** God is the God of all comfort and is ever present to soothe and calm His trusting children during their times of trouble.



#### Questions:

1. What is Euroclydon?
2. How did the captain handle the ship?
3. What did they do on the third day?
4. What had the angel said to Paul?
5. Did Paul tell the men what the angel had told him?
6. What else did Paul tell them?
7. What was to happen to the ship?
8. How many days were they tossed about in the stormy sea?
9. Why did the ship anchor?

#### MEMORY VERSE

Blessed be God, . . . the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; II Corinthians 1:3

# Let's Talk

It was in the late fall and the tempestuous winds which usually came in the winter were upon them. The sails were lowered because they were only catching the gale of the northeast wind which drove them farther and farther away from the haven where they had hoped to stay for the winter. The day before, when they sailed out of The Fair Havens, the sun had been shining and the wind blowing softly from the south.

Although the weather looked fine, Paul had strongly advised Captain Julius against leaving The Fair Havens. But the captain, after talking to the ship owner and also the ship captain, decided to keep his prisoners on the ship and sail with them. They all thought that the ship could make the short distance around the southern part of the island to the better harbor. How wrong they were! The gentle breeze rapidly changed to a squall that reached the strength of a typhoon. It drove them away from the island and far out into the sea.

They were driven near the small island of Claudia. But fearing the quicksand, they hoisted the sails in order to catch the wind which carried them on past the island. The sailors worked continuously to keep the ship afloat. But, as the storm raged on, they decided on the third day to lighten the ship by throwing overboard the cargo and all unnecessary tackling.

For many days the tempest raged. There was no sight of the sun or stars by which the sailors guided the ship. Most everyone on the ship had given up hope of ever seeing land again. Paul, however, believed with all his heart that God would get him to Rome. God had promised, and God had never failed to keep a promise. He regarded himself as being an ambassador of Christ going on an important mission to the capital of the empire to testify before Caesar, and to the citizens of Rome.

One night God also gave him a special comforting vision. The next day he stood on the deck of the tossing ship and cried loudly to be heard above the howling winds. "Sirs," he said, "you should have listened when I told you not to leave Crete. But take courage, for no life shall be lost although the ship shall be destroyed. An angel of God stood by me last night and said, 'Fear not, Paul, you will be brought to Caesar, and God has given thee all them that sail with thee.' Therefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God will do what He told me. We will be cast upon an island before the ship sinks."

On the fourteenth night of being tossed back and forth on the stormy Mediterranean Sea, the water became choppy. The sailors knew this indicated they were nearing land, so they took soundings by dropping a heavily weighted rope into the sea. They found the water to be shallow. A while later they tried it again and the water was more shallow. Excitement ran high. Land was near! This could mean safety, or it could mean sure death by the ship being dashed to pieces on a rocky shore. The anxious captain ordered four anchors dropped from the stern.

While the men waited for day, hoping that the ship would not be torn in pieces by the violent pounding of the waves, Paul was busy encouraging and comforting others; for God had comforted him.

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. A stormy northeast wind of the Mediterranean. 2. He lowered the sails and let the ship go wherever the wind forced it. 3. They lightened the ship by throwing out the tackling. 4. He said, "Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar; and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee." 5. Yes. 6. That they should have taken his advice and not left Crete. 7. It would be cast upon an island. 8. Fourteen. 9. The ship captain was afraid in the darkness that the ship might be dashed into pieces by rocks, for he knew they were near land.)

many people out of it. But the coming judgment for sin will be a far worse disaster for this world and those who are unsaved.

"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men." (Romans 1:18). God "now commandeth all men everywhere to repent: because He hath appointed a day in the which He will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained." (Acts 17:30, 31).

This is the day of grace; now is the time to be saved. —Selected

## Old Rob's Story

Old Rob, the coastguardsman, was the general favorite among us children. During the summer months when many were on vacation, you would often see a group of boys and girls sitting on the beach with Rob in their midst telling some thrilling tale of the sea.

Years have come and gone since I heard him tell the following story, and I seem to remember it as yesterday. He was telling us of his early life as a sailor, and of a wonderful deliverance from shipwreck which he had when all the crew with whom he sailed, except one other sailor and himself, went down to a watery grave.

Wiping the tears from his cheeks, he said, "And now, my dear ones, I will tell you the cause of the shipwreck. It was because our captain neglected to examine his chart. The chart was there hanging in his cabin, but he seldom looked at it, else we had never sailed so near that hidden rock on which our ship was wrecked.

"But his negligence taught me a lesson for which my soul will ever bless the Lord. It was the means of leading me to examine His Word, and see how I stood for eternity. We are all sailors across life's sea, where many hidden rocks lie buried. But God has given us His Word that we may know them and avoid them.

"Many, like our captain, give no heed to that chart and become wrecks in soul and body for time and eternity. The

Word of God has been a good friend to me for many a year. It guided me to Christ, He saved my soul, and ever since, I have made His Word my companion and counselor. Take an old sailor's advice, children, and believe and value your Bibles. Your souls will be safe, your steps will not slip, and heaven will be sure if you have Christ and His Word with you."

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Psalm 119:105. —Selected

## Unseen Protection

Mrs. Lane was wakened one morning by a strange pecking at her window. Getting up she saw a butterfly flying backwards and forwards inside the window in a great fright. Outside was a sparrow flying at the glass and trying to reach the butterfly. The butterfly did not see the glass, but it saw the sparrow, and evidently expected any moment to be caught. Neither did the sparrow see the glass, but it saw the butterfly and was sure he would catch him. Yet all the while, because of that thin, invisible sheet of glass, the butterfly was as safe as if it had been miles away from the sparrow.

How often we, who have trusted the Lord as our Saviour, forget He is our Protector, and our hearts fail us. We read of how Elisha's servant was in great fear when he awoke in the morning and saw the city surrounded with horses and chariots and a great host. But when his eyes were opened at the prayer of the prophet, his fears vanished, for he beheld the mountains full of horses and chariots of fire.

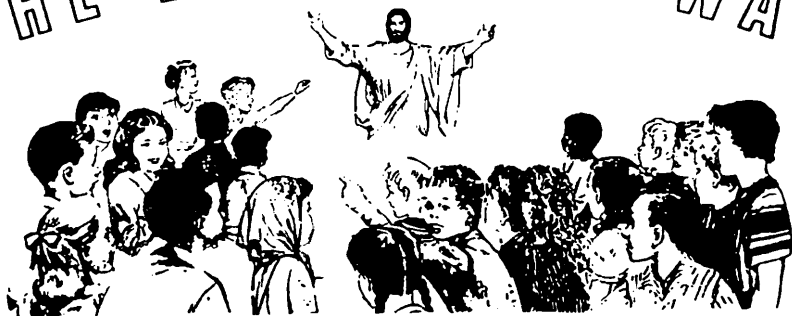
"The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them." Psalm 34:7.

"As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth even for ever." Psalm 125:2.



—Selected

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Saved From The Ocean

A ship was sailing down the east coast of America. It was so far out that only the foaming churning water of the Atlantic Ocean could be seen. A sailor on the lookout, surrounded by the vast stretches of the ocean, suddenly heard a telephone bell sounding out over the water. Startled and wondering, he looked around. Had he gone to sleep on the job? Was he dreaming? Was he awake or only half awake? Where did it come from?

The bell sounded again! He was sure it was a telephone bell, but where was it. How could there possibly be a telephone way out on the ocean with nothing to be seen but the endless waves. He called to a mate below, "Come up here, I need your help."

As the mate was climbing up from the deck below, the sailor said, "I think I hear a telephone bell, do you hear it?"

"Yes, I do," the mate answered. "But where could it be? I see nothing but the boisterous waves of the Atlantic. I'll call the captain."

He did. The captain came up and heard it too.

The captain ordered the ship to stop until investigation could be made. They lowered the ship's shuttleboat and some of the crew sped off to see if they could find the ringing telephone.

In a couple of hours they came back. "We must radio for help, there is a submarine in distress," they said. "We found a buoy floating amid the waves

with a telephone affixed to it. Rowing along side of the telephone line, we found it was connected to a submarine that was swinging around under water in the most helpless manner. It has been in distress for 35 hours! They cannot get it up for air, only the stern will surface. The men inside are sick from the motion and are getting short of fresh air. It looks very dangerous! We'd better radio for help!"

The captain sent a message to the U.S. Admiralty for help. He then guided his ship a safe distance from the submarine, yet getting just as close as possible. A large cable was then firmly attached to the submarine to keep it from spinning.

After that, the sailors cut a hole in the upturned stern of the submarine so that fresh air could enter. Hot drinks were lowered through this hole to the exhausted men.

The captain listened for a return radio message. Soon the message came through. At first it was not very clear, then he could hear it plainly. "A rescue ship and two tugs are already on their way."

An American boy named Moore was trying out his homemade wireless set when he picked up the ship's message for help. Thrilled to have received such an important communication, he at once called the message to the U.S. Admiralty by telephone. He was the first to report it.

In a few hours they saw a rescue ship and two tugs churning through the  
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## WORDS OF GOLD



### Shipwrecked

Acts 27:30 And as the shipmen were about to flee out of the ship, when they had let down the boat into the sea, under colour as though they would have cast anchors out of the foreship,

31 Paul said to the centurion and to the soldiers, Except these abide in the ship, ye cannot be saved.

32 Then the soldiers cut off the ropes of the boat, and let her fall off.

33 And while the day was coming on, Paul besought them all to take meat, saying, This day is the fourteenth day that ye have tarried and continued fasting, having taken nothing.

34 Wherefore I pray you to take some meat: for this is for your health: for there shall not an hair fall from the head of any of you.

35 And when he had thus spoken, he took bread, and gave thanks to God in presence of them all: and when he had broken it, he began to eat.

36 Then were they all of good cheer, and they also took some meat.

37 And we were in all in the ship two hundred threescore and sixteen souls.

38 And when they had eaten enough, they lightened the ship, and cast out the wheat into the sea.

39 And when it was day, they knew not the land: but they discovered a certain creek with a shore, into the which they were minded, if it were possible, to thrust in the ship.

40 And when they had taken up the anchors, they committed themselves unto the sea, and loosed the rudder bands, and hoised up the mainsail to the wind, and made toward shore.

41 And falling into a place where two seas met, they ran the ship aground; and the forepart stuck fast, and re-

mained unmoveable, but the hinder part was broken with the violence of the waves.

42 And the soldiers' counsel was to kill the prisoners, lest any of them should swim out, and escape.

43 But the centurion, willing to save Paul, kept them from their purpose; and commanded that they which could swim should cast themselves first into the sea, and get to land:

44 And the rest, some on boards, and some on broken pieces of the ship. And so it came to pass, that they escaped all safe to land.

**Central Thought:** God was with Paul during the storm at sea, making him a blessing as he witnessed to the ship's crew and passengers.



### Questions:

1. What did the shipmen plan to do?
2. Why did they not escape?
3. How many days had they continued fasting?
4. Was Paul bold enough to pray in front of all the people before eating?
5. How many were in the ship?
6. What did they do when it was day?
7. What did the soldiers want to do to the prisoners?
8. How was Paul saved?
9. How did the men get safely to the shore?
10. Were the 276 men saved?

### MEMORY VERSE

... I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. ...  
Matthew 28:20

# Let's Talk

Two full weeks of being tossed around by a stormy sea was about to end. The water was shallow, the waves choppy. The sailors gave the alarm that land was near. What the land was called, no one on the ship knew. Without a compass, nor the sun and stars, the sailors could not tell which direction the waves had pitched them.

Fearing that the violent waves might break the ship, now that it was anchored, the sailors made plans to escape. They let down the lifeboat pretending to need it to take care of the anchors. God, however, revealed to Paul what they were doing, and he said to Captain Julius, "Except these abide in the ship, ye cannot be saved." By now Captain Julius believed everything Paul said, so the soldiers cut the ropes and let the lifeboat fall.

While waiting together for the day, Paul told them they must eat for the sake of their health. He also assured them again that no one would drown. He then took bread in the presence of them all and thanked God for it and ate. One by one the men broke the 14 day's fast and began eating. Soon, all 276 men had eaten and were feeling better.

After eating, they got busy getting things ready so they could go ashore as soon as it was day.

When at last the light came, one of them spotted a creek. The ship captain, thinking he could sail up this creek and get ashore, ordered the sail hoisted and the rudder loosed. The tempestuous wind quickly caught the sail and hurled the ship upon a sand bar in a place where two seas met! The ship ran aground and stuck fast! Violent waves pounded its sides and soon the stern of the ship was broken.

The soldiers, seeing the ship broken, wanted to kill all the prisoners, for they knew everyone would have to swim to shore. Each soldier was responsible for

certain prisoners and if any of the prisoners for which he was responsible should escape, he would be killed. The centurion, Captain Julius, however, was very much impressed with Paul's life and wanted to save him. He did not allow any of the prisoners to be killed.

He commanded all who could swim to jump overboard and get to land. Using boards and other pieces of wreckage that would float, the 276 men—passengers, prisoners, soldiers, and crew—threw themselves into the sea and all made it safely to land.

God had promised Paul that everyone would be saved. Though the tempest raged and tore the ship apart, all the lives on the ship were spared.

Paul was also spreading the good news of Jesus to the men on the ship with him. Jesus had commanded His disciples to go and teach everyone about Him. He promised always to be with them as they obeyed this commandment, so He was with Paul those long hectic weeks on the stormy sea and when the ship was torn to pieces.

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. To escape in the lifeboat. 2. Paul told the centurion they would have to stay in the ship for all to be saved. 3. Fourteen. 4. Yes. 5. Two hundred and seventy-six. 6. They hoisted up the mainsail and tried to go up a creek, but got stuck in the sand. 7. To kill them. 8. The centurion kept him and the other prisoners from being killed. 9. Some swam, and others used boards to keep afloat. 10. Yes.)

water. A half hour later the hole in the submarine's stern was being cut larger. Soon a rope was lowered and a man climbed out of the submarine and up onto the deck of the ship. Another man climbed out, another, and another until all 27 men were safe.

What joy it must have been to the sailor who first heard the telephone bell to see the men saved from a horrible death and know that he had been the important link that brought them to safety.

This wonderful rescue came about first because the imprisoned men, by means of the telephone bell, sent out a cry for help; second, the sailor heard the bell, and third, Moore, the boy with the wireless, picked up the message and reported it. Had the man on the lookout been deaf, the poor men in the sub would probably have perished, for it may have been days before another ship passed that way.

Twenty-seven men were saved because they cried for help, and because two people heard them. But greater wonders are going on around us everyday, for men, women and children in distress are constantly crying for help, and their cries are heard at an immeasurable distance by God, who is willing and able to save. He has said that "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

On the other hand there are multitudes who are daily sinking down to death and judgment, without God and without hope, to be lost forever in the ocean of eternal woe. Oh, dear young reader, do not be one of them!

God loves you! Christ died for you! "His arm is not shortened that it cannot save." You can be saved now. Only call upon Him with a repentant heart and you will be safe forever.

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## Ways

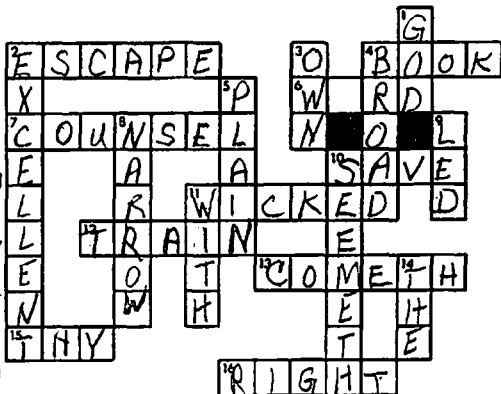


### DOWN

1. They took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 18:26).
2. Yet shew I unto you a more \_\_\_\_\_ way . . . charity. (1 Cor. 12:31).
3. We have turned every one to his \_\_\_\_\_ way. (Is. 53:6).
4. \_\_\_\_\_ is the way, that leadeth to destruction. (Matt. 7:13).
5. Teach me Thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a \_\_\_\_\_ path. (Ps. 27:11).
8. \_\_\_\_\_ is the way, which leadeth unto life. (Matt. 7:14).
9. I being in the way, the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ me. (Gen. 24:27).
10. There is a way which \_\_\_\_\_ right unto a man; but the end thereof are the ways of death. (Prov. 14:12).
11. I will make there an altar unto God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was \_\_\_\_\_ me in the way which I went. (Gen. 35:3).
14. This is \_\_\_\_\_ way, walk ye in it. (Is. 30:21).

### ACROSS

2. God . . . will with the temptation also make a way to \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Cor. 10:13).
4. This \_\_\_\_\_ of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth . . . for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous. (Josh. 1:8).



6. Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to Thy \_\_\_\_\_. (Ps. 119:9).
7. Blessed is the man that walketh not in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners. (Ps. 1:1).
10. He which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall \_\_\_\_\_ a soul from death. (James 5:20).
11. Let the \_\_\_\_\_ forsake his way. (Is. 55:7).
12. \_\_\_\_\_ up a child in the way he should go. (Prov. 22:6).
13. Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man \_\_\_\_\_ unto the Father, but by Me. (John 14:6).
15. Shew me \_\_\_\_\_ ways, O Lord. (Ps. 25:4).
16. That we might afflict ourselves before our God, to seek of Him a \_\_\_\_\_ way. (Ezra 8:21).



# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Demetrio's Conversion

Demetrio was a sergeant in the Bolivian Army during the Chaco War between Bolivia and Paraguay. As a soldier, Demetrio was a man of courage, but he was also a thoroughly ungodly fellow and he and his friends spent much of their spare time dancing and drinking.

One day the Bolivian troops were ordered to fix bayonets and storm a Paraguayan fort. A fierce battle ensued and Demetrio fell badly wounded with six bullets in his body. Taken out of action to a field hospital behind the lines, he was given blood transfusions which saved his life.

From there he was sent to the main hospital in Potosi, the capital, and thanks to the care of the surgeons who attended him, after considerable time he was able to walk again.

The doors of the hospital were heavily guarded, but one night, Demetrio, along with some other wounded soldiers, weary of confinement, climbed over the walls, bent on a night's pleasure. They passed the hours in barrooms and other places of wickedness. Then returning to the hospital drunk, they were severely scolded by the doctor for their bad behavior.

A little later, desiring a change from hospital life, the men again escaped over the walls. But this time Demetrio refused to accompany his mates in their visits to barrooms and dance halls. He

preferred on this occasion to be quiet and alone.

Walking slowly down Junin street, he was surprised to hear singing, and stopped to listen. He found himself outside a building with a sign over the door, "Local Evangelico" (Gospel Hall). It wasn't the singing that attracted his attention so much as the words he heard, "Busca a Dios" that is, "Seek God." Demetrio had never heard such words, nor had he ever read a Book called the Bible; never had he read a tract so he stepped inside the door to listen. A gentleman requested him to take a seat, but he refused.

After the singing, a man stood up, opened a book, and began to speak. He spoke of the judgment of God and stressed the fact that there was only one way to escape this judgment; that was by believing on the Lord Jesus Christ, who came from heaven and who died on the cross of Calvary to save lost sinners. He went on to say that we were all lost sinners and that if we refused to accept Christ as our Saviour, we would not escape the judgment of God, but eternal punishment would be our sentence.

The speaker, who was a missionary, said he had seen so many soldiers who were afraid to die because they were sinners. Demetrio thought to himself, "Well, I'm not afraid of death! Why be afraid? Had he not been a soldier, a proud fighter, wounded, but still not afraid of death?"

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### Miracles On Melita Island

**New Words:** *Barbarous:* Uncivilized, savage.

*Viper:* A poisonous snake.

Acts 28:1 And when they were escaped, then they knew that the island was called Melita.

2 And the barbarous people shewed us no little kindness: for they kindled a fire, and received us every one, because of the present rain, and because of the cold.

3 And when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and laid them on the fire, there came a viper out of the heat, and fastened on his hand.

4 And when the barbarians saw the venomous beast hang on his hand, they said among themselves, No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he hath escaped the sea, yet vengeance suffereth not to live.

5 And he shook off the beast into the fire, and felt no harm.

6 Howbeit they looked when he should have swollen, or fallen down dead suddenly: but after they had looked a great while, and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds, and said that he was a god.

7 In the same quarters were possessions of the chief man of the island, whose name was Publius; who received us, and lodged us three days courteously.

8 And it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux: to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him.

9 So when this was done, others also, which had diseases in the island, came, and were healed:

10 Who also honored us with many honours; and when we departed, they

laded us with such things as were necessary.

11 And after three months we departed in a ship of Alexandria, which had wintered in the isle, whose sign was Castor and Pollux.

12 And landing at Syracuse, we tarried there three days.

13 And from thence we fetched a compass, and came to Rhegium: and after one day the south wind blew, and we came the next day to Puteoli:

14 Where we found brethren, and were desired to tarry with them seven days: and so we went toward Rome.

15 And from thence, when the brethren heard of us, they came to meet us as far as Appiiform, and The three taverns: whom when Paul saw, he thanked God, and took courage.

**Central Thought:** God promised that signs of healing and protection would follow those that believe and He was with Paul to fulfill that promise.

Parts of the Appian Way, an ancient Roman highway, are still in use, more than 2,000 years after Appius Caecus began its construction in 312 B.C.

### Questions:

1. What was the name of the island where the ship wrecked?
2. In what ways did the islanders help?
3. What happened when Paul put the bundle of sticks on the fire?
4. What did the barbarians think of Paul?
5. What happened at Publius' house?
6. Were many people healed on the island?
7. How long did Paul stay at Melita?
8. How long was Paul allowed to be with the brethren at Puteoli?
9. Did the brethren from Rome come to meet Paul?

### MEMORY VERSE

... These signs shall follow them that believe; ... They shall take up serpents; and ... it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

Mark 16:17, 18

# Let's Talk

News quickly spread over the island that a ship was wrecked just off the shore. The savage natives came running. Eager eyes watched as hundreds of men, fighting against the angry waves of the stormy sea, made their way inch by inch to land. Some were sailors, some soldiers, some prisoners and some passengers. Among the passengers were Paul's two friends, Luke and Aristarchus.

The natives kindly assisted the wet, forlorn-looking company. They built a bonfire around which the 276 men huddled, trying to warm themselves and dry out their clothing.

After awhile, more wood was needed for the fire. Paul gathered a bundle of sticks to add to the blaze. Unknown to Paul, a poisonous snake lay motionless on one of the sticks. But when Paul laid the sticks on the fire the heated snake drove his fangs into Paul's hand and hung on for his life. The superstitious natives at once took this to be a sign that Paul was a murderer. They thought that although he had not drowned in the stormy sea, vengeance would not suffer him to live. However, when Paul shook off the viper into the fire and was unharmed from the bite, their minds went to the other extreme and they believed that he must be a god.

Publius, the chief man of this island called Melita (today it is called Malta), had buildings on this part of the island. He housed the shipwrecked group for three days. Paul and his friends stayed in Publius' home. The father of Publius was sick. Paul prayed for him, laying hands on him, and the man was immediately healed. This was the beginning of three months of ministry. The natives, hearing about the healing, brought their sick family and friends. Paul took this as an opportunity to tell the natives about Jesus, the Son of the living God, the only God whom they should worship. He also prayed for the

sick and they were healed. Thus the gospel reached Melita, a small island off the southern tip of Sicily. These natives also gave Paul and his friends things they needed.

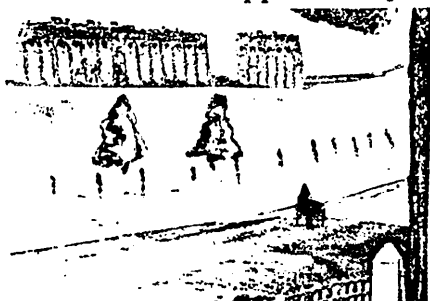
Three months later the centurion, Julius, took his prisoners and their guards aboard another ship of Alexandria which had wintered on the island. They made short stops at both Syracuse and Rhegium, then sailed on up the coast of Italy into the bay of Naples, docking at Puteoli. Paul found Christians at Puteoli and was allowed to spend seven days with them.

It seems the prisoners and guards were unloaded here and walked the rest of the way to Rome on the broad, paved Appian Way. Someone got the message to brethren at Rome that Paul was on his way, and a group of Christians walked approximately 43 miles from Rome to Appii Forum to meet Paul. These fervent Christians went with Paul about 20 miles to another town where other brethren from Rome met them.

Imagine walking 43, or even 20, miles to meet a friend! Although Paul had suffered as a prisoner for three years and would continue to be a prisoner at Rome, he was happy to at last be nearing the city. The love shown by the brethren coming to meet him gave him new courage.

—Sis. Charlotte

## Parts of the Appian Way



(See note on page two.)

(Answers: 1. Melita. 2. They showed kindness and built them a fire to warm by. 3. A viper bit him. 4. At first they thought he was a murderer, later that he was a god. 5. Paul stayed at Publius' house and Publius' father was healed while he was there. 6. Yes. 7. Three months. 8. Seven days. 9. Yes.)

Still the thought lingered in his mind what the speaker had said: "You cannot escape the judgment of God unless you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ."

That night Demetrio went home to his parents at 9:15 p.m., and told them what he had heard. Never had he done such a thing as that before, and then he returned to the hospital. That was on a Wednesday night. There was another meeting on Friday night and Demetrio was present. The people sang another hymn, "Paz con Dios busque janarla," that is, "Peace with God, I sought to gain." This peace Demetrio did not have, but he desired it, so after the meeting he went to the speaker and talked to him. He told Demetrio again: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved. He has made peace for us through the blood He gave at Calvary." Demetrio suddenly under-

stood that the Lord Jesus had been seeking him. He got down on his knees, and asked God to save him; He did.

The next day all noticed the great change in his behavior. The doctors remarked that if he continued as he was doing, he would be well again. They even changed his medication, ordered him a new suit, and informed the hospital director to allow Demetrio to attend the gospel meetings.

He got to know the missionary who had led him to Christ and looked up to him as his spiritual father and guide in his earthly pilgrimage. That was 40 years ago and Demetrio has gone on faithfully ever since.

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature [or creation]: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." II Corinthians 5:17.

—Selected

## "Twice Mine!"

"Say, Mister, your catcher has just got my dog," exclaimed Jim to the pound keeper. The boy was almost out of breath from running. "And he's a good dog," he added.

Even as he spoke the dog catcher arrived, and they heard the rear door of the pound open. Soon they saw several dogs being shoved into the pen.

"That's him!" cried Jim. "That one over in the corner."

"Well," said the keeper, "I expect the trouble is he hasn't a license or something."

Poor Jim hung his head and confessed that it was so.

"He'll have to have one before we can let him out of here," said the keeper.

"How much does one cost?" asked Jim, as he fingered two quarters in his pocket.

"Four dollars and fifty cents," replied the keeper.

"Any work I could do around here, so I could earn the money?" asked Jim hopefully.

"No, I'm afraid not, son. You might try the food store on the corner."

That afternoon Jim reappeared at the pound and handed the keeper \$.45. Moments later the gate to the dog pen opened, and a joyful pup, wiggling and twisting all over and barking with excitement, was in Jim's arms.

On the way home Jim paused and taking his pup in his arms he said, "Pup, you're *twice mine* now! You were mine the day Dad gave you to me; but then I lost you, and I've had to buy you back. So you're *twice mine* now!"

And so it is with all of us. The Lord Jesus, our Creator, made us and gave us life in this world. But we were lost through the fall when Adam and Eve sinned. He had to come to redeem us—to buy us back, and this He did at the cost of His own precious blood on the cross, for He loved us so. If we have trusted Him as our Saviour, then we are saved.

Dear young friends, can you say, "I am twice His, for He has redeemed me"?

"Ye . . . were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, . . . But with the precious blood of Christ, . . ." I Peter 1:18, 19.

—Selected

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## The Only Christian In China?

My name is Zhao. I have lived in Shandong Province all my life, and was a high-ranking member of the local Communist Party. I joined the party mainly for career reasons, but also because I felt communism had helped China.

Soon, I became cynical. Communism may have been a useful force for gaining power, but it was a disastrous system for running a country. The mess of the Cultural Revolution brought that home to everybody but the most blind.

Unfortunately, Mao was one of the most blind, and he took his time to die. Finally in 1978, Deng started to turn things around, and restored sanity to China's government.

But I had lost what little faith I had in communism by then. Deng's version of communism was to import a little capitalism, which did not impress me.

Five years ago, I began to tune in to gospel radio. I heard the Christian message with clarity and power. It touched my heart. Somehow, I always felt there had to be a God, but could He really be known through Jesus Christ?

I gave my heart to Jesus and immediately resigned from the Communist Party. I didn't know what I would do, what job I could find, or whatever. But living a lie had ended, and my heart was light.

This all happened to me without anyone knowing. I was not married, and none of my family were close to me. But I knew I needed to find Christian fellowship, so I began to ask quietly if anyone was a believer.

There was no church in the town where I worked, so I dropped a few hints in my family, then among my neighbors, and finally in front of my colleagues. But no one was a Christian, nor did anyone know where Christians were to be found.

This went on for some months, and I began to grow more and more discouraged. How I needed fellowship—someone to strengthen me, teach me, encourage me, love me. Of course, Jesus did all these things, but I had no Bible to learn from, and I was anxious to find someone who could get one for me.

Finally, my frustration climaxed. I felt sure there must be other Christians, so I traveled to a much larger town nearby in search of them. Again, there was no church. I wandered into the marketplace and asked people point-blank, "Are you a Christian?" "Where can I find a believer in Jesus Christ?" They returned empty stares and shook their heads. I was close to tears.

Disappointment and anger welled up inside me. I jumped up onto a box and shouted into the crowded market, "Please help me! I am looking for followers of Jesus Christ!"

The marketplace instantly became quiet. Every eye turned toward me.

(Continued on page four)

## WORDS OF GOLD



### Preaching In Rome

Acts 28:16 And when we came to Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard: but Paul was suffered to dwell by himself with a soldier that kept him.

17 And it came to pass, that after three days Paul called the chief of the Jews together: and when they were come together, he said unto them, Men and brethren, though I have committed nothing against the people, or customs of our fathers, yet was I delivered prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans.

18 Who, when they had examined me, would have let me go, because there was no cause of death in me.

19 But when the Jews spake against it, I was constrained to appeal unto Caesar; not that I had ought to accuse my nation of.

20 For this cause therefore have I called for you, to see you, and to speak with you: because that for the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain.

21 And they said unto him, We neither received letters out of Judaea concerning thee, neither any of the brethren that came shewed or spake any harm of thee.

22 But we desire to hear of thee what thou thinkest: for as concerning this sect, we know that every where it is spoken against.

23 And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening.

24 And some believed the things which were spoken, and some believed not.

25 And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken. . . .

26 Saying. . . .

28 Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it.

29 And when he had said these words, the Jews departed, and had great reasoning among themselves.

30 And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him,

31 Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.

**Central Thought:** Paul's desire to preach in Rome was finally realized. Although he was a prisoner, he had freedom to rent a house in which he conducted preaching services.



### Questions:

1. Was Paul put in prison at Rome?
2. When did Paul call the chief of the Jews?
3. Had the Jews in Rome been notified about Paul?
4. What did the Jews ask Paul?
5. What did Paul do on the appointed day?
6. Did the Jews receive Paul's message?
7. Did Paul believe the Gentiles would receive the salvation of God?
8. How long did Paul live as a prisoner in Rome?
9. Did the officials forbid him to preach and teach?

### MEMORY VERSE

... Be of good cheer, Paul: for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome.

Acts 23:11

# Let's Talk

Paul wasted no time in getting to talk with the Jews at Rome. On the third day after arriving in the city, he called them to come to him. He had not been put into a regular prison cell. He was allowed to live in a house apart from other prisoners but under the constant watchful eye of a guard.

The Jews met with him in this house. Paul said to them, "Brethren, though I have committed nothing against the people or customs of our fathers, yet was I delivered as a prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans. Who, when they examined me, would have let me go because there was no cause of death in me. But when the Jews spoke against it, I was constrained to appeal unto Caesar. I called you so you would know that for the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain."

The Jews said they had received no letters or messages against Paul, but said they would like to hear for themselves what he thought about the sect called Christianity that people everywhere were speaking against. Paul assured them he would be glad to tell them, so a date was set for a longer meeting.

On the date set, many Jews came to Paul's house. All day long Paul explained the Scriptures about Christ to them. He read what Moses had written in the first five books of the Bible. He also quoted many prophecies of Christ which were scattered throughout the Old Testament. Towards evening the Jews began arguing among themselves about what Paul had said, for some of the Jews believed and others did not. Paul then told them that the prophet Esaias had said that their hearts were gross, their ears dull and their eyes closed, and therefore they could not perceive these truths.

Paul was kept under guard for two years in Rome. The city had seven hills

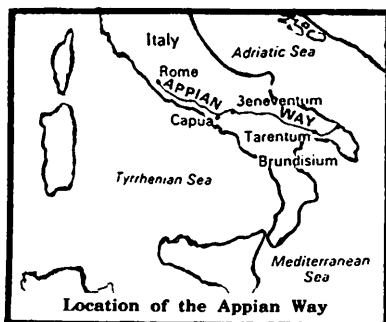
and on these hills stood beautiful palaces, temples, and famous public buildings. But beyond them, in all directions, was a dense mass of homes and hovels. The poor, the hungry, thieves, patriots, traders, and pleasure seekers crowded the narrow dirty streets. To these masses Paul wished to preach, so he rented a larger house and invited everyone in.

Daily, Paul, the ambassador of Christ preached the gospel in Rome. He told the story of Jesus' saving power to the Roman officials who contacted him, to the many different Roman soldiers when it was their turn to guard him, to fellow prisoners who came to him with their problems, to the rich and to the poor who came seeking to know about Christ.

The small congregation in Rome grew into a large church. Jews accepted the truth, Gentiles turned from their idolatrous worship, Roman soldiers were converted and even some of Caesar's family became Christians. The church grew so large and powerful that the pagan Roman government became alarmed about it.

At long last Paul was witnessing in Rome. Being chained and guarded could not stop him from doing what he wanted to do. Are you letting problems or people hinder you from doing what you really want to do for Jesus?

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. No, he lived by himself after he got to Rome. 3. No. 4. They wanted to know what he thought about the sect (Christianity) that was spoken against everywhere. 5. He expounded the Kingdom of God and persuaded them about Jesus both from the law of Moses and the prophets. 6. Some did, and some didn't. 7. Yes. 8. Two years. 9. No.)

Again I pleaded into the hush, "Can anyone help me find Christian fellowship?" Nobody moved or spoke. I stepped down nervously from the box and wandered away in sorrow. The chatter of the market was soon up to full volume again.

At home that evening, I threw myself on the floor and wept. It had just dawned on me: Maybe I was the only Christian in China! What a terrifying prospect. The responsibility of it crushed me. Try as I might, I just couldn't find any other believers.

Three days later, a knock came on my door. "May I come in?" an elderly man asked. I invited him in, and as we talked, I became more and more curious about the reason for his visit.

Finally, he leaned over and whispered, "I am a Christian. I heard you in the market, but was afraid to come up to you publicly. I thought it might be a trick." With great relief, I discovered I wasn't alone. We prayed together, raising our hearts to God in gratefulness for our meeting.

The following week, I had over 20 visitors, all Christians. They too had been at the market that morning, and took me to a house church nearby where I was able to receive teaching from the Word of God. How wonderful it felt to be a part of a great movement of God, instead of His only disciple.

After a time of intense Bible study, I founded a house church in my own town. Three years later, it had 3,000 members—all new converts to Christ. My time is now devoted to pastoring and teaching the flock.

I thank God for the experience of feeling alone, because it drove me to Him and taught me to practice His presence. I learned how to listen to His voice, how to be quiet and humble before Him, how to adjust my whole will to His in prayer.

My conclusion from the experience is this: When my God acts, He is mighty in power. When my God speaks, His voice is a whisper. There will come a time when His voice will sound like thunder, but in this present age, He

whispers to His servants, so that we can learn the discipline of listening and obeying. —Selected

## My Creed

I would be true for there are those who trust me;

I would be pure, for there are those who care;

I would be strong, for there is much to suffer;

I would be brave, for there is much to dare.

I would be friend of all—the foe—the friendless;

I would be giving, and forget the gift;

I would be humble, for I know my weakness;

I would look up, and laugh, and love and lift. —Harold Arnold Walters

## A Dog And A Goose

A farmer had an old dog and a pet goose. One day a fox visited the barnyard and seizing the goose, began to carry it off. But the dog chased the fox and rescued the goose.

From that time on the goose became so attached to the old dog, and loved him so, that she always stayed by the dog's house, and would scarcely leave his side. She would never go and eat with the other geese, but had to have her pan of grain by the doghouse.

Two years later the old dog got sick and stayed in his doghouse. The goose never left his side. When he died the goose continued to live in the doghouse. However, she pined so much for her old friend that within a few weeks she too passed away. Wasn't she a faithful friend?

The goose loved the old dog because he had saved her life. And should not we who have been saved by our Lord Jesus Christ at such an infinite cost—the cost of His own life, redeemed by His precious blood—love Him for all He has done for us, and seek to be faithful to Him? How often we fail Him, and grieve Him, yet "He abideth faithful." (II Timothy 2:13).

"We love him, because he first loved us." I John 4:19. —Selected



# TEACHER'S NOTES

## Juniors

**Oct. 1, 1989**

### What Did The Apostles Said About Salvation

Scripture references: (It is a gift of God), Eph. 2:8; Rom. 6:23, 5:18; Titus Acts 10:43, 13:26, 28:28; Rom. 1:16, 10:13; Titus 2:11. (Only obtained through Christ Jesus), Acts 4:12, Rom. 5:6; Heb. 5:9, 9:28. (It is available today), II Cor. 6:2.

The four points listed above with the Scripture references are only a small portion of what the apostles said about salvation but are very important for the children to know. Salvation is a real experience, obtainable today as a free gift from God through Jesus Christ. What does anyone know that could be more important than that?

God help us put more value on these important things, and to see the urgency of sharing this knowledge with others.

**Oct. 8, 1989**

### How To Be Saved

Scripture references: Acts 2:38, 3:19, 17:30; II Peter 3:9; Acts 10:43, 13:39, 16:31, 19:4; Rom. 1:16; Heb. 1:6; I John 3:23, 5:1, 3; Rom. 10:9, 10; I John 1:9, 4:15.

This lesson is a discussion of three basic steps to salvation: repenting, believing, and confessing. It is easy for children to get saved and they need not know these steps to receive salvation. However, they may have an opportunity to explain to another person how to be saved, and knowing these steps should help. Knowing this lesson may also prove useful to them in later years should they get away from God and desire to get back to a saving relationship with Him again.

Being saved is a spiritual work and using literal terms to explain it is very insufficient. The Holy Spirit has to give

understanding and witness to the soul when it is accepted as a child of God.

**Oct. 15, 1989**

### What Did The Apostles Say About Working?

Scripture references: II Thess. 3:10-12; I Thess. 4:11, and Eph. 4:28 instruct Christians to work. Children should be able to understand the following texts better if they will substitute the word employee for the word servant and the word employer for the word master, while reading the following verses: Eph. 6:5-8; Co. 4:1; I Tim. 6:2; I Peter 2:18; Titus 2:9, 10. It is good instruction and will help them as they grow older and get jobs away from home. I Tim. 5:4, 8, gives instructions about a man's duty of working to support not only his own wife and children, but mothers and childless aunts, along with those who are widows indeed.

The mark of a good Christian is being a good worker, supporting his family and helping other worthy persons. The father is also included in the list of persons to be supported. It is not mentioned in I Tim. 6:2, because the subject of that chapter was the churches' duty toward widows. However, there are many other verses teaching that it is the child's duty to care for needy parents.

Children must learn to work so they will be equipped with this skill when they become adults. Many employers prefer to hire a Christian. Why? They expect to get a good honest worker. People expect a Christian to work well—God expects it too.

Encourage the children to learn to work at whatever job they are capable. They will find that working brings an inner happiness because it is God's plan for man. Anytime we are acting according to God's plan, we will be blessed.

than the devils trembling at God brings them God's blessings. Good works are a necessary part of the Christian's life. A person is known to be a Christian or not to be a Christian by his good works. The most unlearned person can recognize a Christian by how he lives.

Lying, stealing, cheating, bad words, and other evil works are washed away when a person gets saved. Instead of doing these evil works, they do good things that will help themselves and others.

Although a Christian must do good works, he cannot expect good works to save him, only the blood of Jesus can do that.

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**Oct. 29, 1989**

**What The Apostle James Said About The Tongue**

Scripture references: James 3:1-18.

How the tongue is used can mean success or failure for the Christian. It cannot be habitually used for both good and bad, blessing and cursing. The tongue, by the help of God, can be brought into subjection and be a great blessing to man. Let loose it will damn the soul of its owner and cause him and others agony. In the tongue is the power of life or death.

A child usually starts learning to control his tongue as soon as he starts learning to talk. He learns to say "please" and "thank you." He learns not to scream when he doesn't get what he wants. Sometimes controlling the tongue is hard to do, but practice makes perfect.

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**Nov. 5, 1989**

**What The Apostles Said About Faith**

Scripture references: Heb. 4:2, 10:38, 11:1-6; Rom. 10:17, 18; II Tim 2:22; I Tim. 4:12, 6:10-12.

Faith comes as a gift from God, but one must work to retain this gift. Children should be taught to pray, for getting answered prayers will build faith. They must learn to sit still and hear stories from God's Word to increase faith. Suffering sickness long enough to remember the pain and the time when God removed the suffering is also im-

portant to keeping faith. Times of doing without what is wanted or needed, in order that God may build their faith by supplying those needs or wants is also necessary.

There are many ways that faith is retained or made stronger. Most of these take either some suffering, some time, some strength, or some sacrifice. Teach the children to accept those things that seem hard so that their faith may be strong and enduring.

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**Nov. 12, 1989**

**What The Apostles Said About Rewards**

**Note: Bring different colors of yarn and glue to class for a "primaries" activity.**

Scripture references: James 1:25; Heb. 11:6; Rev. 22:12, 20:12-15, 14:3; Gen. 6-8.

We all like to receive rewards. Children especially enjoy being rewarded. God is a great rewarder. He always rewards those who obey Him. Noah's reward for obeying God was escaping death in the flood. Each of us will receive a reward for obeying God.

Many times people will say that something just happened, and that God had nothing to do with it. Some of your students may have often heard such remarks. These children may need special help and prayer to be able to believe that God can reward through the things He lets happen.

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**Nov. 19, 1989**

**Thanksgiving**

Scripture references: Col. 3:15; Dan. 6:1-18.

Being thankful is a part of the Christians' life. The Apostle Paul said, "In everything give thanks." Everyday should be thanksgiving day!

Daniel was a very good example of being thankful. He thanked God three times each day after he knew that thanking God could mean his death.

Every Christian should be thankful all the time, not just when things go good. We should be contented with whatever God allows. He has promised not to put on us more than we can bear.

The little story under "Let's Talk" in the Junior *Beautiful Way* will be in-

teresting for the younger children. It can help them remember to be thankful.

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Nov. 26, 1989  
Kindness

Scripture references: II Kings 5:1-19; Eph. 4:32.

A few years ago children in our country were taught to be kind. It was the understood rule in many homes. It is still God's rule.

Naaman's wife had a maid who was kind. She had been brought as a captive from the land of Israel. She could have been bitter and hated the people who had stolen her away from her family, friends and home, but she wasn't. She felt sad because Naaman was sick, and kindly told her mistress about the man of God who could make her husband well.

Many children today are being taught not to be kind, but to be mean and avenge those who mistreat them. But we must teach children to be kind in feelings and actions, for this is the standard that Jesus and the apostles taught. The children who do this will find it brings much more happiness than being hateful and unkind.

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Dec. 3, 1989  
What The Apostles Said About  
Honesty

Scripture references: II Cor. 8:21, 13:7; I Peter 1:12; Luke 19:1-10.

Honesty is choosing to do right when no one would know if you did wrong. It covers every area of our lives. Spiritual growth depends on it, happiness in the home, progress at school, and satisfaction on the job.

Being honest with ourselves is very important because this is God's avenue to work with people. It is also very important that we do not appear dishonest to men. God wants others to believe we are honest.

Zachaeus is a good example of being dishonest, then being honest with himself and becoming an honest follower of Jesus. He paid back all that he had taken dishonestly—that is what all honest people should do, if possible.

Dec. 10, 1989  
What The Apostles Said About  
Jesus' Second Coming

Note: Bring lots of cotton balls and glue to class for a "primaries" activity.

Scripture references: I Thess. 4:13-18, 5:1-3; II Peter 3:9-13.

When Jesus ascended into the clouds, the promise was given that He would come again in like manner (in the clouds). What did Paul say would happen when Jesus appears in the clouds? He said that the dead would rise first, then those which are alive would be caught up to meet Him in the air. The apostles also taught that flesh and blood shall not inherit the Kingdom of God, but that our mortal bodies will be changed in a twinkling of an eye into immortal bodies, and forever be with the Lord. Peter said when Jesus comes the elements shall melt, the earth burn, and all things be dissolved.

Being instructed by the apostles that a fleshly body could not inherit the Kingdom of God, that we shall meet Jesus in the air in immortal bodies which have been changed in a twinkling of an eye, and that the earth and heavens shall be suddenly dissolved, we know that Jesus, after coming again, will not set up His kingdom on this earth and reign for 1,000 years.

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Dec. 17, 1989  
A Baby Named John

Scripture references: Luke 1:5-25, 57-67, 76.

This was the time that God had spoken of very often by His prophets—the time that His Son would begin to sit upon the throne of David, and rule His everlasting kingdom. Many people (especially the Jews) were looking forward to this great time, for they believed Jesus' throne would be a literal one, not a spiritual one.

Knowing that most people would not understand Christ's new kingdom, God sent a man to notify the people. This man, John, was filled with the Holy Spirit from birth. He preached to the people saying, "Repent for the kingdom of God is at hand. Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight paths, for

to Him everyday, so that everyday is lived holy, thus it becomes a holy day.

Making a special worship day on Christ's birthday was introduced by the apostate church to keep lukewarm or professing Christians in the congregation. The early morning Church worshiped a risen Saviour, not a helpless babe in a manger. Christmas is not a holy day, it is a holiday, in which we may enjoy special things with our friends and families.

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**Dec. 24, 1989**

**Why Was Jesus Born In Human Form?**

Scripture references: Heb. 2:9-18; 4:14-16; Rom. 8:3, 4; I Peter 2:21, 22; Heb. 5:8; I John 2:1.

Christ said He came into this world that He might be a succorer to His children in time of trouble and temptation. It was not that He needed to learn, for in Him is all wisdom. Neither did He need to communicate with man, for God had communicated with men long before Christ came to earth.

I believe it was that we needed that extra assurance of knowing that He had been through like trials, and therefore understood how hard trials are for humans. This also assures us that He will not put upon us anything to hard to bear. What a great succorer we have! Praise God!

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**Dec. 31, 1989**

**What The Apostles Said About Christ's Kingdom**

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"There is a river in the ocean. In the severest droughts it never fails, and in the mightiest floods it never overflows. It is the Gulf Stream. There is in the world no other such majestic flow of waters. Its current is more rapid than the Mississippi or the Amazon, and its volume more than a thousand times greater. Its waters, as far out from the Gulf as the Carolina coast are of an indigo blue; they are so distinctly marked that their line of junction with the common sea water may be traced by the eye. Often one-half of a vessel

may be perceived floating in Gulf Stream waters, while the other half is in common water of the sea, so sharp is the line and such want of affinity between those waters, and such too the reluctance, so to speak, on the part of those of the Gulf Stream to mingle with the common water of the sea.

"The curious phenomenon in the physical world has its counterpart in the spiritual. There is a river in the midst of the ocean of mankind. The mightiest floods of human temptation have never caused it to overflow and the fiercest fires of human cruelty, though seven times heated in the furnace of religious bigotry, have never caused it to dry up, although its waves of two thousand years have rolled crimson with the blood of its martyrs. Its fountain is in the gray dawn of the world's history, and its mouth is somewhere in the shadows of eternity. It too refuses to mix with the surrounding waves, and the line which divides it from the common water of humanity is also plainly visible to the eye—it is the mass of born-again believers in Christ's kingdom." —Selected

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### ONE LOST SOUL

My God beholds the cattle on the hills,  
The wealth of grain across the gleaming fields,  
Surveys the timbers deep in forest still  
And counts the riches that the harvest yields.

He sifts between His fingers shining ore;

He sees the stealthy beasts with precious furs,

The metals hidden in the mountain's core.

He sees, but none of these His great heart stirs.

He gazes down through fathoms of the sea

And marks the beauty of His fairest pearls,

Considers well the earth's fertility,  
The depths of riches that the sea unfurls.

God reckons all His wealth from pole to pole—

And counts it all as naught, for one lost soul. —Selected

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## A Narrow Escape

Tom thought he had the matter about his soul all taken care of. "I'll do like old Mrs. Sliphouse," he said. "She was saved a few hours before she died. I'll be a good boy, at least when I want to be, but when I feel like being mean to pay someone back, I'll see that they get their pay! Sometimes I may go to a party and get a little drunk, or do some other things that Christians should not do. But that won't cause my soul to be lost, for I will repent when I'm about to die."

He raised his eyes and looked at the birds that flew overhead. "Yes, I'll be free like the birds, until just before I die, then I will repent and confess Jesus as my Saviour. Why should I be burdened with the strict, careful rules of a Christian, when I can go to heaven the easy way? God is a merciful God, and when I cry for mercy at the end of my life, He will hear me." The matter was settled, Tom went on his way.

Years passed. Tom grew up and joined the army. He was sent to a country across the ocean. He found many interesting things to do, some of which were very godless. What he had not realized when he made the decision to do what he wanted to do instead of living by Christian rules, is that the pleasures of sin never satisfy. After he did sinful things, he became hungry to do other sinful things.

Some of the pleasures he enjoyed were not sinful. One day he went hunting

with friends in the jungle. A tropical storm blew in, and the hunters were drenched before finding shelter. Tom became thoroughly chilled during the long hike out of the jungle. By the time he reached the army quarters, he was burning hot with fever and seriously ill.

He was hospitalized.

One day as the army doctor stood at Tom's bedside, Tom noticed he was looking very serious. "Is—my condition—that—bad?" Tom asked gasping for breath.

"Pretty bad," the doctor answered.

"You're my—friend,—tell me—the truth." Tom paused to gain more strength. "Am I—I—going to—to—die?"

"I can't tell you that!" the doctor answered. "Only God knows. But I think I can give you a better answer in another hour or two."

"Please,—tell—me something!" Tom begged, as he clutched the doctor's arm.

"Tom, I don't want to scare you. But you are my friend, and I do want you to know the truth. Your condition must show marked improvements within the next hour or you may not see tomorrow. If there is anything you would like done I will send you a special aid. Shall I send one?"

Tom thought just a moment, then he remembered that he planned to get saved just before he died. "I—I—want to—to—be—left alone," he told the doctor.

After the doctor left the room, Tom looked at his watch. "One more hour

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### What The Apostles Taught About Salvation

**Word Definition:** *Salvation:* Being saved; preservation from destruction, ruin, loss or calamity.

**It is a gift of God:**

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 5:18 Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.

Titus 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

**It is for everyone:**

Acts 10:43 To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

13:26 Men and brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and whosoever among you feareth God, to you is the word of this salvation sent.

28:28 Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it.

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Titus 2:11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

**It comes only through Jesus:**

Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Romans 5:6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

Hebrews 5:9 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

9:28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

**It is available today:**

II Corinthians 6:2 (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)

**Central Thought:** Paul taught that salvation is a gift that God gives to every man who will repent, confess, and call on Him with believing faith.

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**Questions:**

1. Is salvation earned wages or is it a gift?
2. According to Romans 6:23, what is the gift of God?
3. What must a person do to be saved?
4. To whom is salvation available?
5. In whom is salvation found?
6. Who is the author of our salvation?
7. For whom did Christ die?
8. Believing in Christ will make us not be \_\_\_\_\_.
9. When is an acceptable time to be saved?

### MEMORY VERSE

For the grace of God that  
bringeth salvation hath ap-  
peared to all men.

Titus 2:11



# Let's Talk

Salvation is a free gift of God. Good things we do cannot earn this gift. The persons who have salvation have it because they met certain conditions and believed God would save them, and He did.

The story is told of a very rich man who wanted to help the poor in the city where he lived. He had an announcement put in the local newspaper which stated that on a certain day he would pay the bills of everyone who would bring them to his home anytime between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., on that day.

Many people read the notice. Neighbors and friends discussed it across their fences and over the telephone. "Do you really believe he will?" they asked one another. "I think he will!" exclaimed an optimistic old man.

"It's just a joke to make a fool of us," another man said. Some agreed with him. Others, a little hopeful yet fearful, thought they would try and see if it were true. Others, filled with pride, said they wouldn't be humiliated in such a way.

For a whole week the rich man's offer was the talk of the town.

When the day finally came, the town was in an uproar. The question was still in everyone's mind, "Is this true, or is it not?" Some men did not go to their jobs. They would go and get their bills paid! But as they thought about it and wondered what their friends would think, some decided not to go. Fear of being tricked and embarrassed kept others from going. Many, however, ventured to collect their bills and go to the rich man's house.

One old man with bills in his hand and his wife by his side started towards the rich man's home. From a distance they saw many, many people around the house. "Oh, we are so slow," said the wife. "There are many ahead of us. We will probably not get in before 4 o'clock. Or, if we do get in, there will not be enough money left to pay all our bills."

"Nay, nay, my good wife," scolded the old man, "He has said he will do it, and I believe he will."

They stopped under a tree growing at the edge of the beautiful yard to wait their turn to enter. After waiting a good while and seeing no one enter nor come from the house, the old couple tottered up the walk leading to the mansion. A hundred or more fearful, proud, poverty-stricken people watched as they whispered to one another. How surprised they were when the door was opened and a servant asked the old man and his wife in.

All the rest of the day the people walked back and forth in front of the house waiting for the old couple to come out and tell them if the announcement was true or not. Only servants could be seen going and coming from a side entrance of the house.

Five minutes after four, the couple emerged from the house with smiles on their faces. Receipts of their bills were marked, "PAID IN FULL!"

The angry mob cried, "Why didn't you come out and tell us?"

"We were not allowed to," the old man said gravely, "lest our own bills would not be paid. The rich man wanted you to believe his word."

The old couple received a free gift, but they had to believe the rich man's word and obey his commands. That is the way it is with salvation. Whoever receives the free gift of salvation must believe that God will give it. To keep it, they must obey God's commandments.

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. A gift. 2. Eternal life. 3. Believe in Jesus, call upon Him, repent and confess to God and men. 4. To all people. 5. In Jesus. 6. Jesus Christ. 7. For every one, including the ungodly. 8. Ashamed. 9. Today.)

and I shall know if I will be in a casket tomorrow," he said within himself. "Now is the time when I must call on God for mercy." He looked up at the ceiling, and out of the window. He lay still watching the clouds drift by, all the while trying to think how he would ask God to save him. He tried to collect his thoughts. He looked at his watch. Fifteen minutes had passed already!

His thoughts were running wild! He thought of his mother, his father, his sisters and brothers, all his family— aunts, uncles, cousins—and his friends across the ocean. What were they doing? How would they feel when they heard of his death. He could picture them crying. What should be his last words to all of them? He looked at his watch again.

Only twenty minutes left!

Distress filled his heart! He tried to think of words to form his cry for mercy. It was useless! In horror he realized that he was too ill and excited to concentrate his thoughts on prayer.

What! Only three minutes left? With a struggle he managed to get on his knees, and began to repeat, "Our Father, which art in ——" He could get no further! The burning fever kept him from remembering the next word. Too weak to stay on his knees, he fell flat on the bed.

"Too late to cry for mercy," was his last thought.

The next thing Tom knew, the doctor was standing over him. "You are better," he said.

After recovering, he was sent home.

The excitement of seeing his family and friends again, caused Tom to forget about his narrow escape with death. One day, however, a cousin invited him to a mission service.

"'Christ came into the world to save sinners,' " the preacher read from I Timothy 1:15. Like a flash Tom saw himself again in the hospital bed. He remembered the struggle to get to his knees, and how he couldn't cry for mercy, nor remember the Lord's prayer.

"I know I cannot call for mercy just before dying," he said to himself, "I

must get saved today if I am to be saved."

"'Now is the accepted time, behold now is the day of salvation,' " the preacher read.

"I believe that today is the day for me to be saved," Tom told the preacher when he went to the altar. "I know that a person must be saved when God calls. People cannot get saved just anytime they want to." —Selected

## The Blackbirds

In Hollister, California some years ago a farmer discovered that the dreaded army beetles had settled in one of his fields. He was sure that in a matter of hours his whole farm would be eaten bare, and he was filled with despair, when his little daughter, Joanne, spoke up.

"Daddy," she said, "why don't you ask God to keep His promise and drive the beetles away?"

Together they knelt in prayer, and earnestly claimed God's promise: "Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing . . . and I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground." (Malachi 3:10, 11).

Getting up from their knees they saw a flock of blackbirds alighting on the field where the beetles were already at work. More blackbirds came and still more! The sky seemed filled with them. The birds all landed on the ground and remained until there wasn't a beetle left. Then they flew away.

"Call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me." (Psalm 50:15). —Selected





# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## A Long Night

Caffre lived in Africa. In a village nearby lived some missionaries. Sometimes he went to the mission service and heard the gospel preached. Most of the time Caffre tried to do as the missionaries taught, for the missionaries said that was the way God wanted people to do. However, he was not a Christian and at times his desire to do wrong was stronger than the desire to do right.

The missionaries had beautiful horses. Caffre had often seen the beautiful horses and he longed to have one of his own. The desire to have one of the beautiful horses grew and grew until he decided to steal one. There was no one to enforce good laws, so the natives often stole the missionaries' horses.

One night after his family was asleep, Caffre slipped away from home and headed toward the missionary compound. Before arriving at the compound, he came to an open field where the horses had been tied to graze. Being careful to stay in the shadows of the trees surrounding the clearing, he watched the horses grazing, until he had made his choice. Then seizing the rope he led his choice horse into the forest, where he mounted and galloped away toward the village.

He felt the strength of the horse as it took great strides through the trees. The reflection of the moon off its mane caused it to look like strands of precious

gold. He felt like a king, until he heard a voice saying, "Thou shalt not steal." Caffre looked all around. He stopped the horse. He looked around again and not seeing nor hearing anyone, he called into the darkness, "Who is it?" No answer. He called again, "Who is speaking?" Silence.

"I've heard those words many times from the missionary," he said. "But when he speaks, I don't feel like I do now." He looked around again. "This must be the voice of God," he said.

He got off the horse and rubbed his hand over its velvet coat and through its long, silky mane. "What a beauty!" he said petting it. All the while he admired the horse, a great war raged inside his mind.

"Take the horse back," something warned.

"Don't be a coward, take it on home. They won't punish you," the other voice said.

"Take it back."

"Take it home."

For an hour or more Caffre stood near the beautiful horse wondering whether to take the horse home or back to its owner.

At last he mounted the horse and rode away. Carefully he tied it where he had untied it several hours earlier. All the way home he promised himself that he would do right from that night on. He slipped back into his house and to bed, but he couldn't go to sleep. The

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### How To Be Saved

**Repent:** To feel sorry about evil (bad) things done in the past, and seek forgiveness.

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, . . .

3:19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, . . .

17:30 . . . God . . . now commandeth all men every where to repent:

II Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

**Believe:** To accept as true.

Acts 10:43 . . . Through his [Jesus] name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

13:39 And by him all that believe are justified from all things, . . .

16:31 And they [Paul and Silas] said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

19:4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; . . .

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

I John 3:23 And this is his [God's] commandment, That we should believe on the name of his son Jesus Christ, . . .

5:1 Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: . . .

**Confess:** To tell God you have sinned, and to admit He has forgiven you.

Romans 10:9 . . . If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

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

4:15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

**Central Thought:** The three steps to getting saved are: repenting, believing, and confessing.

### Questions:

1. What should be done before being baptized?
2. What should all men everywhere do?
3. In what way can a person get remission of sins?
4. How may we become justified?
5. Is it possible to please God without believing?
6. To be saved we must \_\_\_\_\_ with our mouth.
7. To be saved we must \_\_\_\_\_ in our heart.
8. What will God do if we confess our sins?
9. A spirit that confesseth Jesus is come in the flesh is from whom?

### MEMORY VERSE

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

I John 1:9



Angry men had thrown Paul and Silas in jail because they had healed a demon-possessed girl, thus ending the men's wicked business. While they were in jail an earthquake shook the prison so violently that the jailer felt sure he was doomed to death. He came running into the apostles' cell, crying, "Sirs, sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

Peter assured him, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."

Do you wonder why Peter only said "believe"? Peter knew that most of the people at that time did not believe that Jesus had anything to do with their being saved. They believed that to be accepted of God they should obey God's laws given to Moses, attend worship at the temple, and give tithes and offerings. Doing all these things would be very good, but only doing them could not save the jailer. He would have to believe and confess that Jesus was God's Son whom He sent into the world to be the Saviour of men.

After Peter's sermon on the Day of Pentecost, those listening asked, "What shall we do?"

Peter told them to repent and be baptized. Some of these same people had no doubt hated Jesus and been part of the crowd which shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Therefore they needed to publicly repent. Humbling themselves and being baptized in the name of Jesus by one of Jesus' despised disciples, would be confessing that they believed Jesus to be their Saviour.

What does God's Word tell us to do to be saved? It says to *repent, believe and confess*. Repent means to feel sorry about things done which are sinful. When a person feels sorry enough about the sins he has committed to not do those things again, he has repented. He needs to tell God he is sorry and believe that Jesus forgives; name the sins to God for which we are asking forgive-

ness. When guilt feelings come to us later about these forgiven sins, we can refer back to the time we confessed them.

Believing is another part of being saved. There are those who feel sorry of sins and stop doing wrong. They have repented, but they do not believe Jesus will forgive. To believe, one must have faith and trust. The Apostle James said, "Faith without works is dead." It takes a lot of mind work to overcome thoughts which the Devil brings to us. Every Christian must work hard to discipline his mind to believe for salvation, for it is something he cannot see, but only hopes for. Yes, believing is a vital part of being saved.

Confessing is the third step to being saved. It is done in many ways. Sins are confessed to God when asking forgiveness. Baptism is the Christian's way of confessing that he has stopped his old way of living and is now living according to God's rules for a Christian. Also, the person seeking to be saved must say with his mouth that he believes that Jesus has forgiven his sins, and that he is now a child of God. This must be done to get saved, and must be done throughout life to keep saved. "... They overcame him [that old serpent, called the Devil] by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony. . . ."

The three steps to salvation are: *repent, believe, and confess*.

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. A person should repent. 2. Repent. 3. By repenting and believing in the name of Jesus. 4. By believing in Jesus after we have repented. 5. No. 6. Confess. 7. Believe. 8. He will forgive our sins. 9. From God.)

remainder of the night he thought about the other sinful things he had done.

The next morning he took one of his cattle to a nearby village and sold it. With the money he bought some clothing like the Christians wore. "I will dress right and go to church every Sunday," he told himself.

He did. But all that did not make Caffre a Christian. Neither did it wash away even one of his sins.

One day Caffre came to Jesus and confessed his sins, then he received forgiveness and the burden of guilt left his soul. He became a happy Christian and a blessing to his people.

—Charlotte Huskey

## The Shepherd Boy

Pierre cared for sheep and goats on the hills and mountainsides during the summer months. In the country where he lived, the sheep and goats grazed the unfenced grasslands. Each owner had a shepherd to care for his animals. Most of these shepherds were boys and most of them were caring for their father's animals. In the hot summer the boys followed the sheep to the high mountains where it was cooler and there was more grass. During the spring and fall they grazed in the valleys.

In the small town nearby, a Christian man built a little mission where God's Word could be preached. Pierre was among the first group who attended Sunday school. He loved what he heard, and came back. Soon he learned the book from which they read was the Bible, and that the New Testament was the story of Jesus.

One Sunday he said to his teacher, "I would like to have a New Testament, so while I am watching the animals, I could also be reading."

"Then we will give you one," the teacher said, handing him a New Testament.

Everyday during the following week, Pierre read from his new treasure. He read where Jesus said, "Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," and "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to

come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

When he went back to Sunday school he surprised the teacher when he said, "Jesus is mine." She knew he had believed what he read.

He asked for a book of hymns after he learned the tunes to the songs that they sang in Sunday school. He was given a hymn book. The following week was a happy one for Pierre. As he cared for the sheep he sang praises to God. Does that remind you of a Bible character?

Pierre's friends heard him singing and they became interested. The following Sunday his friend, another shepherd boy, came with him to Sunday school. Each week more and more of the shepherd boys came to Sunday school and learned about Jesus.

Soon the hills rang with the songs of a circle of happy shepherd boys who had believed the gospel. Many a happy day they spent singing and reading from the Book that had given them light.

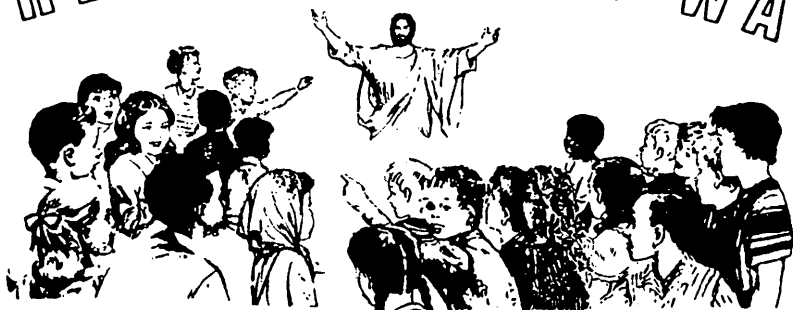
Soon these were telling others, whose hearts were also made glad by the joyful tidings, just as Pierre's was made glad when he heard it.

"Salvation's free, glad joy to all  
Of Adam's fallen race;  
We'll tell to all both far and near  
Of saving, keeping grace.  
There's joy, glad joy,  
Now flowing from above,  
There's joy, glad joy,  
In the fulness of His love.  
I'll live for Christ thro' this dark world,  
And faithful I will be;  
The joy I know that keeps my soul  
Shall last eternally."

—Selected



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## Work For The Night Is Coming

Work, for the night is coming,  
Work thro' the morning hours;  
Work while the dew is sparkling;  
Work 'mid springing flow'rs.  
Work, when the day grows brighter,  
Work in the glowing sun;  
Work for the night is coming,  
When man's work is done.

Work, for the night is coming,  
Work thro' the sunny noon;  
Work, fill brightest hours with labor,  
Rest comes sure and soon.  
Give every flying minute  
Something to keep in store;  
Work, for the night is coming,  
When man works no more.

Work, for the night is coming,  
Under the sunset skies;  
While their bright tints are glowing,  
Work, for daylight flies.  
Work til the last beam fadeth,  
Fadeth to shine no more;  
Work, while the night is dark'ning,  
When man's work is o'er.

—Selected

## Bemvindo's Work

"I will," Bemvindo said, when the pastor asked for a volunteer to clean the building where some Christians in Brazil were holding meetings. Bemvindo was a short, but powerful, young man.

He worked hard everyday, which kept his muscles strong. He had not always been a Christian. In fact, he learned how to work hard while in prison where he was forced to work.

After getting out of prison, he met two traveling preachers who had come to the town where he lived. "You may have gospel services in my home," he told the preachers. During the meeting held in his home, Bemvindo learned that Christ died for all sinners, even bad ones like he thought himself to be. He learned that God sent His only begotten Son into the world, and that whosoever believed in Him could have everlasting life. He learned that if he repented of his sins and believed that Jesus would save, God would give him the gift of salvation. God touched his heart and he was saved. He became a faithful follower of Christ and a good worker in the congregation.

That evening after the hall was cleaned, the brethren met for prayer. While Bemvindo was taking his turn in prayer, an old, old man around 100 years old came stumbling by the hall. He was a notorious old scoundrel, a spiritist who practiced black magic. On this evening he was tanked full of liquor and talking boisterously. He stopped outside the open door and began cursing. His furious cursing could be heard throughout the hall, creating a terrible disturbance.

After a while he finally stopped cursing and went on down the street. On

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### What Did The Apostles Say About Working?

#### We Should Work:

II Thessalonians 3:10 For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.

11 For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies.

12 Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.

I Thessalonians 4:11 And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;

#### Be Good Workers:

Ephesians 6:5 Servants [Employees], be obedient to them that are your masters [employers] according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ;

6 Not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as the servants [employees] of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart;

7 With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men:

8 Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free.

Colossians 4:1 Masters [Employers], give unto your servants [employees] that which is just and equal; knowing that ye also have a Master [Employer] in heaven.

I Timothy 6:2 And they that have believing masters [employers], let them not despise them, because they are

brethren; but rather do them service, because they are faithful and beloved, partakers of the benefit. These things teach and exhort.

I Peter 2:18 Servants [Employees], be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward.

#### Provide For The Family:

I Timothy 5:4 But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to shew piety [reverence, honor, and obedience to God and parents] at home, and to requite [take care of] their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God.

8 But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel [a person who does not believe in God].

**Central Thought:** God expects everyone to work to help his family and other worthy persons who need help.



#### Questions:

1. What should happen to a man if he will not work?
2. Service to an employer should be as if it were to whom?
3. What should an employer give to his employee?
4. Should a Christian employer and employee get along well?
5. Why should a Christian be a good worker?
6. Will God reward a good worker?
7. To what is a person likened if he will not take care of his family?

#### MEMORY VERSE

This we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.

II Thessalonians 3:10



# Let's Talk

Years ago I moved into a house in a small mid-western town. On the south side of my house stood a tall, white, two-story house. Two evergreen trees on either side of the entrance had grown so big they almost hid the house from the street. The entire yard was fenced: in front by a low, white, picket fence, in back by wooden posts and wire.

In the evenings a seven-year-old boy played on the lawn while his mother and grandmother watched from their rocking chairs on the porch. Weeks passed. Winter came. Snow covered the once green lawn. While other children enjoyed sledding and snowball fights, the boy, his mother, and grandmother stayed inside.

I soon learned that the boy did not attend school regularly because the adults in his life feared he would become ill from exposure in the cold weather. I was surprised, for when he did go to school, he was taken in a taxi each morning and returned home the same way.

The year passed, another year passed; and another, until the boy was twelve years old. Through those years I learned that the boy never worked. Mother mowed the lawn and weeded the flowers. Grandmother planted and tended the garden. The boy played. When he was sixteen, he was still riding to school in a taxi, and Mother was still mowing the lawn, Grandmother tending the garden.

One day the boy turned eighteen. He thought it was time to go to work, so he quit school. He tried to get a job, but he didn't know the first thing about working. No employer wanted a worker that knew nothing to do except watch the others working, and they soon found out that is all he knew. Why? That's all he had done at home.

By this time Grandpa had died. Grandma had a stroke a few years later and had to be cared for. The boy was learn-

ing how to help Mother a little when she began feeling bad. She went to the doctor and he told her she had a tumor. The very next day, as she stepped out of the bathroom, she fell dead!

The boy tried to care for the grandmother, whom he loved dearly, but he couldn't. After awhile she had to be put in a rest home.

Now this poor boy lives alone in the big house where he once laughed and played. There is no one to talk to; no one to bring in the food, nor plant and tend a garden; no one to mow the lawn, or weed the flowers. He has no job, no money! The city has turned off his water. The telephone company has disconnected his phone. Every few weeks he sells another piece of furniture to buy groceries.

"If I only knew how to work," he says, "I could get a job."

What will become of the boy next door who never learned to work?

—Sis. Charlotte

"No man can be happy in total idleness; for life affords no higher pleasure than that of surmounting difficulties, passing from one step of success to another, forming new wishes and seeing them gratified. He that labors in any great or laudable undertaking has his fatigues first supported by hope, and afterward rewarded by joy; he is always moving to a certain end, and when he has attained it, an end more distant invites him to a new pursuit."

—Sam Johnson



(Answers: 1. He should not get to eat. 2. To God. 3. That which is just and fair. 4. Yes. 5. Because it makes the Christian way more attractive to unbelievers. 6. Yes. 7. To an infidel.)

and on he weaved and waddled until he came to the edge of the town. On the side of the road a little ways out of town was a hole filled with sticky mud. He weaved off the road right at this spot and found himself floundering in the mud. His arms flew this way and that, his feet likewise, but the more he struggled, the deeper he sank. He was stuck! He rested for awhile and tried again, but found himself deeper than ever. He was drunk and half-sick already, so after many vain tries to get out, he rested his head on the edge of the muddy hole.

Bemvindo found the prisoner as he walked home after the meeting. He was a pitiful sight. The whites of his eyes shone like jack-o'-lantern eyes on a dark night. Mud was dripping from his hat and his arms as he gestured for help.

Bemvindo saw his chance to preach to the old man. "I'll help you," he called. Then, sitting down beside the hole, he told the old man that God loved him, and that God had happiness waiting for him. That's not all he said, for suddenly he became an evangelist and preached to the old man the way to be saved.

After finishing his sermon, he got a good body grip on the slimy old man and lifted him out of the mire. He then hoisted the old man onto his shoulder and carried him home.

"I can't believe you would do this for me after the way I acted at your church," the old man said.

"God wants to do a lot more for you. He wants to clean up your soul and carry you all the way to heaven."

The old man came to the meetings to hear more. Finally the light of the gospel flooded into his darkened soul and he was gloriously saved. He threw away all the things he used for black magic, his liquor, and changed his way of talking. He never missed a meeting when he could get there. Soon his family began coming, and many others in the town who knew about the change in the old man. The congregation grew so large that they had to get a larger building.

Bemvindo was happy that God had given him grace to do good for evil. He was also glad that he had worked hard and that his muscles were strong enough to lift the old man out of the muddy hole and carry him all the way home.

—Charlotte Huskey





# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Barry, The Saint Bernard



Barry was a noble Saint Bernard dog. When he was just a pup he was trained to rescue lost travelers in the Swiss mountains. In his lifetime he saved forty lives among the snowy Alps.

In the dog cemetery in Paris stands a monument erected in memory of Barry. His statue may also be seen in the Museum of Natural History in Berne, Switzerland.

One day a traveler in the Alps lost his way in a blinding snowstorm. Tired and hungry he fell down in the deep snow and could not rise again. A blanket of snow soon covered him and he lay there half-asleep and half-frozen.

In less than an hour, he was found by the great Saint Bernard dog. The dog crouched over the half-frozen man and warmed him with his great furry body. The man came to, and opening his eyes he saw a package fastened to the dog's collar. He removed the package and in it found food and a drink. The man revived.

The next thing the dog did was to seize the man's cap and run off with it to a refuge high up in the Alps where men took care of lost, weary travelers. Soon a rescue party was on its way, led by the faithful Saint Bernard. They found the man and carried him to their home where he was nursed back to health and strength.

In the Bible we read that the Lord Jesus came into the world to seek and to save the lost. (Luke 19:10). All around in this world there are those—boys and girls, men and women—who are lost in sin and perishing. Through His death on the cross and the shedding of His precious blood the Lord Jesus has saved thousands and brought them safely home to heaven.

He is still saving precious souls. Has He saved you, dear reader, or are you still lost and without hope in this world? The Bible tells us that "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." Hebrews 9:27. If you really want to be saved, salvation is near at hand, for a seeking Saviour and a seeking sinner are soon to meet.

May the memory of noble Barry and his friends inspire us who have this wonderful salvation to go out and seek the lost ones and bring them to Jesus, the only Saviour of sinners.

"Rescue the perishing,  
Care for the dying,  
Snatch them in pity from  
sin and the grave;  
Weep o'er the erring one,  
Lift up the fallen,  
Tell them of Jesus,  
the mighty to save."

"I, even, I, am the Lord; and beside me there is no saviour." Isaiah 43:11.  
—Selected

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### What The Apostles Said About Doing Good Works

Colossians 1:9 For this cause we also, since the day we heard it [of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints], do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

James 2:8 If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well:

14 What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not [good] works? can faith save him?

15 If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,

16 And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?

17 Even so faith, if it hath not [good] works, is dead, being alone.

18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have [good] works: shew me thy faith without thy [good] works, and I will shew thee my faith by my [good] works.

19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without [good] works is dead?

21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?

22 Seest thou how faith wrought with his [good] works, and by [good] works was faith made perfect?

23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

24 Ye see then how that by [good] works a man is justified, and not by faith only.

25 Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by [good] works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way?

26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without [good] works is dead also.

**Central Thought:** Many people and even devils fear God and believe in Him. A true Christian believes in and fears God but he also does good, not evil.



#### Questions:

1. A Christian should be fruitful in what?
2. Those who believe in God should be careful to maintain \_\_\_\_\_
3. What is the royal law?
4. Can faith without good works save a person?
5. How did James say he would show his faith?
6. What kind of faith is a faith without good works?
7. Is a man justified by his good works as well as by his faith?
8. Do the devils have faith there is a God?
9. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are necessary to stay saved.

#### MEMORY VERSE

Even so faith, if it hath not [good] works, is dead, being alone.  
James 2:17



# Let's Talk

The things we do prove if we are Christians or not Christians. It's like this: I may put on a monkey suit and pretend that I am a monkey. I will look like a monkey, and some people may believe for awhile that I am a monkey. But, when they see that I cannot climb like a monkey nor swing by my tail, they will know I am a fake.

Some people claim to get saved and put on clothing like a saint, but they act like the devil himself. This proves their hearts are not right. Others say they are Christians but go places and do things that Christ forbids.

Apostle James said that a Christian's faith is dead (useless) if that Christian doesn't have good works. Good works are not just a list of good deeds we decide to do, although a Christian does many good deeds. The things we do every day are the good works that the apostles were speaking about. Being decent to others is expected of anyone professing to be a Christian, yet some who claim to be Christians cheat, lie, steal, or take advantage of others in sly unnoticed ways. It is useless for them to say they are Christians.

I am convinced that every person in your neighborhood will know if you are a Christian by the way you act. Yesterday, ten-year-old J.R., who lives across the street from me, said, "You're sure not like Mrs. Crabtree (name changed), she's selfish."

Good works are a natural part of a Christian's life. If we love our neighbors as ourselves as Jesus told us to, this love for them will show up in many different ways. It will show in kind actions, in caring words, in smiles, in praying for others, and many other ways. It will stop the Christian from fist fighting and fighting with words. It will keep a Christian from gossip and slander and from getting even with others.

Good works also include helping others. Children should start young to develop habits of helping others. Start helping at home. Help Mother and Dad when they are working around the house. Help your brothers and sisters. When you are old enough and your parents allow you, you may help elderly persons in your neighborhood. You may write letters and notes of encouragement to others. Almost every person enjoys receiving letters, especially ones who are sick, lonely, or have a lot of time during the day to do nothing. There are many children who have little encouragement at home. You could be the one who keeps them going if you will take time to write or visit them.

Yes, Christians are known by what they profess to be: how they act, and for the good works they do. Their faith in Christ is useless if they are not doing good works.  
—Sis. Charlotte

## Little Things

He stopped to pat a small dog's head—  
A tiny thing to do;  
And yet, the dog, remembering,  
Was glad the whole day through.

He gave a rose into the hand  
Of one who loved it much;  
T'was just a rose—but, oh, the joy  
That lay in its soft touch!

He spoke a word so tenderly—  
A word's a wee, small thing,  
And yet, it stirred a weary heart  
To hope again, and sing!

—Lois Snelling



(Answers: 1. Good works. 2. Good works. 3. "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." 4. No. 5. By his works. 6. It is a dead faith. 7. Yes. 8. Yes. 9. Faith and good works.)

# Teddy's Lifeguard

(A true story)

Rover was a small Fox Terrier. He lived in the house with his master, Teddy. One day Teddy's father came home from work for awhile. He parked his big truck in the driveway and went into the house. While he was in the house, Teddy came out the front door and played on the driveway with his skateboard. When he was very close behind the truck, the skateboard slipped from under him. He fell on his back, hitting his head so hard that it knocked him out. Rover barked at his master, but Teddy did not answer. He stood over him and licked his face, but Teddy did not push him away.

Rover knew something was wrong with Teddy, so he went to the front door and barked to call Teddy's mother. She did not come. He went to the back door and barked. No one came. Rover ran back and forth from the doors to Teddy, barking all the while, but no one came out to help Teddy.

After awhile, Teddy's daddy did come out, and without seeing Teddy, he got into his truck. Rover ran to the truck door and barked and barked, but Teddy's daddy paid no attention to Rover. He started up the truck. Rover jumped at the truck door and barked louder than

ever, then he ran to the back of the truck and stood over Teddy.

"Get out of the way! Get out of the way!" Daddy shouted, when he saw Rover's head in his rear-view mirror, but Rover stood his ground, barking and growling at the big truck that was coming back at him. "Get out of the way!" he shouted again. Rover would not get out of the way.

Teddy's sister who was upstairs heard all the barking and came to the window just in time to see Teddy lying flat on the driveway. Rover stood over him growling and barking at the big truck which was slowly backing up toward them. She was so frightened she could not move. "O, God!" she cried, "Please help Daddy to stop." Just then the big truck stopped! She ran downstairs.

Daddy got out to chase Rover away, and there brave little Rover stood over Teddy, just inches away from the wheels of the big truck.

Animals which have no soul do good to others. How much more should people who are created in the image of God do good works towards others. "Ye shall know them by their fruits. Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire." (Matthew 7:16-19).

—Charlotte Huskey

## THE TWELVE DISCIPLES

Read Luke 6

Rearrange the letters correctly and then write down the names of the Lord's 12 disciples in the blank spaces.

1. NIMSO EPTRE \_\_\_\_\_
2. WDNARE \_\_\_\_\_
3. SEAJM \_\_\_\_\_
4. HJNO \_\_\_\_\_
5. LPIIHP \_\_\_\_\_
6. RTHAOWMEOL \_\_\_\_\_
7. ATWTEHM \_\_\_\_\_
8. OMTSAH \_\_\_\_\_
9. JSMEA \_\_\_\_\_
10. NIMSO \_\_\_\_\_
11. SDJAU \_\_\_\_\_
12. SDJAU OTSICRAI \_\_\_\_\_



Try to complete this gospel text.

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Psalm 23

I know My sheep, the Saviour said,  
And all My sheep know Me.  
My voice they hear, and follow near,  
From harm and danger free.  
For none shall pluck them from My hand,  
Nor from My Father's care,  
Till all are gathered safely home,  
Eternal joys to share.

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Is It Right Or Wrong?

Have you ever defiantly said, "No one can boss me"? Perhaps, momentarily, the statement kept someone from ruling you, but you were yielding to another master stronger than that individual. You had forgotten that some habits make you their slave. They have more power in your life than you realize. You will find that out when you endeavor to free yourself from their dominion. Most of your habits have mastered you for so many years that you yield to them "on the spur of the moment" without thinking.

Christian young people must classify their habits as either Christlike or un-Christlike. Will you judge your own habits?

When you are asked a question, do people know that you tell the truth, or is there a question mark in their minds?

Perhaps you see Sally coming down the sidewalk towards your home. Mentally you say, "Oh I surely hope that nuisance isn't coming here! She always stays so long, and I never enjoy talking with her." Sally does ring your doorbell. As you open the door, you exclaim, "Why, Sally dear, I'm so glad to see you. I was just wishing that you would run over for a visit!"

Perhaps Mrs. Black comes to church wearing a new dress. As she walks down the aisle, you inwardly groan, "What a horrid mess! I've never seen her wear a more ghastly color, and the style is the

worst yet this year!" After church, Mrs. Black asks you how you like her new dress. "It's lovely," you say, "just the kind you should always wear!"

You promise when entrusted with a secret "not to tell a soul," but when you see your dearest friend, you can hardly wait to tell her the news—"but you musn't tell anyone else, okay?"

Just "white lies," you say? Just remarks to keep from hurting people's feelings? Does God classify lies as "white" or "black?" Are your "polite lies" just gray in His sight?

God says:

"Excellent speech becometh not a fool: much less do lying lips a prince." (Proverbs 17:7).

"Lying lips are abomination to the Lord." (Proverbs 12:22).

During the Civil War, a farmer boy heard General Lee order his troops to attack Gettysburg rather than Harrisburg. The boy hurried with the news to Governor Curtin who said to his officers, "I'd give my right hand to know if that boy is telling the truth." A corporal stepped forward and said, "Sir, I know that lad. There is not a drop of false blood in his veins!" In fifteen minutes the Union troops were marching into Gettysburg to win their final victory!

Could an officer move an entire army upon your word? Can your Lord count on your lips *always* to be truthful for His glory?

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### What Did Apostle James Say About The Tongue?

James 3:1 My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation.

2 For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.

3 Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body.

4 Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth.

5 Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!

6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.

7 For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind:

8 But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

9 Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God.

10 Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.

11 Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter?

12 Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries: either a vine, figs? so

can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.

13 Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.

14 But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.

15 This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.

16 For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

**Central Thought:** The tongue is a small member of the body but can cause much trouble if it is not controlled.



#### Questions:

1. What is a man called if he doesn't offend with words?
2. What small member of the body boasteth great things?
3. Can the tongue defile the whole body?
4. What did James say about blessing and cursing from the same mouth?
5. What should a wise man show by his conversation?
6. What goes together with envy and strife?
7. Describe the wisdom from above.
8. Is it possible for a human to tame his tongue?
9. How can the tongue be tamed?

#### MEMORY VERSE

... If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body. James 3:2



# Let's Talk

Perhaps you have all heard the story about Talking Turtle. Talking Turtle lived near a pond in the North where geese spent each summer. He loved to talk with the geese and other animals. The animals would soon grow tired of listening to Talking Turtle talk, so they would run or fly away from him. When the other animals would go away, Talking Turtle would cuddle his feet up in his shell, draw in his neck and catch a nap. However, he always left his shell house open just enough to hear the noise of any approaching animal. At the least sound he would stick out his head to see if anyone was there to whom he could talk.

Summer passed, and when the cold north wind began blowing, the geese began honking their plans to fly south for the winter. Talking Turtle felt sad. He didn't mind the cold weather, but he hated not having anyone to talk with. Many forest animals would find a warm bed and sleep all winter. The fish would swim beneath the ice-covered pond, but he couldn't talk to them under the water. "I want to go with you," he told the geese.

"You can't fly," they answered, "and you walk so slowly, it would be spring again before you got halfway there."

"Carry me on your back," he suggested to the largest goose.

"I would carry you if you would not talk," the big goose answered, "for we geese must listen always to the honked instructions of the lead goose."

Talking Turtle promised to be quiet, but the geese knew he loved to talk so well that he would soon break the promise. However, they wanted to help their little friend so they began trying to think up a way to take him.

Finally one old goose had a plan the geese thought would work to keep the turtle quiet long enough to fly south.

They went to Talking Turtle and said, "We have found a light but very strong stick that two of us will carry in our beaks. If you will hold to this stick with your mouth, we can carry you South with us. Remember though, if you ever open your mouth to talk, you will fall to the ground and be crushed by the force of the fall."

Soon the flock of geese were headed South with Talking Turtle going along by holding to the stick extending between two large strong geese.

Talking Turtle had never been up high in the sky. He was excited to see the pond shrink before his eyes. The evergreen trees, the golden ash, and red and yellow maple leaves looked so beautiful from the sky. He wanted to share with the geese his joy, but he remembered the price he would pay for talking while high in the sky. All morning just before he loosened his hold on the stick so he could talk, he remembered. By afternoon, though, he was getting awfully hungry when a bug landed right on his nose. He wanted desperately to snap him. He noticed that even the goose carrying the end of the stick cast a wishful eye towards the juicy bug.

Things went smoothly for awhile and Talking Turtle began enjoying his trip very much. He soon forgot about holding the stick and when he saw another turtle looking up at him from the ground below, he just had to shout at him.

Many people, like Talking Turtle, cannot control their tongues. Some have even lost their lives because of it. Fights, arguments, divorces, and a multitude of other troubles are caused by uncontrolled tongues.

No Christian needs to suffer from an uncontrolled tongue, for God, through the Holy Spirit, will give power to control the tongue. —Sis. Charlotte

(Answers: 1. A perfect man. 2. The tongue. 3. Yes. 4. He said that both good works, without partiality and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and work. 7. It is pure, peaceable, gentle, from the same mouth. 5. Meekness and blessing and cursing should not come from the same mouth. 6. Confusion and wisdom. 8. No. 9. By the Holy Spirit of God working in a person.)

Probably you would not rob a store, but do you "slip" chalk, pencils, paper, etc., home from school for your own use? Perhaps you would not steal your friend's purse, but you steal the information from his examination paper and turn your paper so that he can see your answer! You wouldn't carry your notes to a test, but if the teacher leaves the room, you quickly look into your book for a date or a name!

You would not swim in a restricted lake or stream if the ranger were there, but the minute he leaves, you break the law and go swimming!

Has it become a habit just to watch the congregation, rather than entering with all your heart into the worship service? Has church become to you a place to "catch up" on the week's gossip with your best friend, to manicure your fingernails, or take a little nap? Souls have been eternally lost because of young people whose irreverence in God's house has kept them from hearing the Holy Spirit speak to them.

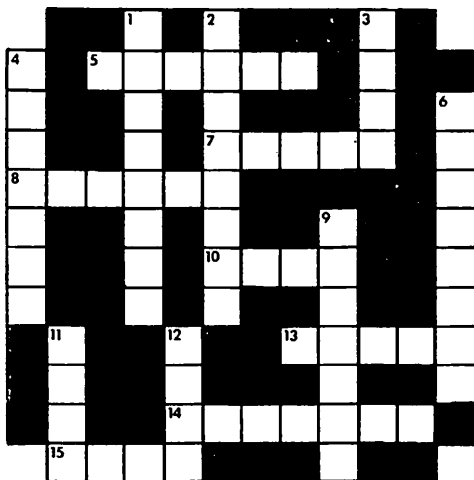
When mother or father ask your help, do you do just enough to "keep peace in the family?"

"Little things" you say? Yes, but things that sometimes keep others from wanting to know our Saviour—things that are expected in the lives of those who are not sons and daughters of the King, but things that disappoint others in the testimony of Christian young people.

God says, "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus." (Colossians 3:17). Can He depend upon *your* truthfulness, honesty, and faithfulness in all circumstances for His glory, that other young people may want to know Him too?

—Selected

## Truth



### DOWN

1. The truth of the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ for ever. (Ps. 117:2).
2. \_\_\_\_\_ them through Thy truth: Thy Word is truth. (John 17:17).
3. Speaking the truth in \_\_\_\_\_. (Eph. 4:15).
4. True worshippers shall \_\_\_\_\_ the Father in spirit and in truth. (John 4:23).
6. I \_\_\_\_\_ greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth. (2 John 4).
9. Every one that is of the truth \_\_\_\_\_ My voice. (John 18:37).
11. Buy the truth, and \_\_\_\_\_ it not. (Prov. 23:23).
12. Of His own will begat He us with the \_\_\_\_\_ of truth. (James 1:18).

### ACROSS

5. Behold, Thou desirest truth in the \_\_\_\_\_ parts. (Ps. 51:6).
7. For this \_\_\_\_\_ came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. (John 18:37).
8. When He, the \_\_\_\_\_ of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth. (John 16:13).
10. Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you \_\_\_\_\_. (John 8:32).
13. \_\_\_\_\_ and truth came by Jesus Christ. (John 1:17).
14. \_\_\_\_\_ dividing the Word of truth. (2 Tim. 2:15).
15. \_\_\_\_\_ me in Thy truth, and teach me. (Ps. 25:5).





# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## STORIES OF FAITH

### Saved From Lions

Perisi was a little African girl. She had come to the Bible classes and there heard the sweet story of Jesus and His love in dying for sinners everywhere. Perisi believed that He died for her, and she trusted Him as her Saviour.

Her mother, however, was not at all pleased, and beat the little girl for going to the Bible school. She turned her over to the witch doctor, thinking he would make her afraid and give up her new religion. But Perisi did not cease to love her Saviour, and to memorize Bible verses, and sing the sweet Christian hymns she had learned.

At last her mother took her into the forest and tied her to a tree. She hoped the lions would come and frighten her belief in Jesus out of her. When her mother left she said, "You are a worthless girl to me—good-bye for the lions."

Throughout the long, black night little Perisi remained there and prayed. He who has said, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee," watched over her all night long. The next morning at dawn, a Christian boy found her still tied to the tree. There were lions' tracks all around, but little Perisi was unharmed. She saw the eyes of the great beasts shine in the darkness, but not one of them had come within fifteen feet of her. Perisi remembered how God had

shut the lions' mouths and delivered Daniel, and she prayed that He would deliver her also. All her fear had gone.

Perisi never forgot that night and many, many times did she thank her Saviour that she could experience His love and care for her in such a remarkable way.

"He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust . . . Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night." Psalm 91:4, 5. —Selected

### God Sent A Hen

A good Christian man named Merlin was one of the Huguenot preachers in France when there burst out a great storm of persecution. All the preachers had to hide lest they be taken away and killed. Mr. Merlin hid in a hayloft where none of his enemies thought of looking for him.

However, the trouble was that his friends did not know where he had hidden, and he was in danger of starving in his place of refuge.

Now what do you think it was that came to his help? To his wonder and thankfulness a hen came and laid an egg beside him. Surely it was God who sent one of His little creatures to minister to one of His loved servants. She

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### What The Apostles Said About Faith

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

2 For by it the elders obtained a good report.

3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Hebrews 10:38 Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

Hebrews 4:2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

I Thessalonians 5:8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

Colossians 2:7 Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

Philippians 1:27 Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

Ephesians 6:16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

II Timothy 2:22 Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

I Timothy 4:12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

6:10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

**Central Thought:** Faith is necessary for getting and keeping salvation and for receiving other blessings from God.

#### Questions:

1. What is faith?
2. By what were the worlds framed?
3. Is it possible to please God without faith?
4. What must be added to grace if we are to be saved?
5. The Christian's breastplate and shield is \_\_\_\_\_
6. We should flee youthful lusts but follow righteousness, \_\_\_\_\_, charity, and peace.
7. Of whom should we be examples?
8. Why have some erred from the faith?
9. What fight should we be fighting?

#### MEMORY VERSE

... Be thou an example of the believers in word ... in faith, in purity. I Tim. 4:12



# Let's Talk

More than nineteen hundred years ago Jesus told a story about an unjust judge. This judge was not afraid of God, although God could have struck him dead at any time. Neither did he respect men, who by working together might have caused him much harm. But a poor harmless widow came begging for help and he gave her what she wanted because she continued to bother him. "God will be much better than the judge," Jesus said. "But when I return, shall I find faith in people living on the earth?"

Jesus must have known that people would become so proud, faithless, and lazy that they would not beg Him as the poor widow did the judge. Many proud, faithless men sneer at praying. They say a person must help himself if he expects to have what he wants. Others, who do have faith in God, have become so busy they find no time to repeatedly pray about needs. Others are tired or lazy and fall asleep while praying.

In the days before communism took away freedom of speech in Cuba, there was a minister of the Church of God who felt very strongly she must preach faith and also demonstrate it by what she did. Her name was Faith Stewart.

Sis. Stewart trusted God for her own needs and those of the Church. She never worked on a job to earn wages. All her time was given to visiting the sick, praying, studying the Bible, preaching, etc.

Every day as she walked or rode from place to place in the city, she saw hungry children begging. If she returned home late at night she saw children asleep on the sidewalks, in alleys, and doorways. "I must help these children," she told herself. She began telling her friends about her plans. Some gave her a little money, others brought clothes, some a bed and other needed things. One day God put great courage in her

heart. She went to the police station and told them she would keep homeless children in her own home. The first day, fourteen children were brought to her. She had only \$1.00 and no food, but in the evening a Catholic lady brought hot bread for them. Another person brought bananas and oranges. From that day on, more and more food and clothing came for the children and more and more children came to live in their new home.

Not only did Sis. Stewart believe that she should trust God to supply food and clothing, but she also believed in trusting God for healing. One day while preaching, she said, "The doctrines of the Bible have been lowered by the Church in many places. We here must see to it that every Bible doctrine be definitely taught and practiced. This includes divine healing. If I ever become very sick or unconscious, please don't take me to a hospital. Just care for me until I die or God heals me, whichever He chooses to do."

Four days later she became violently ill. The brethren took her to a home next door to the church. While the sisters cared for her, the congregation was continually praying for her. The church doors were never closed. In a few days she lost consciousness. For twenty-nine days she was unconscious. The brethren were accused of slowly murdering her, but they firmly insisted that they had promised her to let God have His way with her. Through bitter tears they prayed for God to heal her.

On the forty-third day after she had taken sick, she opened her eyes. She was too weak to be up much for a long time. A month later, however, she was in town shopping. She lived almost twenty years after this and worked hard caring for a hundred children and seeing about the many churches under her care.

Yes, God rewarded the church which trusted Him and continually prayed for help!

—Sis. Charlotte

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(Answers: 1. It is the substance of things hoped for. 2. By the Word of God. 3. No. 4. Faith. 5. Faith. 6. Faith. 7. Of the believers. 8. Because they covered after money. 9. The fight of faith.)

came for several days in succession and every time, she left an egg. In this way the life of the poor, hunted man was preserved until the danger was past.

"This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles . . . O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in Him." Psalm 34:6, 8.

—Selected

## A Japanese Thief Converted

A chaplain in a Japanese prison noticed one of the prisoners, named Maki, always carried a New Testament with him. "Tell me," he said one day, "how you happen to have that Book." And this was his story.

He had been a burglar. One day he and a companion made plans to rob a missionary school. In the dark of night they entered the building by a kitchen window and went upstairs. As they went, Maki heard voices.

"What is that?" he whispered to his companion.

"It is somebody praying," replied his friend laughing. "They are afraid and are asking God to protect them."

Soon they saw the girls on their knees praying. Maki grabbed one young girl's coat but she looking up calmly said, "Please don't take my coat; my mother made it for me. Please take this Book instead and read it," and she handed him a New Testament.

The robbers threw the Book aside and then in fear of being caught, they quickly left.

For three days Maki stayed indoors. At last he ventured out to visit his partner in crime. But he was surprised by a policeman waiting to arrest him. His friend was already in jail.

The next day Maki appeared before the police chief in the presence of some of the girls from the mission school.

"Do you recognize this?" the chief asked him, showing him the little Book he had thrown aside the night of the robbery.

"These girls heard of your arrest and they have brought the Book to offer it to you again. You are guilty and will go to prison, but this Book will lead you to repentance. These girls are Christians and treat their enemies with kindness."

Maki accepted the Book this time and thanked the girls. But he knew nothing of Jesus. The convicted thief went to prison taking the New Testament with him.

When Mr. Hara, the chaplain, heard Maki's story, he told him of the Saviour's love for sinners. Maki knew that one day he would have to stand before a holy God to be judged. But now he learned that that same God had provided a way of escape for him. His Son, Jesus, had died for him and borne the punishment he deserved for his sins. Maki believed—he accepted God's offer of mercy and was saved. With the chaplain's help, he learned to read his Testament by himself.

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Isaiah 1:18.

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# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## The Story Of Fabian Estrada

Fabian had worked for many years in the tin mines of Bolivia. But the dust from the ore had ruined his lungs; now he was suffering from chronic silicosis, and he had to leave the mines.

It was during those years as a miner that he had met a missionary who labored throughout those regions and told Fabian of Christ who loved him and died for him upon the cross. The Lord opened Fabian's heart to receive the gospel and he became an ardent follower of the Saviour.

One day Fabian pleaded with the missionary to take him with him into the interior to help carry the gospel to the Indians living there.

"Well, Fabian," said the missionary, "Anything I have I'll share with you, so you come along and we'll trust the Lord to supply our needs."

Fabian went along and spent a year with his missionary friend in the Indian region of Yulo. Then one day his friend said to him, "Fabian, you remember you told me you would like to carry the gospel to the Indians?"

"Indeed I would," returned Fabian. "I know I am weak and may not live too long, but I'd like to spend the rest of my days in giving the gospel to those poor people."

"Very well then," said the missionary, "I'll make up a package of little things for you to sell along the way to help

pay your expenses." So he made him up a package of needles, knives, scissors, spools of thread, and a few pieces of cloth. Soon Fabian started out with his bundle over his shoulder. He made his way right across the country, a distance of 200 miles, till he reached a town called Chita.

Fabian at once began to preach the gospel in the open air to a crowd of men standing idly around. Among the crowd was a man named Lino Bueno. Lino was a musician, a band master, but a drunkard. Once in a drunken spree he had let off some dynamite sticks which nearly cost him his life. He was blinded in one eye and badly crippled, but God spared him, for he was to be a trophy of His marvelous grace. Standing there listening to the message of redeeming love, and all unknown to Fabian, Lino's heart was stirred. The seed had fallen into good ground. Lino Bueno came to trust the Saviour as his own and became one of God's faithful followers.

A whole year Fabian trudged up and down preaching the gospel to the Indians in that large northern section of Bolivia but saw no visible fruit from his labors. Weary and down-hearted he returned to the missionary and said, "Brother, I'm so sorry; but I haven't seen any response to the gospel. I know it is the power of God unto salvation, but I haven't had the joy of leading one soul to Christ."

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### What The Apostles Said About Rewards

James 1:25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

I Corinthians 3:8 . . . Every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.

15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain [without success] in the Lord.

II Corinthians 9:6 But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully [plentifully] shall reap also bountifully [plentifully].

7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

II Corinthians 5:9 Wherefore we labour, that whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him.

10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

Hebrews 10:35 Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward.

36 For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

Revelation 22:12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

Revelation 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great [everyone], stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Revelation 14:13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

**Central Thought:** Everyone will receive a reward according to whether they have done good or evil.

#### Questions:

1. Will every man receive a reward for his labour?
2. Our labor in the Lord is not in \_\_\_\_.
3. How shall a man reap if he has sown bountifully?
4. What kind of a giver does God love?
5. By what will a man's reward be judged?
6. Who will stand before God?
7. Why is God coming?
8. What will happen to those whose names are not found in the book of life?
9. What will happen to those who die in the Lord?

#### MEMORY VERSE

. . . We must all appear before . . . Christ; that every one may receive . . . according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

II Corinthians 5:10



# Let's Talk

The Bible tells us that God is a rewarder of all those who diligently seek Him. God has communicated with many people through a simple reward system. When King Saul was humble and obeyed God, he and the country he ruled had plenty to eat and won the wars when other countries came to attack them; that was their reward for doing right. When Saul became proud and disobeyed, God let their enemies defeat them.

Jezebel painted her face and looked out the window when the soldiers returned from a war. Someone from behind pushed her out the window and she was trampled to death by the horses and her body was torn to pieces and eaten by the dogs. The prophet said her death was her punishment for the evil she had done. Punishment is a reward for bad behavior.

David was rewarded for being a man after God's heart. When he did wrong, God let his baby die so David would repent of the evil he had done.

Jonah was rewarded for running from God by being captured by a whale. When he obeyed God he was also rewarded, and so were the wicked people of the city of Nineveh when they fasted and repented.

Yes, God uses a reward system. Has He been trying to talk to you through this system? Have you ever become sick because you disobeyed Mother and ate too much? Not a very pleasant reward, is it? Have you ever given something away and you were given something in return from another person? "He that soweth sparingly, shall reap sparingly. He that soweth bountifully shall reap bountifully." If we give just a little, we shall receive a little. If we give plenty, we shall receive plenty. We receive rewards equal to what we do.

We must not become disappointed if God does not immediately reward us.

Sometimes He sees that it will do us good to wait for our reward. Some good Christians have to suffer. Although it looks like they are being rewarded bad for good, it is just that God has a different plan for them right now. The reward will come later.

Sometimes it looks like God's reward system is all mixed up, for very wicked people have riches and pleasant things, and very good people are very poor. Just be patient. If these people do not receive rewards for their actions here on earth, they will receive it in the other world. The wicked will receive everlasting punishment; the righteous will obtain everlasting joy.

God is never mixed up about what He does. He just counts time differently than we do. His reward system is still working. —Sis. Charlotte

## Consequences

A traveler on a dusty road  
Strewed acorns on the lea;  
And one took root and sprouted up.  
And grew into a tree.  
Love sought its shade at evening time,  
To breathe his early vows,  
And age was pleased, in heats of noon  
To bask beneath its boughs;  
The dormouse loved its dangling twigs,  
The birds sweet music bore;  
It stood a glory in its place,  
A blessing evermore.

A nameless man, amid the crowd  
That thronged the daily mart,  
Let fall a word of hope and love,  
Unstudied from the heart;  
A whisper on the tumult thrown,  
A transitory breath—  
It raised a brother from the dust,  
It saved a soul from death.  
O word of love!  
Tiny acorn at random cast!  
Ye were but little at the first,  
But mighty at the last.

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(Answers: 1. Yes. 2. Vain. 3. He will reap bountifully. 4. A cheerful giver. 5. By his works, whether they be good or bad. 6. The small and great (every-one). 7. To reward everyone according to their works. 8. They will be cast into the lake of fire. 9. They shall rest from their labours.)

When the Chaco War broke out between Bolivia and Paraguay, the missionary became a chaplain. One day a commander of one of the regiments sent a message to the chaplain saying, "There's a man who wants to see you. His name is Fabian Estrada." He went at once through the jungle and found dear Fabian, just skin and bones. He was dying.

"Oh, dear brother," said Fabian feebly, "I'm so glad to see you." He tried to get up on his feet, but he was too weak. Kneeling down beside him, his friend prayed for him, and they both wept together. When it was time for the missionary to go, Fabian whispered, "Brother, I'll see you *in the morning*."

Early the next morning the missionary went back, but all there was left of dear Fabian was a stick stuck in the ground to mark his grave. He had died during the night. But dear Fabian was at home with the Lord, to await the trump of God and that glorious resurrection morning when Jesus comes again!

The stick that marked the grave of Fabian is long gone, but God has erected a monument to his memory that neither time nor eternity will ever efface. That monument is the life and labors of Lino Bueno, one of the richest trophies of God's grace among the mountains of Bolivia. Lino, saved through hearing the gospel from the lips of Fabian Estrada, has served the Lord for many years among the poor in those remote mountain regions, and many an Indian brother has cause to thank God for the life-giving message heard from his lips, for he has won many to Christ. As a result, there are in that area at least 15 assemblies of believers, gathered simply to the precious name of Christ, fruit of His wonderful grace and the faithful labors of Lino Bueno. He is an old man now, and soon, when the trumpet shall sound, he and Fabian will meet in heaven around their blessed Lord. What a great reward both men will receive for their labors.

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## "All Aboard!"

There lived in a town in the western United States, a family of three—father, mother, and a little boy named John. They were very poor. Then death suddenly took both father and mother away.

In his trouble, John thought of an uncle whom he had heard his father and mother speak of, but his uncle lived in Chicago. That was a long way off, and John had no money.

One day he wandered down to the railway station, and as he stood on the platform, a train came rushing in. He asked a gentleman standing near where it was going.

"To Chicago!"

"Chicago!" thought John, "that's where I want to go, and so he crept nearer the train.

Presently, he heard the conductor shout, "All aboard!" and with that, the bell on the engine began to ring.

"All aboard!" thought John, "that means 'everybody aboard,' and if everybody is invited to get aboard, why, that means me."

At that instant the voice of the conductor shouted again, "ALL ABOARD!" and without further hesitation, John clambered on the train, and into a seat.

The train moved on and in a little while the conductor came for the tickets. But John had no ticket, nor had he any money. The stern conductor told him to leave the train at the next stopping place.

This he did, but to his astonishment and delight, he heard the conductor shout again, "ALL ABOARD!" and so he once more took his place in the train.

Angrily the conductor said, "Didn't I tell you to leave the train at the last station?"

"Yes," replied John, "and so I did, but you said 'ALL aboard,' and I thought that meant me, and so I got on again."

The conductor saw the boy's mistake, but believing the boy was honest, rewarded him with a free ride to Chicago so he could live with his uncle.

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# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Thanksgiving For Bibles

On the edge of the forest in Hanover, Germany, many years ago there lived two God-fearing farmers, name Drewes and Hinz. Grandpa Hinz was nearly 80 years old.

A terrible war was raging in Germany at that time causing much grief and sorrow. However, the Christians persevered in faith, enduring the trial because they loved the Lord. The soldiers plundered and robbed them of their belongings, but they did not complain. Each family had a prized possession—a large Bible. This precious volume was valued above all others, as it is God's voice at all times. The looting soldiers had sought to destroy all the sacred books, but they missed the Bibles and these proved to be a special comfort at that time.

In the evening after supper the family would gather around the crackling fire, and the father would read a portion of Scripture, commenting on it in simple and loving words. He would give thanks for the only begotten Son who died for sinners, and then the whole family sang a hymn together. After this, stories from family adventures would be the subject of lively conversation, so the delighted children especially looked forward to this time of the day. The fireplace became a sacred spot or family altar. While mother sat at her spinning wheel, father sat in a

large upholstered chair which had a secret compartment underneath the seat. It was the hiding place of the large family Bible.

One evening as father Drewes and the family sat around the fire, suddenly Grandpa Hinz knocked at the door and exclaimed excitedly, "Quick neighbor! loose the cattle and let us flee. The troops are on the way!"

All rose up in fear. Quickly a few clothes and some food was gathered together and then everyone hastened toward the nearby forest.

Grandpa Hinz brought up the rear, and as soon as all had disappeared into the woods, he climbed a tree to watch. Soon a heavy column of smoke showed that all their buildings were in flames.

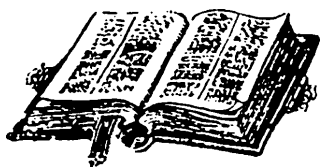
When the soldiers had left, Grandpa Hinz came down from the tree and they all bowed on their knees and thanked God for sparing their lives and their cattle. Yet there were no complaints: "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away." They were strengthened because of Him who never forsakes His own.

They were setting about to erect a shelter when some of them noticed tears rolling down Mr. Drewes cheeks. "Dear ones," he remarked, with trembling voice, "where is our treasure, the Bible? How sad that we forgot it. In our haste we thought only of food and clothing. Perhaps it went up in the flames."

A deep silence followed, for everyone felt the great loss of their precious

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### What The Apostles Said About Thanksgiving

Colossians 3:15 . . . Be ye thankful.

Colossians 2:6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:

7 Rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

4:2 Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;

I Thessalonians 5:18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

I Timothy 6:6 But godliness with contentment is great gain.

7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

I Timothy 2:1 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;

Philippians 4:6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Hebrews 13:5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he

hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

15 By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

16 But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

Revelation 7:11 And all the angels stood round about the throne, . . .

12 Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

**Central Thought:** God wants people to thank Him all year long, not just at this season of the year.



### Questions:

1. Should every person be thankful?
2. For what should a person be thankful?
3. Being contented will help a person be more \_\_\_\_\_.
4. What should a prayer always contain?
5. Name some things we should think on.
6. Will thinking on these things help us to be more thankful?
7. Should we be thankful that Jesus will never leave us?
8. With what kinds of sacrifices is God well pleased?
9. What did the angels say about thanksgiving?

### MEMORY VERSE

**In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.**

**I Thessalonians 5:18**



# Let's Talk

The story is told of a rich baker who decided to give away his day old bread in a big basket in front of his bakery.

Every day the big baker stood near the basket while the street urchins pushed and shoved their way to the basket hoping to get the largest loaf. Occasionally a big boy would try sneaking a loaf to a younger brother, but the clever baker always caught them.

Bess was a little girl who lived with her widowed mother. She too went every day to get bread. The baker noticed that she never pushed her way to the front, but waited at one side until all the others took the larger loaves of bread, then she would take a loaf from what was left. She always smiled and told the baker, "Thank you," and skipped away towards the hut where she lived.

Day after day the baker watched Bess. Day after day he saw the smile on her face and heard her say, "Thank you."

"I am going to teach the children a lesson," he said one day. He baked a very small loaf of fresh bread and put it in the basket with the day old bread. As usual, the boys threw it aside and grabbed the larger loaves. When all the boys and girls had gone, little Bess took the tiny loaf of bread. She felt sad because it was so tiny and it was all the food she and her mother had, but she gave the baker the same sweet smile and said, "Thank you," in the usual way.

When she got home, she cut open the loaf and out fell some gold coins! Quickly she took them back to the baker thinking the coins had accidentally fallen into the dough. "The coins are for you and your mother," the baker said, "because you always thanked me for the bread."

Soon, news of the gold coins reached every child in the village.

We should be just as polite and thankful as Bess, although we may never be

rewarded by gold coins. Those who are thankful do receive other rewards. A thankful person is a happy person, and that is a great reward.

To be a thankful person, we must be content. People enjoy being around a contented person, so another reward will be having friends. My grandson was sweeping the walk and happily whistling as he worked when a man walked by. A few minutes later, the same man came back and put a dollar into his hand—another reward. Yes, a thankful person is rewarded by both God and men. —Sis. Charlotte

## We Thank Thee

We plough the fields, and scatter

The good seed on the land,  
But it is fed and water'd

By God's almighty hand;

He sends the snow in winter,

The warmth to swell the grain,

The breezes, and the sunshine,

And soft refreshing rain.

He only is the Maker

Of all things near and far;

He paints the wayside flower,

He lights the evening star;

The winds and waves obey Him,

By Him the birds are fed;

Much more to us, His children,

He gives our daily bread.

We thank Thee, then, O Father,

For all things bright and good,

The seed-time and the harvest,

Our life, our health, our food;

Accept the gifts we offer

For all Thy love imparts,

And what Thou most desirest,

Our humble, thankful hearts.

—Matthias Claudius



(Answers: 1. Yes. 2. For everything. 3. Thankful. 4. Thanksgiving. 5. Things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, good, and virtuous. 6. Yes. 7. Yes. 8. Sac-  
rifices of praise and thanksgiving. 9. They said it should be given to our God for-  
ever and ever.)

Books. Then Grandpa Hinz broke the silence saying, "Be comforted, even though our precious Books are gone. Our Lord and Saviour abides the same; we have Him in our hearts, and have His Word in our memories. Each morning and evening I will recite you a chapter until the Lord be pleased to give us a Bible. We shall begin at once."

Without waiting for an answer he began in a clear voice, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever."

He went through the complete Psalm in a comforting voice. Then, raising his voice confidently he repeated, "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind," and "For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father."

As he finished, all seemed to be conscious of an inward peace and joy, and in a short time all were sound asleep amid the aroma of the evergreens.

The next morning after a simple breakfast, Grandpa repeated another Psalm, and a chapter from the New Testament. He then closed with a few words of exhortation and encouragement. His prayer made a profound impression on all and hearts were moved by the Spirit's presence. After this it was decided that Mr. Drewes and three others would go and check the remains of their homes.

The men carefully approached the charred walls and smoldering ruins. All was deathly still except the birds who sang as usual. As they drew nearer,

they heard groans. They came upon two wounded soldiers and, lo and behold, they were sitting in their beloved upholstered chairs. The enemy had left these wounded ones behind. The poor soldiers expected nothing but death as a revenge. However, our friends treated them with utmost kindness. They were amazed to be cared for as friends rather than enemies.

When the secret compartments in the chairs were opened, the beloved Bibles were found to be undamaged. What joy, rejoicing, and thanksgiving there was!

They decided to move the wounded men to a nearby farm, but they pleaded to be allowed to remain with their benefactors as they had not long to live. Grandpa Hinz took a special interest in them and made them aware of their soul's need. He showed them the way of salvation and soon they were rejoicing in the knowledge that their sins were forgiven. They were "brands plucked from the burning." Once they had been as "brute beasts," now they were washed clean in the most precious blood of Christ. There was great joy in that forest.

As the dying soldiers saw their end approaching, for the last time they expressed their gratitude, above all for having been led to the Saviour. Then they gave instructions as to how their uniforms were to be opened after their death. After the funeral, according to their directions, several gold pieces were found in their tunics—sufficient to rebuild the homes which were destroyed. Over the soldiers' graves for many years could be seen this inscription:

"Here rests Friedrich Wenzeslaus a Bohemian, and Jurischliz Lansitz. Without their knowledge they saved two Bibles from the flames, and through them found the gift of eternal life."

—Selected



# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## A Villain Is Saved

"Get out of the way! Here comes the blind beggar!" Chin whispered to his new friend, as a blind Chinaman carrying a heavy stick, came working his way slowly down the sidewalk. He felt his way by tapping the heavy stick on the walk in front of him. His clothes were tattered and dirty. His lips turned up at the corners forming a snarl, and a frown was stamped on his face.

"Poor man," the friend said. "I feel sorry for him."

"Don't feel sorry for him, he's just an ol' opium smoker and the meanest man in town."

"Even if he is the meanest man in town, how could a blind man hurt anyone?"

"Well, he does! Just let him know you are close to him and he'll give you a bop. The other day he went into the oil shop down the street and demanded money. When the clerk did not give it to him he began swinging that heavy stick, knocking the clay oil pots in all directions. When the pots broke, oil spilled all over the floor."

"How terrible!" the friend exclaimed.

"That's not all he did. He felt around for some of the broken pieces and cut himself with them. Then he went to the police station and accused the owner of beating him. The owner was fined \$100."

"Did he pay it?"

"I don't know. Maybe so, it would cost that much to prove he wasn't guilty."

The old man was mean before he went blind. He's been put in jail lots of times, but it doesn't do him any good. Mom says the law can't make him any better because it is too cold to melt his heart of stone. She says that only God's love could change his heart. Here's a poem she quotes about it:

" 'Law and terrors do but harden  
All the while they work alone.  
But a sense of blood-bought pardon,  
This will melt a heart of stone.' "

"Mom says that it's as impossible to change him as it is to change the flow of water over the Niagara Falls, or for us to change the color of our skin, or for a leopard to change his spots."

"But God can change him. Will he come to church?"

"No, a lot of people have tried to get him to come, but he won't."

Everyday when the boys came home from school they saw the beggar. He was usually begging for coins from shoppers who scurried from store to store. But sometimes he was beating the air trying to hit teasing boys, or a stray dog who was trying to make friends.

One day they noticed he was gone.

The next day he was gone, and the next. For weeks they did not see the beggar. He was gone, but where?

One evening when Chin came home, his mother had news for him. Some old lady had convinced the beggar to go to

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### What The Apostles Said About Being Self-Centered

Philippians 2:3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Galatians 6:2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

I Corinthians 10:24 Let no man seek his own, but every man another's wealth.

27 If any of them that believe not bid you to a feast, and ye be disposed to go; whatsoever is set before you, eat, asking no question for conscience sake.

28 But if any man say unto you, This is offered in sacrifice unto idols, eat not for his sake that shewed it, and for conscience sake: for the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof:

29 Conscience, I say, not thine own, but of the other: for why is my liberty judged of another man's conscience?

31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

32 Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God:

33 Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved.

13:4 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

I Corinthians 6:19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

**Central Thought:** A Christian should not be self-centered, but should think of and be doing for others, that others may be saved.



#### Questions:

1. Who should we esteem better than ourselves?
2. Jesus humbled Himself to become obedient to what?
3. Whose burdens should we bear?
4. Are we to be judged by how we affect another's conscience?
5. Complete the verse: "I please all \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ things."
6. Whose temple is our body?
7. Whom should we please instead of ourselves?
8. Would a self-centered person please himself or God?
9. Discuss some ways to overcome a self-centered attitude.

#### MEMORY VERSE

... I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved.

I Corinthians 10:33

# Let's Talk



Remember Issac's twins, Jacob and Esau? They were both self-centered men. Esau came home from the fields, faint and hungry. "Give me some of your pottage," he said to Jacob who was boiling lentils.

"I will if you will sell me your birthright," Jacob answered.

"Look at me, I'm at the point of death. What good is the birthright to me if I die?"

"Then promise me."

"I promise, I promise," Esau said. "The birthright is yours."

Jacob got the birthright; Esau got the dish of pottage.

Esau was self-centered because he was thinking only of how he felt. The birthright was an important honor given to the oldest son from the father. The son with the birthright would become the leader of the family when the father died, and he would receive twice as much of the land, cattle, etc., that his father left. Esau had no respect for how his father and mother would feel if he so carelessly traded the wonderful birthright for a little food. He just selfishly thought about how hungry he felt at that time. He wanted the pottage regardless of what it would cost him in the future. He got the pottage at a terribly high price.

Jacob, too, was self-centered. He should have willingly shared his lentils with his hungry brother, but he would not. Thinking only of what he could gain, he got Esau, who was too hungry to make a good decision, to promise him the birthright.

This was not the only time these men showed their self-centeredness.

What the apostles taught is the opposite of being self-centered. They taught that we should look on the needs of others, seek others wealth, and bear other's burdens. If Jacob had been doing these things, he would not have

asked for Esau's birthright. If Esau had been esteeming others better than himself, he would have had more respect for his father and mother and appreciated the birthright gifts they had for him.

Being self-centered will cause people a lot of trouble. A self-centered person is boring to be with, for they talk about themselves most of the time. We don't want to be like that, do we?

—Sis. Charlotte



## Things That Count

Not what we have, but what we use,  
Not what we see, but what we choose—  
These are the things that mar or bless,  
The sum of human happiness.

The things nearby, not things afar,  
Not what we seem, but what we are—  
These are the things that make or break,  
That give the heart its joy or ache.

Not what seems fair, but what is true,  
Not what we dream, but what we do—  
These are the things that shine like gems,  
Like stars in fortune's diadems.

Not as we take, but as we give,  
Not as we pray, but as we live—  
These are the things that make for peace,

Both now and after time shall cease.

—Author unknown

(Answers: 1. Others. 2. Death on the cross to save others. 3. One another's. 4. Yes. 5. men in all. 6. The temple of the Holy Spirit. 7. God, and others. 8. Himself. 9. Your teacher will help with this answer.)

the mission hospital. The loving care he received began to melt his heart. After a few weeks his mind began to clear up. He realized these people loved him. He relaxed. Then a Christian nurse read to him, John 3:16 and 17. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." She also explained to him, Romans 8:3, "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh."

She told him that the law had tried to help him by putting him in jail, but that the help he really needed comes only from God. The poor man cried to God for mercy, and God changed him from a self-centered, hateful man, into a new, loving man.

A few weeks later, Chin's mother went to visit a friend at the hospital where she saw the old beggar sitting in the lobby. He was clean and had on good clothes. There was no frown on his



face, and his snarl had been replaced by a smile. "It is my pleasure to sit here, so that all who come in can see how the saving grace of God has changed me. I am not the mean, ol' opium smoker who thought only of satisfying myself. I am a new creature in Christ," the old beggar told her. The love of God had melted his heart of stone.

—Charlotte Huskey

5—God shall wipe away all tears.  
6—I am with you saith the Lord.  
7—Be strong, God is with thee.  
8—Sing aloud unto God our strength.  
9—The Lord hath been mindful of us.

Answers To Hidden Messages

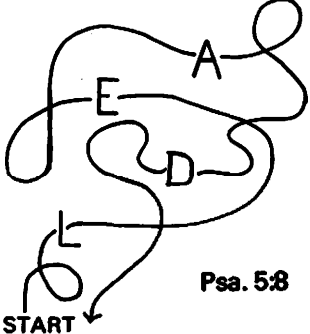
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A BIBLE MESSAGE

Follow the line to help you find the missing word in this text.



Psa. 58

----- me, O Lord.



# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Not Afraid Of The Devil

(Based on a true story)

Joe was the best liked boy in his neighborhood. He was honest, friendly, and fun to be around. Some of the parents, however, didn't always like the influence Joe was having on their boys. You see, Joe was not a Christian. His parents were Christians, but Joe thought they were Christians because they were afraid of going to hell. He thought it was foolish to be afraid.

One day he declared, "I'm not afraid of the devil! And as for hell, I'm not afraid of that either. In fact, I'm not sure that there is one!"

The other boys looked at him with astonishment! They were sure the devil was to be feared, and that hell was a real lake of fire burning for ever and ever. But if Joe said there might not be a hell, well maybe there wasn't. It was something to think about, but not now; it would interrupt the game of marbles they were playing.

A few evenings after Joe had made his bold statement, the family's cows had gone astray and Joe was sent to find them. "Hurry," his mother called, "It may get dark early, because angry, stormy clouds are coming up in the West."

Joe didn't care to hurry, he wasn't afraid, not even of the devil. He walked through the fields and woods looking

for the cows. Darkness came, and still no cows. Then he heard a cow bell. Following the direction of the sound, he soon found the cows. They were in the graveyard beside the church.

He stubbed his toes on tombstones and stumbled over mounds of dirt trying to round up the cows in the darkness. The occasional flashes of lightning served as a temporary flashlight. However, it played tricks on him, and made the city of the dead look more eerie than usual. After a lot of stumbling over tombstones, he finally got the cows rounded up and headed for the gate. Then a wild, stubborn cow darted toward the far end of the cemetery. Joe swore as he dashed around the outer edge of the cemetery to miss crashing into the tombstones in the darkness. Suddenly the ground disappeared from under his feet! He was plunging down, down, down! In a split second he was terribly afraid. What was happening to him? Was he falling into the hell he didn't believe existed? He remembered his proud boast of not being afraid of the devil, and the curse words he had just yelled. Had the earth opened to swallow him as it did the rebellious men in the Bible? Why hadn't he listened to his mother's warning and hurried?

The lightning flashed just as he fell on the ground, revealing that he was in a big, deep hole. Would the walls come together, burying him alive? Would the

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### What The Apostles Said About Honesty

Romans 13:10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

11 And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.

12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

13 Let us walk honestly. . . .

II Corinthians 8:21 Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.

13:7 Now I pray to God that ye do no evil; . . . but that ye should do that which is honest, . . .

Philippians 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

I Thessalonians 4:11 And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;

12 That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing.

I Peter 2:11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

12 Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they

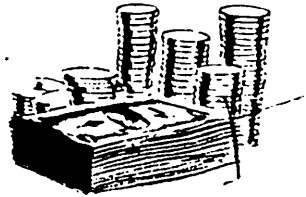
shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

I Timothy 2:1 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;

2 For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

Romans 12:17 Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.

**Central Thought:** God expects people to be honest with themselves, with God, and with others.



#### Questions:

1. How does God want us to walk?
2. What kind of works should we cast off?
3. How does a loving attitude affect being honest?
4. Can an action be honest before God but not look honest to men?
5. Is it important that we think about honest things?
6. Will an honest reputation help when people speak evil of us?
7. Will our honesty help others glorify God when He visits them?
8. For whom should we pray, that we may live honestly?
9. Before whom should we provide things honest?

#### MEMORY VERSE

. . . Provide things honest in the sight of all men.

Romans 12:17

# Let's Talk



"Margaret! Margaret!" Mother called. "Lunch is ready."

Mother poured hot chocolate into mugs beside the blue plates, and sat down to wait for Margaret. Five minutes passed. Margaret did not come.

Mother went to the back door and called again. "I'll be coming after awhile," Margaret answered.

"Come now!" Mother demanded.

"I have other things to do."

Mother slipped on her coat and went to get Margaret. "Why," she demanded, "did you not come when I called?"

"Because I am Princess Margaret. Princesses do whatever they wish."

"They do?"

"Well, they do, don't they?"

"Not at all," Mother said, taking Margaret by the hand and leading her into the house.

While they ate lunch, Mother explained to Margaret: "A princess has very, very strict rules to obey. She has to learn how to smile when she feels like pouting, because many times the royal family is photographed when they are least expecting to be.

"Should she become queen, she must have already learned how to make herself act right all the time, for people are almost always watching. She must go to bed early so she will not be irritable the next day. She must get up early, dress well and keep looking good all day. She must learn to always be polite even when others are rude to her, to eat in a proper manner, and speak correctly and in a way to be easily understood. It is fun to fancy being a princess and doing whatever you wish, but honestly, princesses do not do just as they wish."

"I guess I don't want to be a princess after all," Margaret said when Mother stopped talking long enough for her to get in a word.

The point of this lesson is not to suppose life would be easier if you were in

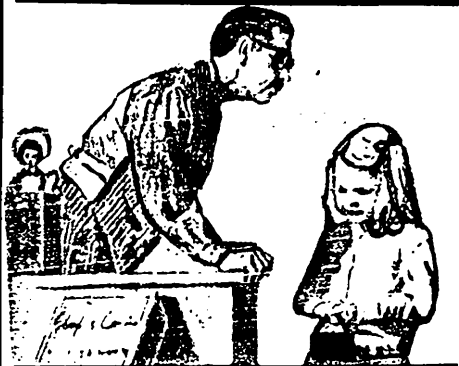
another family, or lived in another town. Be honest with yourself and face things just as they are. Many children fancy that someday they will suddenly become the wonderfully good person they had hoped to be. But that is just as unrealistic as Margaret thinking she was a princess. The dishonest things we are doing today are becoming habits that will bind us in years to come.

Becoming a good, honest person takes a lot of honest looks inside. It begins with the way we think. If we are cheating to get better grades at school, we must face this problem and ask God to help us overcome it. If we are taking change from our parents or others, or picking up other small things that are not ours, we alone must be honest with ourselves and stop it. Do not excuse yourself by thinking that it is just a little thing that God will take no notice of. Remember, God's eye is taking pictures of us when we least expect it. We must learn, as the princess, to do right all the time.

Some children like to excuse themselves because they are children. You are not being honest with yourself if you think something is wrong when another person does it, but not wrong when you do it. When you know something is dishonest, you are responsible before God not to do that thing.

God expects children, as well as adults, to be honest in what they think, say, and do.

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. Honestly. 2. The works of darkness. 3. Anyone with a loving attitude will not intentionally hurt others. Someone is hurt in every dishonest act. 4. Yes. 5. Yes. 6. Yes. 7. It should. 8. For those in authority. 9. Before all men.)

ground disappear again, plunging him into a deeper hole? He clawed the walls like a tiger! Fear pushed him on. In a moment he was at the top! Scrambling to his feet he peered through the darkness to see if he was back in the cemetery. Another flash of lightning revealed the tombstones, and he saw the wild, stubborn cow, glaring at him.

He felt that the devil followed him out of the hole and was chasing him, as he ran after the cow. Finally he got all the cows herded down the road and at last in the barnyard.

That night Joe learned that he really was afraid of what the devil could do with his soul. He also learned that deep down inside he believed in a hell, and he did not want to be thrown into it.

The next day he discovered that he had fallen into the newly dug grave of old Bill Buzzard. But how he got out so fast, he never found out!

From that night, Joe was a more serious boy. Never again did he brag that he was not afraid of the devil, nor that he didn't believe there was a hell.

The boys teased him about the change. He was often tempted to pretend that he wasn't afraid so that he could again receive their admiration. But Joe was

too honest for that. He honestly knew he had learned a good lesson that night in Bill Buzzard's grave, and he would not let himself tell a lie about it.

The experience he had that night was God's way of convicting his heart. He now believed that the devil and hell were real. When he heard that the Lord Jesus loved him and had died to deliver him from the devil's power, and to save him from going to hell, he asked Jesus to come into his heart. He surely wanted to be saved from hell!

His parents were very happy that Joe had changed. Joe was happy, too, but he knew if he hadn't been honest enough to admit that he really was afraid of the devil and hell, that he would never have gotten saved.—Charlotte Huskey

## Nobility

True worth is in being, not seeming;

In doing each day that goes by,  
Some little good—not in dreaming

Of great things to do by and by.

For whatever men say in their blindness,

And spite of the fancies of youth,

There's nothing so kingly as kindness,

And nothing so royal as truth.

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# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## The Cicada

It is a still night. Tent dwellers have hushed their children to sleep and turned off flashlights. Babies in the nearby cabins are quiet at last. The dormitory light is out, laughing and giggling has stopped, the last whispers have been smothered by the humming of the ceiling fans. All is silent on the Monark Campground—except for the singing of the locusts. They are in the trees busily rubbing their hind legs on their front wings.

Morning, noon, and night the campground rings with the sound of the locusts, and if you listen carefully, you may hear among the songs of the locusts, another shrill drumming noise. It is the call of the male *cicada*. A cicada is a dark, heavy-bodied insect, with four wings that it folds over its body like a roof. It is 1 to 2 inches long. The males have a pair of drum-like singing organs. When singing, these organs vibrate in and out very rapidly, making a loud buzzing or crackling sound that can be heard for a great distance.

There are more than 1,000 species of cicadas in the world. The nymph hatches from eggs laid by the female on tree twigs. After a short time it falls to the ground and burrows down several inches. Here it builds a waterproof room from hard-packed mud balls. The nymph will live in this cell and suck sap from a nearby root for several years. Most species will develop in 4 or 5 years,

but some take only 2 years. Some, however, grow very slowly, taking 17 years to develop.

The dog-day cicada is seen every year in July and August, but the nymph has been in the ground from 2 to 5 years. It is large, very dark, and often has greenish markings. The periodical cicadas are dark, and have red eyes and wing veins. They appear in late May and early June, and have taken 13 to 17 years to develop, depending on their species.

Adult periodical cicada of the same "brood" appear in a region only once every 13 to 17 years. Entomologists have named several broods using Roman numerals as names. They know when to expect their appearance. Many broods exist and appear somewhere in the United States every year. Some regions which are heavily populated with periodical cicadas may see some every few years.

One year at the Christian school in Guthrie, a student found a cicada which had just come out of the ground. They are hard to find because most cicadas come out during the night, and by morning they are ready to fly. It was amazing to watch the ugly little crab-like nymph as he split open his shell and an adult cicada came crawling out. Within ten minutes the tiny wings grew to full size. The cicada must harden for several hours, and then, after spending from 2 to 17 years under-

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### What Did The Apostles Say About Jesus' Second Coming?

I Thessalonians 4:13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep [dead], that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep [are dead] in Jesus will God bring with him.

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

5:1 But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.

2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

I Thessalonians 1:7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,

8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

I Corinthians 15:50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep [die], but we shall all be changed,

52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump. . . .

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

II Peter 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

**Central Thought:** When Christ comes again, people will either meet Him in the air and forever be with Him, or they will be punished with everlasting destruction.



### Questions:

1. What word did Paul use to mean "dead?"
2. Describe the scene of Christ's second coming?
3. Shall those already dead, or those living rise first?
4. Will we meet Christ in the air and forever be with Him, or will Christ set up a kingdom and reign on the earth for 1000 years?
5. On what day will the Lord come?
6. Will the unbelievers suffer tribulation, or will they be punished with everlasting destruction?
7. At what speed will our bodies be changed into incorruptible bodies?
8. When will people receive new bodies?
9. Will Christians enter into the Kingdom of God with a mortal body (one made of flesh and blood), or with an immortal body?

### MEMORY VERSE

Then we . . . shall be caught up together with them [the risen dead] in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. I Thessalonians 4:17

# Let's Talk

One of these days, when we are least expecting it, Jesus will come again. Just how it will all happen, we do not know. The Bible says a trumpet shall sound, and a shout from the archangel shall be heard, and there He shall be in the sky! Beauty, love, care, strength, comfort, happiness, and all other good, shall radiate from His being. How glorious He shall look, glowing among the clouds. As a magnet draws iron and steel to itself, so the power of God shall draw the believers up into the sky. We will not just get to be with Him a few minutes, like we do now when we meet Him in prayer, but we will forever be with Him. Our fleshly body shall be changed in the twinkling of an eye into another kind of body. The other body shall never die, so that we can enjoy Jesus forever. Every unbeliever shall also be changed into a body that shall live forever, but they will go to everlasting punishment.

Some people are expecting Jesus to come again and rule the world for 1000 years. But the Scriptures we just read tell us that when Jesus comes again, we shall all meet Him in the air, and forever stay with Him. Peter says that this earth shall be destroyed by fire, and there will be a new heaven and new earth.

Both Apostle Peter and Apostle Paul call Jesus' second coming, "the day of the Lord." Paul wrote that in "the day of the Lord" we shall be caught up in the air to forever be with Him. Peter wrote that when the "day of the Lord" will come, the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, the elements shall melt with a great heat, and the earth will be burned up. Where then is a space for a 1000 years for Jesus to reign on the earth after He comes again?

Christ's time to reign as a King on earth is now, not when He comes again. The earth will be destroyed when He

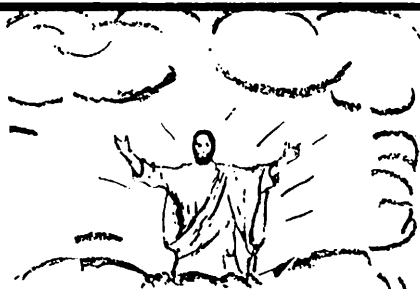
comes again. Do you wonder how Christ could be reigning today with all the bad things happening in the world? Surely the devil must be in the driver's seat. Yes, the devil is the prince of this world. He reigns in the hearts of the unbelievers. Jesus, however, reigns in the hearts of the believers. He says our bodies are the temples in which He reigns. Jesus has many temples, and He sits on a throne in these temples.

Things are priced according to their lasting value. The throne in a Christian's heart is everlasting, so it is more valuable than the whole earth, for the earth is not everlasting. God values any human more than a state, a country, or any earthly thing.

A person is more valuable than other things because a person is a soul that will last forever. No other thing lasts forever. They will all be burned up when Jesus comes again and the souls of men meet Him in the air. Fire cannot destroy the soul.

Every child of God is in Jesus' kingdom. Jesus sits on the throne of their hearts and reigns as King over their lives.

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. Sleep. 2. The Lord shall descend from heaven with a shout, and shall rise first. 4. The saints shall meet Him in the air. 5. No one knows, for He will come as a thief in the night. 6. They will be punished with everlasting destruction. 7. In the twinkling of an eye. 8. At the end of the world when Jesus is returning. 9. With an immortal body.)

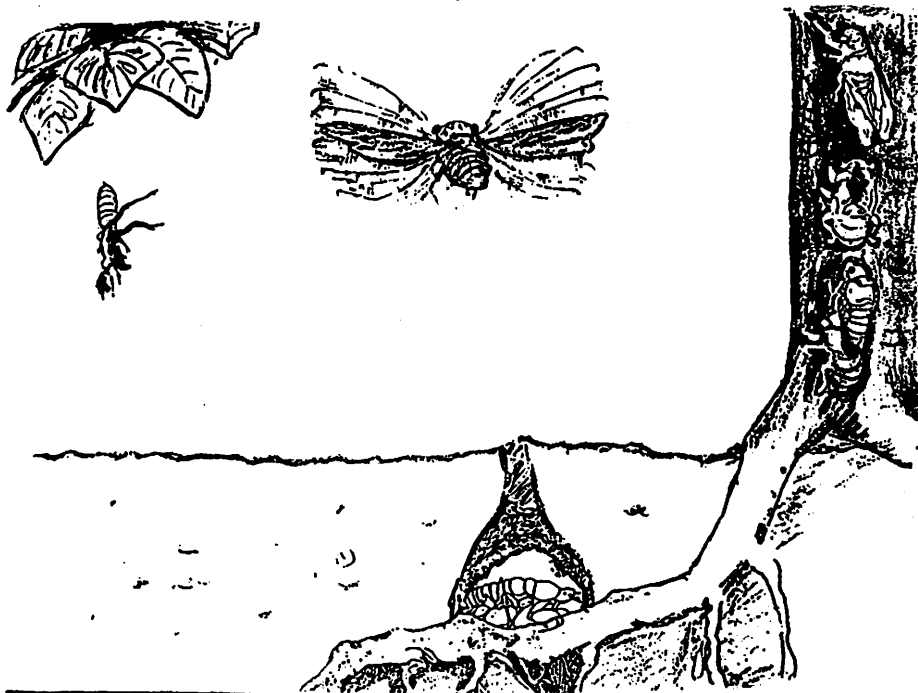
ground, it is ready to fly away in the sunshine, then mate and lay its eggs. The adult cicada live only 2 or 3 weeks.

The next time you go to Monark, see if you can find a cicada. You might find one that is older than you are!

When I think of cicadas, I think of Christians. We live in this earthen body, surrounded by sin and darkness, just like the cicada lives in the dark earth. But one of these days, we shall shed this corruptible body, and our spiritual body shall fly away to be with Jesus forevermore. Some live only a few years in this dark, sinful place; while still children they are taken through death and go to glory. Others live many years, not just seventeen as the cicada nymph, but maybe even 100. However, the time comes when their body is left behind and they go to be with Jesus. During the summer when I see the dried shell of a cicada, it reminds me that somewhere soaring among the trees is an adult cicada. Each time I go to the funeral of a Christian, I am reminded that I am looking only at their dead

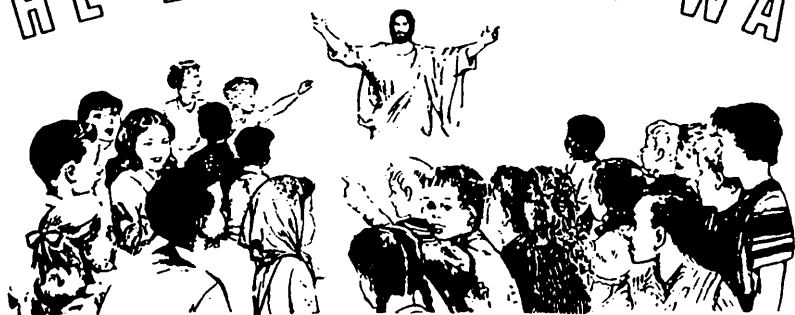
shell; they are soaring with the angels, praising God.

There are other comparisons between the Christian way and the cicadas. The cicada nymph is often eaten by enemies, either soon after it is hatched or before it burrows into the soil. Even after it goes into the soil, ants and beetle larvae sometimes capture and eat them. So the soul of every boy and girl is surrounded by enemy spirits seeking to destroy it. The blind nymph lives in darkness. An unsaved soul is blind to God's Word and lives in darkness until God in His mercy opens their eyes to the truth. All are deaf just as the nymph until God's Spirit awakens within them a desire to hear His Word. The thought I like best is that when a soul hears the Word of God, he receives light. If he grows in knowledge and he accepts Jesus Christ as His Saviour, salvation breaks the dark bands of guilt and sin and sets the soul free. He is no more in a darkened cell bound by sin and his own earthly desires, but is free to soar in God's love! —Charlotte Huskey





# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Christmas In Prison

Sergeant E. L. Allen lived in Tracy, California. He worked at the California Adjustment Center, which housed 1,400 criminals. He and six correctional officers under his command were responsible for 65 of the worst inmates in the prison. Fifty of these men were known killers, that is they had killed at least one person (some had killed several times) or they had tried their best to do so.

When these kinds of men are locked up in small cells, they become very angry, extremely depressed, or hopeless. Most of them have no visitors, nor receive mail. For many, no one cares if they are ever out of prison. Many of them just live for today and tomorrow, today and tomorrow, with no better time to hope for. They become fighting mad at the least annoyance, and regardless of the precautions taken to keep everything away from them which could be made into a weapon, they sometimes manage to make crude weapons—a knife from a strip of steel torn from a metal grill, a dagger from a piece of bedspring. One of the officers had been stabbed five times, another slashed twice.

It was almost Christmas time and Sgt. Allen knew these men could not be with their families. Most of them knew nothing of the whereabouts of their families. They would not receive a present, a Christmas dinner, nor even a

card. He was a Christian man and thought they needed something special on Christmas, but rules of the prison forbade grouping more than six of these inmates together at any time. The day room of the prison, where the more trusted inmates occasionally gathered, would hold 25 prisoners. Could he get permission from his supervisors to divide these 66 inmates into three groups and let them visit together on Christmas in the day room? Could he get his six men to help with such a dangerous task?

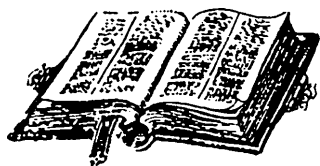
First, he went to his supervisors, and to his surprise, they gave the green light! That is, if he would have tear gas in case of an outbreak of violence.

Now would his men agree to help? He called them together and told them he wanted to have a Christmas party for the inmates which would consist of a real Christmas dinner, dessert, punch, a small gift for each one, and a time of relaxation. The officers agreed to help. They even gave of their own money to buy gifts and to pay for a catering service to bring the dinner. One said he would arrange singing groups of the prisoners. Another volunteered to decorate the room. All the others agreed to help in whatever way they could.

The weeks that followed were filled with enthusiasm from both inmates and officers. The long, boring hours of the day were spent practicing Christmas hymns and songs, as Mexicans, Blacks, and Whites, formed singing groups.

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### What The Apostles Said About Holydays

Romans 13:10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Colossians 2:6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:

7 Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:

17 Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.

20 Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances,

Galatians 4:4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

7 Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

8 Howbeit then, when ye knew not God, ye did service unto them which by nature are no gods.

9 But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly

elements, wherunto ye desire again to be in bondage?

10 Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years.

11 I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain.

Romans 14:5 One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind.

6 He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it. He that eateth, eateth to the Lord, for he giveth God thanks; and he that eateth not, to the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks.

7 For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.

13 Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way.

**Central Thought:** A Christian should not be in bondage to so-called "Christian" traditions of the world.

#### Questions:

1. What will love cause people to do?
2. What did Apostle Paul warn the Colossians against?
3. Respect of an holyday, or new moon, or sabbath days is what?
4. To what are God's children dead?
5. According to Galatians 4, what did God's Son do for people?
6. Why was Apostle Paul afraid of the Galatians?
7. Should a Christian be in bondage to customs of the world?
8. Should we judge one another about how days are respected?
9. What should we be careful not to do?

#### MEMORY VERSE

**Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, . . . and not after Christ.**  
Colossians 2:8

# Let's Talk

Have you heard the slogan, "Put Christ back into Christmas"? Christmas is a holiday in which Jesus can be exalted before thousands of men, women, and children. It is a great concern to Christians all over the world that Christ is being removed from Christmas.

The devil does not want any person to worship Christ. He has used unbelievers to remove Christ from the hearts of many, and he would like to have every image of Christ removed from every part of our lives. He has removed prayer and respect for God's Word as the highest authority from our public schools and many parts of our government. The devil's plan is to destroy men's faith in Jesus Christ. Some Christians have such a great desire that Christ be exalted that they cling to every thread of hope to get Him before the people. They believe Christmas is one way to exalt Christ in the world. There is some merit in what Christians are trying to do. However, God wants His Son to be worshiped as an eternal, divine God, not as a baby in a manger. He is to be worshiped with whole-hearted love every day of the year.

Christ should be honored, but spending a lot of time, money and effort to celebrate Christmas can become a service unto things that do not promote the Kingdom of God. Apostle Paul warned the Galatian church against doing such things. He asked, "How turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?"

Jesus sets His children free from things of the world that bring them into bondage. Christmas brings many people into bondage. They are enslaved to sending many, many Christmas cards, to long weary hours of shopping for gifts, decorating their homes with pagan symbols, and cooking enormous amounts of food. Some people are in such bond-

age to giving that they will go into debt to get gifts, not from a heart of love for giving, but out of obligation only. Some do this because of fear of what others will think of them if they do not give. After Christmas is over they are then in bondage to credit card payments. Apostle Paul said he was afraid of such people. He was not afraid they were losing their experience with Jesus. To the Colossian Church, Paul said, "If ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why are ye subject to them?" Being in bondage to the Christmas celebration is not exalting Christ. Christ has set us free from this bondage.

Although we are free from it, we must not be critical of others who are not yet free, "for love worketh no ill to his neighbor." Christmas is an opportunity to show love to our neighbors. There is some good found in it, even though it was a pagan festival before it became a Christian holiday. Celebrating it does not make us more holy, it is just a time to enjoy our families as we do on other holidays. It is a holiday, not a holyday.

Let's put Christ in our lives every day, not just on Christmas.

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. To not hurt others. 2. Being spoiled through philosophy. 3. It is just a shadow of the good things Christ has for His children. 4. To the rudiments of the world. 5. He redeemed them and made them sons. 6. Because they were returning to the bondage of holiness, etc. 7. No. 8. No. 9. To not put in our brother's way.)

The day finally came. All handcuffs were locked in the security room. Cells of twenty-two prisoners were unlocked at the same time. At first the men acted afraid to come out, as if it might be a trick. Then, one by one, they filed down the hall to the day room. As they came into the decorated room, each one was handed a real Christmas dinner, served on a tray. Each man was handed a gift-wrapped present of a new T-shirt. All were stiff and quiet until the first singing group sang *Silent Night*, and then everyone joined in. After that, friendly chatter was heard all around the room. Many more Christmas carols were sung, also other popular Christmas songs.

Two hours later, the first group was taken back and locked in their cells, and the cells of 22 more inmates were unlocked and they were taken into the room. They were treated just like the first, only each received a gift-wrapped pair of socks. They ate, sang, and visited together. When their time was up, the third group was brought in to enjoy Christmas.

Sgt. Allen watched carefully as the three groups of 22 killers each, mingled freely together. Only once did he become suspicious of violence—that was when he noticed a very dangerous criminal walking towards a guard that he had recently stabbed. Mr. Allen hurried to that end of the room to aid the officer if anything happened, but to his amazement he heard the inmate saying, "This is the first time in my whole life that anyone has given me a Christmas gift. I can't repay you, but if you could find some kind of special power to forgive me for stabbing you, I will never take up a weapon against you or anyone else the rest of my life."

Finally the long, successful day ended. Sgt. Allen and his six officers stayed overtime to get things cleaned up and back in their places, and also to enjoy the fresh, new atmosphere that the Christmas party had created. Singing could be heard down the hall of that wing of the prison instead of the usual cursing and arguing. The singing continued late into the night.

"I was so happy God had answered my prayers," Sgt. Allen told his wife that night. "We had no trouble of any kind with the men. Instead of trouble, I was handed a note which all 64 inmates had signed. I'll read it to you.

We no you had gas out side but you did not need it — some of us praid and you had god as a corecsional officer — have a good criamas.

The dangerous men were again locked in their cells. They were still in prison, but for some the Christmas dinner had set their spirits free—free to hope, free to believe that God was still alive, and that He heard their prayers.

(Rewritten by Charlotte Huskey from "The Day Christmas Broke Into Prison," by Sgt. E. L. Allen, published in the December *Guideposts*, 1972)

## CHRISTMAS

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,

All seated on the ground,  
The angel of the Lord came down.  
And glory shone around.

"Fear not," said he, for mighty dread  
Had seized their troubled mind;  
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring  
To you and all mankind.

"To you, in David's town, this day  
Is born, of David's line,  
A Saviour, who is Christ the Lord,  
And this shall be the sign:

"The heavenly Babe you there shall find,  
To human view displayed,  
All meanly wrapt in swathing bands,  
And in a manger laid."

Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith  
Appeared a shining throng  
Of angels, praising God, and thus  
Addressed their joyful song:

"All glory be to God on high,  
And to the earth be peace;  
Good will, henceforth, from heaven to men,  
Begin and never cease."

—Nahum Tate

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Bendigo

Bendigo, in his younger days, had been a prize fighter. He was of massive frame and when at his best, scarcely a man could stand up against him.

However, when his prize fighting days were over, with little or no education, he found it hard to make a living. He gave himself over to drink and thieving, and all the evils that go with the down-grade.

When a child, Bendigo had been left to run wild; he went barefoot till he was in his teens. He had never been in a Sunday school and no one had ever taught him about the Saviour. For many years he had run the sinful race and now he was getting old.

The morning he was released from prison some of his old companions were waiting for him, and coaxed him to go with them. But a Christian man interposed, saying, "No, don't go, Bendigo, come along with me. I want you to hear 'Undaunted Dick' Weaver, the converted prize-fighter. He's preaching the gospel tonight."

Bendigo's curiosity was aroused. The news that another prize-fighter like himself had been converted and was holding meetings in town interested him. He would go and hear him.

That night a large crowd had assembled at the gospel hall, and many were unable to get in. Then a voice cried out, "Here comes old Bendigo: make way for

him." Seeing the well-known old prize-fighter approach, the crowd made way and he was led right up to the front. There he sat on the platform alongside the speaker.

Mr. Weaver's theme that night was God's love even to the chief of sinners." The Spirit of God was at work, and when he was finished speaking, old Bendigo dropped to his knees and cried, "O God, if Thou canst save a man like 'Undaunted Dick,' thou canst save me."

The crowd shouted, "God bless old Bendigo." Some were weeping, some laughing for joy. That night Mr. Weaver took Bendigo home with him. He took a bath and they rigged him out with a complete change of clothes including a new suit. Poor Mrs. Weaver said, "Dick, you have brought many a rough character here, but this one seems to be the masterpiece. I'm afraid of him."

"The Lord has turned the lion into a lamb," returned Dick.

The next evening Mr. and Mrs. Weaver and a friend were in the living room with the young children. Through the open door they saw the children kneeling before the fire saying their bedtime prayers, and Bendigo was kneeling with them. Young Reggie was leading the others. They heard him say, "Lord, bless Daddy and Mommie."

To their astonishment Bendigo repeated, "Lord, bless Daddy and Mommie."

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## WORDS OF GOLD



### Why Was Jesus Born In Human Form?

**New Word:** *Succor*: To help, support, relieve, assist, or aid.

Hebrews 2:9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

16 For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham.

17 Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.

18 For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succor them that are tempted.

Romans 8:3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

I Peter 2:21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:

22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:

Hebrews 5:8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

I John 2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

**Central Thought:** Jesus became human to succor us in temptations, and to be the perfect example for us to follow.



#### Questions:

1. What kind of form did Jesus take?
2. Why did Jesus take this form?
3. Who was Jesus to deliver from bondage?
4. Why is Jesus a merciful and faithful high priest?
5. Why is Jesus able to succor us when we are tempted?
6. How did Jesus feel about sin?
7. In whose steps should we follow?
8. Did Jesus commit sin?
9. How did Jesus learn obedience?

#### MEMORY VERSE

Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:

I Peter 2:21, 22



# Let's Talk

Tomorrow is the day the Roman Catholic Church established as a day to celebrate Jesus' birthday. People all over the world liked the idea because it came at the same time of year in which some had for many generations enjoyed other festivities. Many added Jesus' birthday celebration to their merry-making. Others replaced their usual end-of-the-year activities with a religious service in honor of Jesus' birthday. Christmas traditions in our country came from many countries and are a mixture of pagan, Catholic, and Protestant customs.

Have you wondered why Jesus, the Son of God, had a birthday? He had all power; why didn't He just appear as angels do?

Did someone answer, "Because it was prophesied that He would be born of a virgin, in a stable at Bethlehem?" You are right. It was God's plan that Jesus become human flesh and live among us. He inspired many prophets to speak about Jesus. They spoke about His kingdom, His rule over Satan, His power over sickness and evil spirits, His birth, and many other things about Him.

But why did God want His Son to live on this earth and suffer the dreadful things that He suffered? Did God enjoy seeing His Son suffer? No! Then why did He have His only Son come to this earth as the son of a poor woman? There are many reasons why Jesus became a human. We will discuss only two because that is all the space this little paper allows.

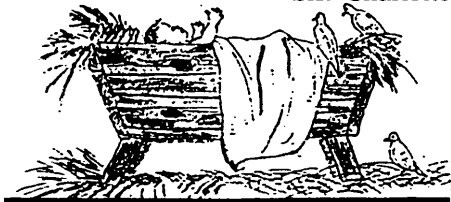
Jesus became human to be a perfect example for people to follow. He "was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." He "condemned sin in the flesh." God calls us to "follow his steps: who did no sin, neither was guile [dishonesty] found in his mouth." Often when I am tempted to complain or think my problems are too great, I think of

Jesus and the victory He had over all His sufferings and it gives me new determination and hope. His example is a vital ingredient of success in the Christian life.

Another reason Jesus became human was to understand people and all their problems. Some will ask, "Doesn't Jesus know everything? Surely He knows how to understand people without experiencing the same difficulties they experience." Yes, Jesus knows everything. However, we humans have the idea when we face difficult problems that no one else understands. Jesus knew how humans felt, so He volunteered to come to earth and suffer in all points like humans suffer. He stubbed His toes when He played on the streets of Nazareth. He hit His thumb while hammering in His father's carpentry shop. He was sometimes tired when He had to carry boards for His father, or water from the city well. He felt sad when His friends rejected Him, or when scolded by His parents. He knows how to sympathize with us in whatever we suffer.

No, it was not necessary for Jesus to become human to increase His knowledge. It is for the comfort and assurance of people that He became human. His help and consolation becomes personal to us each time we remember that He did not take the form of angels but took upon Himself the form of a human. He suffered as other humans, and is therefore a merciful and faithful advocate to the Father for us. (1 John 2:1).

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. A body of flesh and blood. 2. That He might destroy the works of the devil. 3. Those who through fear of death were all their lives subject to bondage. 4. Because He had a body of flesh and understands the temptations of the body. 5. He has been tempted in all points as we are. 6. He condemned sin in the flesh. 7. In Christ's steps. 8. No. 9. Through the things He suffered.)

Reggie then prayed for his friends, one by one, and Bendigo repeated the petitions.

Then came, "Lord, bless Bendigo."

"Lord, bless Bendigo," prayed poor Bendigo.

"They say Bendigo is a bad man, Lord," said the boy.

"They say Bendigo is a bad man, Lord, and it's true," repeated the poor man.

"But thou canst save Bendigo," said the boy.

"But thou canst save Bendigo," repeated the man.

"Thy blood was shed for Bendigo," said the boy.

"Thy blood was shed for Bendigo," repeated the man.

"Lord, save Bendigo tonight," said the boy concluding his little prayer.

"Lord, save Bendigo tonight," said the man in tones of unmistakable earnestness.

Later he turned to Mrs. Weaver and said, "God bless you, lady. Oh that I had been brought up as these children are being brought up. What a life I have lived! But I am in heaven now."

The repentant prize-fighter knelt once more before the fire and sobbed like a child. The heart of a little child was given to him and he arose from his knees born of God.

Mrs. Weaver wept and their friend said, "Praise the Lord!" Then they watched as the children rose from their knees, and Bendigo taking the youngest boy in his arms carried him around the room, sighing, "Oh that I had been taught to pray, and to love God when a child. How different would my life have been!"

From then on it was his delight to hear the Word of God read. He kept Reggie busy reading the Scriptures to him. He traveled with Mr. Weaver and at gospel meetings he sat up on the platform with him. Some hard hearts that Dick's words could not reach, fell before the testimony of Bendigo's deliverance from drunkenness and sinful lifestyle. To see him "clothed and in his right mind" to them was nothing short

of a miracle of saving grace. Conviction laid hold on them and they fled for refuge to Bendigo's Saviour.

Then one day he had a fall from which he never recovered. When the news spread that Bendigo was dying, rich and poor, Christians and unbelievers, went to see him. Among them was Harry, a former prize-fighter friend of his, and he led him to Christ before he died.

As the end neared he did his best to sing.

"For you must be a lover of the Lord, Or you won't go to heaven when you die."

Those were his last words. Soon after, he departed to be with Christ.

His friends erected a tombstone over his grave on which the words were engraved: A LION AT REST.

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## Thanksgiving Verses

T — "To him who alone doeth great wonders . . . O give thanks."

H — "His praise shall continually be in my mouth."

A — "All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee."

N — "Nations be glad and sing for joy."

K — "Know ye that the Lord he is God . . . enter into his gates with thanksgiving."

S — "Shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart."

G — "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God."

I — "I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart."

V — "[The] voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty."

I — "I will give thanks unto thee forever, O Lord my God."

N — "Now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me . . . I will sing praises unto the Lord."

G — "Great is our Lord, and of great power."

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# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Streams Of The Oceans

Waters move around in the ocean in streams called currents. The mightiest rivers on land are only small brooks compared with the greatest of the these ocean currents. The wind systems set the currents in motion, and they continuously move.

The Gulf Stream is the second largest ocean current, only the cold Antarctic Circumpolar is larger. The fountain of this great Gulf Stream is the warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico, and its mouth is far up in the cold Arctic Sea. Its rate of flow measured in volume per second is about 1,000 times that of the Mississippi River. It is about 50 miles wide and 3,000 feet deep. This great stream flows across the Atlantic Ocean and together with the warm winds, it makes the climate of Great Britain and Northwestern Europe much warmer than North America which is equally as far North.

The strange thing about this stream and other ocean currents is that they flow as a river with only other water as their banks. Even the color of the water of the Gulf Stream is different from that of the water on either side. I have read that the water is indigo blue as far north as the coasts of Carolina. The water of the Gulf Stream is so distinctly marked that the line where it meets with common sea water may be traced with the eye, yet the two waters stay separate.

The natural ocean currents remind me of the currents of doctrine that form spiritual kingdoms. They flow like rivers through the oceans of mankind. Some of these icy cold spiritual currents are like the cold currents of the Anarctic ocean. They do more harm to man than good. Others are warm and helpful to man as he goes through life.

Each kingdom has a current that carries with it anything that accepts its spirit, just like the great ocean streams carry whatever gets in them. Believing false doctrines will get a person into the current of a wrong kingdom. Believing truth will get a person into the stream of Christ's kingdom.

The biggest of these kingdoms is the Kingdom of Materialism (wanting lots of earthly things). But its waters are cold. It doesn't care for the sick, the weak, the poor, and needy, but kills and destroys as it flows along seeking to become richer and more powerful.

The Kingdom of Christ is the greatest of these kingdoms. Its beginning is in the dawn of the world's creation, and its end is in eternity. It is like the Gulf Stream; it flows deep and wide, and with mighty power carries the warm love of God into the hearts of men and women everywhere. The people who are in it go through life side-by-side with other people, yet they refuse to become like those surrounding them. The line that divides this pure, crystal river of life from the common waters of human-

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# WORDS OF GOLD



## What The Apostles Said About Jesus' Active Kingdom

Romans 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

18 For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men.

Acts 7:48 Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands; as saith the prophet,

49 Heaven is my throne, and earth is my footstool; what house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or what is the place of my rest?

50 Hath not my hand made all these things?

Hebrews 1:8 But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

11 They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment;

12 And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.

Ephesians 6:11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day . . .

14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

Colossians 3:1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

**Central Thought:** Christ's kingdom is an everlasting, spiritual kingdom. Its wars are fought and won with spiritual weapons.

### Questions:

1. Of what is the Kingdom of God?
2. Name some things we like very much which are not a part of the Kingdom of God?
3. What is the throne of God?
4. What is God's footstool?
5. In what kind of temple does God not dwell?
6. How long will the throne of God's Son last?
7. What kind of sceptre does Jesus have?
8. What are some of the works of this King's hands?
9. What kind of wars are fought in Jesus' kingdom?
10. Do the soldiers need guns, swords, and spears?
11. Where is Christ sitting today?

### MEMORY VERSE

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# Let's Talk

Jesus was a King when He was born. The three kings from the East came many miles to visit Him because they believed He was a very special King. From these visitors, King Herod learned that a new King of the Jews was born. Despite the fact that Jesus was born in poverty, He was recognized by many as a King. Some believed Him to be the Saviour; others saw Him as a supernatural child.

The Jews had been waiting for many years for God to send them a king to sit on the throne of David. They thought the new king would rule over their nation as King David had done. Because David had been a man after God's own heart, God had promised from his descendants, the Liberator of the Jews would come. God had made the same kind of promise to Abraham. Both David and Abraham understood that Jesus was coming to liberate the Jews from sin. But most of the Jews thought He was coming to rule the kingdom of the Jews; to fight for them, and liberate them from the Romans who governed them at that time. Jesus never planned to rule as a king on earth. He said, "My kingdom is not of this world."

What kind of honor would it be to you if you made a sand castle and could shrink yourself so you could sit on a throne in that castle to rule over the sand crabs and other sea life nearby? That is a comparison of how Jesus might feel sitting on a throne and ruling over the Jews. He and His Father created the earth and the heaven. What kind of honor would it be for Jesus to rule over only one nation of His creation?

He came to save all men, not just a few. He would like to conquer the devil and all his forces that enslave men. He does this by breaking the power of Satan over one life at a time. He wants to dwell in men's hearts by His Spirit. He does not care to dwell in temples

made with men's hands, any more than you would like to live in a sand castle made by a sand flea or a starfish.

Man was created by God in such a way that he can either be ruled by Jesus, or he can reject Jesus as his ruler. God will not change this eternal truth that He has established. It is a challenge for Jesus to so gain the love and loyalty of a man until he will ask Him to rule his life.

Once a person is won to Jesus, he loves Jesus so much that he joins the army of the Lord and begins fighting against the devil also. No guns, swords, or spears are used in this war. In fact, there isn't any meat or drink in this kingdom. It is a spiritual kingdom with spiritual food and spiritual warfare. Faith, love, righteousness, salvation, and the Word of God are used as weapons.

Yes, King Jesus was born of a virgin in a stable at Bethlehem, but His body was just a house in which the great eternal King was living for a short time while He was staying on this earth. He is eternal and His throne "is for ever and ever." When the works of His hands, the earth and heaven, have perished, His kingdom shall be the same, and His "years shall not fail."

—Sis. Charlotte



(Answers: 1. It is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. 2. Meat and drink. 3. Heaven. 4. The earth. 5. In temples made with hands. 6. For ever and ever. 7. A sceptre of righteousness. 8. The creation of the earth and heaven. 9. Spiritual wars. 10. No, they need truth, righteousness, faith, salvation, and the Word of God. 11. At the right hand of God.)

ity is also plainly visible to the eye—their spirits do not mix. Christ is reigning on the throne of their hearts. They are not concerned in becoming rich, famous, or powerful in this world, for they are reigning in another kingdom. And all the while that people around them are striving to become something in this world, they are looking forward to the day when Jesus will come for them and take them into their eternal dwelling place. —Charlotte Huskey

## Better Than A Gun

Two brave missionaries were traveling in Africa through a part of the country belonging to a fierce head-hunting tribe call the Lushai tribe. They had had a hard day crossing rivers and valleys and climbing mountains. There was no footpath and they had to cut their way through the tangle of jungle. At nightfall they came near to a village, and pitching their tent some distance from the native huts, they soon fell asleep.

Suddenly in the darkness they were awakened by the sound of a soft footstep. Someone—friend or foe—had discovered their presence, and was stealthily approaching. For what purpose? Would tomorrow's sun see two white men's heads being carried as trophies through the village?

They could only lie still and ask God for His protection as the steps drew nearer. Then the flap of the tent moved and a voice whispered, "Have you got a gun?"

No, they did not have a gun—they were missionaries, servants of Christ, fighting in a spiritual kingdom. They were armed only with the sword of the Spirit. They thought, "Had we better pretend we have a gun and frighten the strange visitor away? No, that would be telling a lie. As followers of Jesus we must speak the truth even though it costs us our lives. How could we preach the truth of the gospel to these people if we start by deceiving them?"

"No, my friend," one of them said aloud, "We have no gun. We have not come to harm you but to bring you the

good news of salvation, to tell you about Jesus who died for sinful men everywhere."

By this time the Lushai tribesman had drawn back the flap of the tent, letting the bright moonlight stream in. They asked him to come in and tell them why he was walking about in the night.

He came in, but he would not believe that the white men had no gun until he had searched every inch of their tent. "All white men carry guns," he said. At last, unable to find any, he went quietly away, leaving the two men to sleep.

The next day when the missionaries entered the village, they heard the reason why they were disturbed during the night. A deer was around the village, and the people wanted to shoot it and have a feast. Not long before, however, the government had taken away all their guns because of the dangerous head-hunting raids. Now they could not even shoot a deer.

They were amazed that two white men should come to Lushai without guns. It was a brave thing to do, but the messengers of Christ, the Prince of Peace and Saviour of the world, won the admiration of these hillmen, and many of them were brought to the Lord. Now instead of head-hunting, they have a peace which only the followers of Christ can have, for "being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 5:1.

The Lushais thank God still for sending two brave soldiers of His who carried no gun, and they themselves find the sword of the Spirit their best weapon of warfare and defense, for they have entered another kingdom.

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