

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## What Are You?

Kent and Chad approached the table where the new boy sat munching on a dish of rice. He always brought his lunch to school and sat in the corner alone when he ate. "Say Alan," Kent said to him. "We have a Bible club that meets every Tuesday evening at 4:00 o'clock. We'd love for you to come. It will be at my house this week."

"Maybe I can. I'll ask permission," Alan answered.

The following Tuesday, Alan went with Kent and Chad to the club meeting. He sat quietly during the lesson. Kent thought he noticed Alan wiping his eyes a few times. After the lesson they ate pop-corn and drank ice cold lemonade. Then Alan said thank you to Kent's mother and left quietly.

"He's so strange," Chad said, "you suppose he is a spy."

"Nope, he's just a lonely boy in a strange land," Kent answered.

"He sure is jumpy and he keeps his eyes darting back and forth."

"How'd you notice so much? You weren't paying much attention to the lesson, I'm sure."

"Don't get so up-tight. I'm just trying to protect us from what might be danger. He carries his New Testament in his shirt. I wonder what else he carries there."

Every Tuesday for a whole month, Alan came to the Bible Club meetings; but he never entered into the discussion, and seldom answered the questions he was asked.

Then one day after the lesson, the boys and girls were discussing their differ-

ent churches. Mattie and Chip were Baptist. Deanna went to the Metro Church. Phil was a Lutheran, and Johanna attended the Victory Tabernacle. Alan was outside. When he came inside, Chad was saying, "I'm a Wesleyan Methodist." Then he turned to Alan and asked, "What are you?"

Alan answered, "Me? I'm half Chinaman and half Russian."

Everyone began laughing. Alan stood silent and embarrassed. Kent frowned at the others, and politely added, "So that's why you look Oriental. We thought you'd been lying to us that you were a Russian."

"But that's not funny. Why is everyone laughing?"

"It's just that you didn't understand the question. We were talking about our churches, not our nationality."

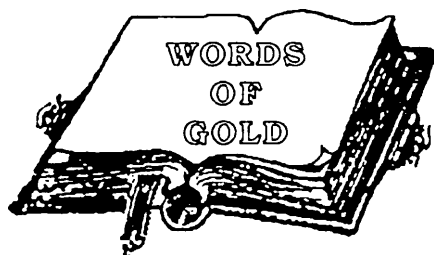
"Well, this is a good time for you to explain to me why there are so many churches in America. In my country, or at least where I lived, the people were either Christian or not Christian. Non-Christians did not attend worship service unless they were spying."

"Here in America, a person is either a Christian or not a Christian, also," Kent answered.

"But some say they are Christians and do things I think only the devil would do. And the Christians go to different churches. My dad bought his first car yesterday. Last night he drove us around to see the town. We counted twenty-one different churches in this little town. Why so many? Are these not Christian churches?"

"I'm sure they are," Kent said.

"They don't look like temples of the



## Birth of the Church of God

**Acts 2:1-2, 4-8, 12, 17, 21, 36-38, 40-43, 46-47**

1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.

6 Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.

7 And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans?

8 And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?

12 And they were all amazed,...

17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,...

21 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said ... Men and brethren, what shall we do?

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, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

**The Message: On the day of Pentecost, 3,000 souls were born into the kingdom of God. This was the birth-day of the Church of God.**

### Questions:

1. On what day had the disciples met to pray?
2. What great blessing did they receive on that day?
3. What did people in Jerusalem do when they heard about it?
4. Did people of many different languages get to hear about Jesus on this day?
5. What did God say He would do in the last days?
6. From that day forward, what is to happen to those who call upon the name of Jesus?
7. When the men asked, "What shall we do?" What did Peter tell them?
8. How many were added to the Church on this day?
9. Who continues to add new members to the Church of God?

### Verse To Memorize

**Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.**

**Acts 2:41.**

# Let's



## Talk . . .

To the Christians of the early Church, Pentecost was the most glorious time of the year! Parents and grandparents told and retold the following story of the first Pentecost.

"Jesus had been crucified;" they would say, "but He came alive again, and spent forty days making miraculous appearances; first one place and another. But everyone who loved Him lived in constant fear that they would never see Him again. Then the last time He was with the disciples, He strictly charged them not to leave Jerusalem until they were baptized with the Holy Spirit. Wanting to be obedient, they stayed at Jerusalem for many days after Jesus had gone away to heaven.

"On the tenth day the Hebrew Feast of Pentecost was being celebrated in Jerusalem. Jews from almost every nation under heaven had arrived for the great day. Many of these people could not speak nor understand the language the people at Jerusalem spoke.

"The disciples were not very interested in the festival. Instead of going to it, they met to pray together. While praying in solid unity, the power of the Holy Spirit filled each heart. They began shouting praises to God.

"Soon the crowd that had gathered for the Pentecost festival heard great shouting among the disciples and came to see what was happening. The disciples were so happy,

they began excitedly telling the people about Jesus. Suddenly the disciples realized they were not speaking their own language, but the language of those listening to them. And remember, children," the parents would continue, "there were people 'out of every nation under heaven,' which spoke many different languages!

"Some of those watching, laughed and said, 'These men are drunk.' Then Peter stood up and began explaining what they were doing, and the strangest thing happened. Everyone's head turned as if they were listening, and Peter heard some saying, 'How strange that we understand his words in our own language.' Yes, all those people of different nationalities understood what Peter was saying."

The children always enjoyed listening to this story of that first Pentecost. It was a great day! One to never be forgotten. It was the birthday of the Church of God. On that day, God's spirit was so powerful that 3,000 people turned from their false religions and accepted Jesus. A prophet once asked, "Shall a nation be born in one day?" Yes, a spiritual nation was born on the day of Pentecost.

These born again people were changed into new creatures in Christ. They were then temples for the Holy Spirit to live in. They were the Church of God, which Jesus purchased with His own blood on the cross.

Heaven must have been bubbling over that day when 3,000 were born into the church. For Jesus once said that there was rejoicing in heaven over one sinner that repented. How much would there be over 3,000? So the day of Pentecost was a big birthday gathering of the Church of God.

—Charlotte Huskey

gods' as those I have seen in pictures," Alan added.

"We do have twenty-eight Christian Churches listed in the city telephone directory."

"Why so many?" Alan asked again.

"It's just that people have different opinions on what the Bible teaches," Chad answered.

"Do they all believe that salvation comes only through faith in Jesus?" Alan asked.

"I think so," Chad answered. Then turning to the others he asked, "Don't your churches believe that Jesus is the only Saviour of men?"

Everyone agreed their church believed that Jesus was the Saviour of all people.

"Then why don't they all worship God together?"

"It's that they disagree on other doctrines," Kent said. "People in Chip and Mattie's church believe after a person becomes a Christian, even though he sins, he can never be lost eternally. Although Chad and I do not attend the same church, both churches teach that God hates sin and that a sinner is not a Christian. We believe that Jesus saves from sin and keeps Christians clean from it."

"Well doesn't He? Romans the second chapter reads like this, 'Our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that we should not serve sin....Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it....For sin shall not have dominion over you.'"

Everyone was surprised that Alan knew the long scripture by memory.

"I think it must be that the Christians here are like those in Corinthians which Paul said were carnal because there were divisions among them," Alan added thoughtfully. "But is Christ divided?"

"No, He is not divided," several agreed.

"I have been taught that all saved people make up Christ's body in the world. That we are His hands to soothe the suffering, to lift heavy loads, to help with work projects. We are His voice to speak. We are His face to smile; His eyes to see and share sorrow or happiness. I think I remember a Bible Club lesson like that."

"I remember it, too," Chad spoke up.

"Then how can we be Christ's body and be divided. Is one church his leg, and another his arm? Explain that to me."

"No, no," Chad said, "the body of Christ is invisible."

"Invisible?" Alan questioned. "You nor I are invisible and the Bible says, 'Know ye not that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?' I would think if Christ's body is invisible, then we'd need to be invisible also."

Everyone laughed.

"You see Alan, all these different churches are members of Christ's body," Kent said.

"Let's read the Bible and see if different churches are the members of His body," Alan said.

Chad, Kent, and Deanna took their Bibles off the table where they were stacked. Alan drew his New Testament from under his shirt. Quickly he flipped the pages to I Corinthians 12:4, and began reading, "Now there are diversities of gifts, ... For to one is given the word of wisdom; ... To another faith ... to another the gifts of healing...To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy;...For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body; so also is Christ."

"So the members of Christ's body are people, not churches?" Deanna asked.

"Sounds that way to me," Chad answered.

"That's what the Bible says," Kent agreed. Then he read again, "All the members of that one body, being many, are one body."

"And that is what we've been taught in my country," Alan said. "There is only one body and only one church."

"Then all Christians believe the truth and worship together," Chad, Kent, Deanna, and Chip, said all at the same time.

—Charlotte Huskey

(Answers: 1. On the day of Pentecost. 2. The Holy Spirit filled their souls. 3. They came to see what was happening. 4. Yes. 5. He would pour out His Spirit on men and women. 6. They shall be saved. 7. To repent and be baptized. 8. 3,000. 9. God.)

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Jaya

(Jayapradha Kolipara is still living and ministering for her dear Jesus.)

Matthew Kolipara flung open the door, pausing only to kick off his shoes as is the custom in India. He entered hastily; "Where is that child?" he stormed.

"You speak of Jaya?" Samadamma, the short Indian mother questioned. "What has happened, now?"

"I was talking with her school master. She tells me that she has had to spank Jaya again."

"And for what?" Mother asked. Putting the lid on the lamb stew, she raised up from her cooking place on the floor. "Has the child done something wrong?"

"Yes, very wrong. She has continued to speak of Jesus and I told her strictly, 'Never speak of Jesus again.' Where is she? I'm going to beat those crazy ideas out of her if it's the last thing I do."

"Your honor, I think not," Mother said politely. "Jesus has brought so much happiness to Jaya that she can not keep from telling others about him."

"Sounds like you, too, are beginning to believe that nonsense. Samadamma, if you do, I tell you one thing, I will send you away—send you away forever. I will only give you one

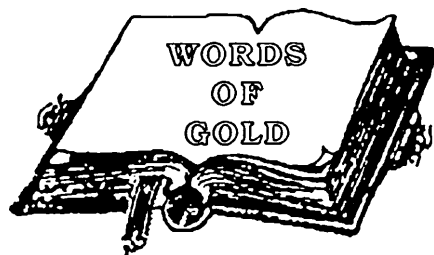
rice field far away, and that is only so my children can have rice. But never again will you enjoy these comforts." He pointed around the room to things that represented luxury in India, in 1950. "Never again will you have servants to wash your clothes, tend your rice paddies, and gather wood to cook your meals."

Mother bowed her head shyly. She sure didn't want to be put out of her home. How could she make it with two small girls? She knew that in India, once a girl is married, she does not return to live with her parents. She must stay with her husband's people, even after her husband's death. If Matthew turned her out, life would be more miserable than death.

"Well, don't just stand there; tell me where she is."

"Probably in the rice field praying at your mother's grave."

"At my mother's grave?" He hurried away toward the rice field before Samadamma could answer. An icy chill ran from his head down through his toes. "Is Jaya now worshipping my dead mother?" he muttered. "Has she turned away from Jesus and to the Hindu religion? Those proud Hindu priests demand food to be burned to the gods of stone, while people are starving. Just yesterday I saw boys, skeleton thin, with sunken eyes and boney fingers, watching hungrily as



## What is God's Church?

**1 Cor. 12:12-16, 18, 20, 21, 24-27.**

**12** For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.

**13** For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

**14** For the body is not one member but many.

**15** If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

**16** And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

**18** But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.

**20** But now are they many members, yet but one body.

**21** And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.

**24** ...God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked:

**25** That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another.

**26** And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.

**27** Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

**Ephesians 1:22-23, 4:12**

**22** And hath put all things under his [Christ's] feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,

**23** Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

**12** For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

**Colossians 1:18, 24**

**18** And he is the head of the body, the church:...that in all things he might have the preeminence.

**24** Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church:

**Romans 7:4**

**4** Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.

**The Message: God's Church is the spiritual body of Christ. This body is seen when a group of saved people work and worship together in unity.**

### Questions:

1. In your own words describe a body.
2. Is Christ also like a body with many members?
3. Who has set the members in this body?
4. How do the members in this body act toward each other?
5. Members of a congregation make up the body of whom?
6. The body of Christ, then is the \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Who is the head of this Church?
8. The Church is the body of \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Of what is every saved person a part?

### Verse to Memorize

**Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.**

**I Corinthians 12:27.**

# Let's



## Talk . . .

The word *church* and *churches* can be found 109 times in the New Testament. What is this "Church" mentioned so many times in the New Testament? Is it a beautiful temple, a Christian cathedral, or a humble house of worship? Is it a group of people who believe the same doctrines? The dictionary says a church could be all of these four things. But which of these four meanings did the disciples use? Were they speaking of the buildings where the people worshipped or of the people?

They were speaking of the people. Here is why we know they were speaking about people. The first New Testaments were not written in English. They were written in the Greek language. The Greek word *ekklesia* was translated into the English language as "church". This word *ekklesia* means "congregation" so when the New Testament was translated into English, the word "church" meant congregation.

Now let us read some scriptures and put "congregation" in place of "church": "The congregation which was at Antioch," "The congregation of Asia," "The congregation of Galatia," "The congregation of God." Reading the Bible in this way, we have the proper meaning of these verses.

A congregation is a group of people. A group of saved people make up the spiritual body of Christ, the Church of God. "Now ye are the

body of Christ, and members in particular," says I Corinthians 12:27. In Ephesians 1:22 & 23, we read, God "...gave him to be the head over all things to the church, ...which is his body." Also in II Corinthians 6:16, it says, "Ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people." According to the Bible what then is the Church? It is the spiritual body of Christ. It is not His flesh and bones—that body was nailed to the cross and arose again the third day.

This body of Christ, which is the Church of God, has many members, just as Christ's fleshly body had many parts. Each member needs the other and all members are a part of the whole body. Some members of this body are young, some are very old, some are tall, others short, some are pretty, others are not as pretty. Our looks, our age, or who we are does not cause us to be more or less important in God's Church. We are all one.

The communion bread, which represents the broken body of Christ, is made of wheat grains from many fields. All these grains are broken and ground together to make flour from which this bread is made. Not one grain is whole, nor can one pop out of the bread and say, "I am the most important!" All together the grains make one loaf. So every Christian who is cleaned from sin through faith in Jesus is a part of the body of Christ. That is God's church, which is spoken of so often in the New Testament.

—Charlotte Huskey

"A great secret is to become wise before you get old."

good food burned away into ashes. Will such nonsense ever stop?" Mr. Kollipara thought he was doing his part to see that it was stopped. He had joined the Communist Party so he could help to end hunger. He thought they were getting India on the road to progress. They would put a stop to burning food, and allowing sacred cows to roam the fields and villages destroying food that should fill the hungry tummies of children. They would put an end to all religions. He hated them all.

Thorn trees had been planted around his mother's grave to protect it. These had formed a thorny hedge that was impossible to go through without getting badly scratched. He circled the hedge, peeking between the stiff branches looking for Jaya. He saw her kneeling by the tombstone. Her hands were clasped together and lifted toward heaven. Her eyes were aglow as if seeing something far up in the sky. Then her lips began moving. He strained to hear what she was saying. Faintly he heard, "Oh, Jesus I love you. I am willing to suffer for you because you suffered so much more for me."

Her prayer angered Matthew. "Why should my daughter suffer for something that isn't real?" he asked himself. "I will stop her. It is my duty." Hoping to enter, he took hold of a branch to force the hedge apart, but a thorn cut deep into his skin. He backed off and looked at his bleeding hand. Then he listened again.

"Please do bless my dear daddy," Jaya was praying. "Make a lot of rice to grow so he will have plenty to give to the poor. You know he loves to help them. And Father, sometimes he is sick. Oh, please don't let my loving daddy die. What would Mommy, Vijaya, and I do without a daddy? And Jesus do bless my schoolmaster. She didn't mean any harm when she spanked my hands with a ruler." Jaya looked down at her hands and rubbed the bruises,

then continued praying. "She just doesn't understand me, Jesus, but help her to understand You. And the children that hit me, pull my hair and poke me with sticks, please, Jesus, help them to not hurt any other children...."

Daddy walked slowly away. How could he punish such a caring unselfish child? Then he remembered the many times he had been punished by his own father, for giving rice to the hungry street children. He had always wondered why it was wrong to give a little rice away when his father had so much.

Two hours later while Daddy was in the field giving instructions to the servants, he noticed Jaya crawling through the hedge. His anger mounted again against the child who had brought him such humiliation. As soon as he had finished with the servants, he found Jaya. Catching her roughly by the arm, he held it tightly and slapped her face again and again. Sternly he said, "You have spoken about Jesus again. Now I demand that you stop praying. Yes, stop praying to Jesus or I will burn with hot coals those very hands that you clasp in prayer."

(To be continued next week.)



(Answers: 1. A body is one thing made up of different parts or members. 2. Yes. 3. God. 4. They suffer with those who suffer, and rejoice with those who are honored. 5. Christ. 6. Church. 7. Christ. 8. Christ. 9. Christ's body, which is God's Church.)

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Jaya

(Continued from last week.)

### Standing Alone

Jaya turned her shy little face up and met her father's eyes. He saw the horror he had stamped there. "I have conquered," he thought with satisfaction. But what victory is there in conquering a small child who never fights? Suddenly a wretched feeling devoured him. "I know you think I am mean," he said trying to ease his hurting conscience, "but I have to do it. I can't let my firstborn child ruin herself with this religious foolishness."

"I didn't mean to do any wrong, Daddy," Jaya said. "I just accidentally let it slip out. I'll try to be quiet."

"If you would just stop praying so much, Jesus wouldn't be on your mind all the time," he stormed.

"But Daddy, praying to Jesus is nice. It makes me feel so good."

"Hush, child, hush," he said and stomped away.

Monday morning Jaya picked up her first grade reader and slipped on her sandals at the door. "Be brave today; Jesus will help you," Mother said.

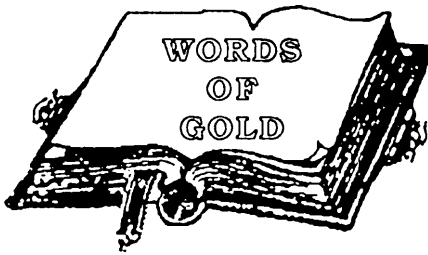
Jaya stopped at the gate to wave to her mother who stood watching from the door. She knew Mother still

loved her. Everyone else acted like they hated her. All seemed to want to tear her away from her Jesus, but she just couldn't give Him up. He had suffered so much for her. She thought Jesus knew just how she felt, for He, too, had once been without a friend. Now though, she and Jesus were best friends, so neither would ever again be alone.

The day passed without anyone pulling her hair, hitting her or poking her with sticks. Even the teacher hadn't scolded as often. Jaya believed Mother had been praying for her.

That evening Jaya ate a bowl of rice, helped wash the dishes, and then hurried away to her favorite spot in the rice field. She crawled through the thick thorn bushes that surrounded her great-grandmother's grave. She imagined the grave to be a small temple, and it was very much like one. It had the concrete grave as a floor, a little thatch roof, and the large tombstone at one end which could be used as an altar. The hedge of thorns made perfect walls, and no one had yet found her secret entrance. Here she spent hours every-day talking with her friend, Jesus, and no one bothered her.

"Here I am," she said, as she climbed the six steps to the top of the



## Membership in the Church of God

**I Corinthians 12:18**

**18** ...God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.

**John 10:7, 9-10**

**7** Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.

**9** ...by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved.....

**10** The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

**John 3:1-3**

**1** There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:

**2** The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

**3** Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

**I John 3:8-10, 5:18**

**8** He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

**9** Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

**10** In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

**18** We know that whosoever is born of

God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.

**Acts 20:28**

**28** Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

**Acts 2:46-47**

**46** And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

**47** Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

**The Message: Every person who is saved from sin is a member of the Church of God.**

**Questions:**

1. Who adds new members to the Church of God?
2. How can a person become a member?
3. What are the qualifications to remain a member in God's church?
4. Must a member pay tithes or dues to remain in the Church of God?
5. Who has already paid so a person can be part of the Church of God?
6. Are sinners members of the Church of God?
7. Are sinners sometimes in the congregations where the Church of God meets?
8. All saved people are members of the \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Every member of the Church of God must be saved from \_\_\_\_\_.

### Verse to Memorize

**... God sets the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.**

**I Corinthians 12:18.**

# Let's



## Talk . . .

Do you belong to an Art Club, the Scouts, the 4 H club, or some other club? Perhaps you are a member of some Bible Club? It costs money to operate any club or organization, so each person willingly pays a small amount when he joins. This is called *dues*. If a member does not keep paying his dues, he forfeits his right to be a member of the club.

A church is a religious organization and it too needs money to operate. There are heating and cooling bills to be paid, bills for lights and water, support for workers, and payment or rent on a building. All these things are necessary.

The usual way many denominations meet their expenses is through tithing. (A tithe is a tenth part, or \$1.00 from every \$10.00.) Some require each member to pay one tenth of the money they earn. This and other restrictions such as being baptized and signing promises, help the leaders of the church decide who will be members of the church.

The Church of God operates quite differently. It has no membership books. God is the head. Christ is the door of the Church of God. Every person automatically becomes a member of the Church of God when he or she is saved. He signs no promises, pays no tithes and is not baptized into the church. No man has power to put another person into the Church of God, nor to take one out of the church.

In last week's lesson we learned that the Church of God is the spiritual body of Christ. It is made up of all the many different people in whom Christ is living. Each person is important in this body. Each has his little part and God decides if the person is doing his part or not. Only God knows the secrets of every man's heart. He alone knows if the person is living free from sin. I John 3:10 says, "Whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God." By this verse we know that only people living righteous lives are in the Church of God. The unrighteous or sinners may attend the worship service, and we are glad they do, but they are not members of the Church of God.

The congregations of the Church of God have operating expenses just as any other religious organization. But they handle all these expenses through offerings given by the free will of the giver. Tithing was a system used by those obeying the laws of Moses. These laws were fulfilled in Christ. The tithing system was finished when Christ died.

When a person dies to sin and is born again by the spirit of Christ, He has so much love for God that he gives everything he owns to Christ. If Christ asks for half of his earned money, then he will give it to Christ. There is no need for a tithing system or for requiring dues in the Church of God.

—Charlotte Huskey



grave. "I've come to thank you for the pleasant day I had at school." Then she went up the other set of steps to the tomb stone and sitting down, leaned her back against it. Looking up into heaven, she whispered in awe, "How great and good you are. How beautiful the world you made. Only You could make a tree, a flower, or the crow that just flew over or the parrot I hear squawking. And thank you, Jesus, for making the sweet fruit that I'm saving for the little beggar girl I met yesterday. Help Mother to let me go see her today. And Lord, please make my daddy believe in You. He says that there is no God. He says all the gods are dead. Show him that you are alive, please, God. And Jesus, I'll continue to do anything for you; just let me know when you need me." Then Jaya got on her knees and began earnestly pleading and crying for her daddy to be saved; for sometimes, he could not breathe and she feared he might die.

The next day when Jaya returned from school, she was crying. "I don't want to go to school ever again," she sobbed. "I told a little sick girl that Jesus could heal her and she asked me to pray for her. While I was praying the children threw rocks at us. Then the teacher came and she spanked me instead of spanking the naughty children."

Mother threw up her hands. "I'm so tired of this," she said. "I've a good notion to spank you, too."

"But Mommy why should I get a spanking?"

"Because you can't keep quiet about Jesus. Remember, Daddy may burn your hands when he comes home."

"Oh, Mommy, Mommy, please don't let him," Jaya wailed. "I promise to do better."

"I'll see what I can do, but I've had about all I can take of this trouble that you are causing. You run here and there, wherever Jesus wants. Why can't you just stay at home and play like other little girls?"

Jaya dried her tears, looked up into her mother's face and said, "Mommy, I love to pray for sick, hurting people. Why is that causing you so much trouble?"

Mrs. Kollipara threw her hands high again. "Imagine the worry of a mother whose seven year old girl is running from village to village."

"Oh come with me, Mommy. I'd be glad to have you. You'll see it isn't trouble to go for Jesus."

"And who would care for our home, and your little sister? What a strange child you are."

Jaya looked down at herself, then at her hands. "Why do you think I am strange? I look just like the other girls."

"Most girls your age are not so serious and—and..." Mother paused a moment then said, "Oh, honey, I'm sorry. It is nice you want to help the sick, but it does bring me trouble. And I just told you I can't stand any more."

(To be continued next week.)



(Answers: 1. God. 2. By being born again or coming through Christ the door. 3. A sinless life. 4. No. 5. Jesus paid on the cross. 6. No. 7. Yes. 8. Church of God. 9. Sin.)

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Jaya

(Continued from last week.)

### Be As Other Christians

"Jaya you're causing me too much trouble helping the sick and poor; besides your daddy is getting angrier everyday."

"Why? He likes to help the poor."

"Yes, he does. I may never have told you, but his father sent him away from home because he gave so much of their food to the poor. He lived away from his family and earned his own living. When he should have inherited grandfather's ranch, he was given only a small piece of land."

"He has a lot of land now," Jaya said.

"Yes, God always blesses those who give to the poor," Mother answered.

"Grandfather didn't know that God blesses those who give to the poor?" Jaya asked.

"No, because his father, your great-grandfather, was a Hindu priest; and their family sacrificed a lot to the gods. When your grandfather was grown, he believed the gods would curse him if he didn't continue to sacrifice animals, birds, and his butter. After sacrificing so much to the gods, he didn't want your

daddy giving more of their food to the poor. Your father has always loved people more than the Hindu gods or the real God."

"Then I am sure it will be alright with him if I help the sick," Jaya said with renewed confidence.

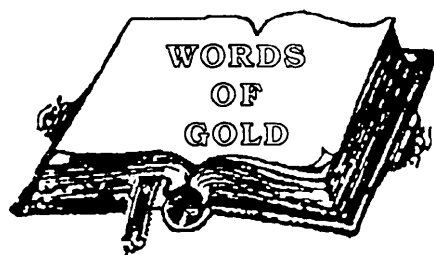
"But it isn't all right with him, so keep quiet, or I'll beat you, too. Did you hear that?"

"Yes," Jaya answered, fighting back tears.

Jaya hurried away to her little temple to be alone with Jesus. Throwing herself on the grave, she cried and cried. "Oh, Lord I can't give you up. I can't stop telling others about you," she cried. "Help me know what to do and how to be nice to Mommy and Daddy. And please, Lord, stay with me, even if Mommy don't, 'cause I'm staying with you."

Then Jesus spoke. "Keep on telling people about my love, and praying for the sick. I will take care of Mommy and Daddy, and I will be with you and will heal the sick."

Just one week later, a gossip came and talked to Mother about Jaya. When Jaya came in from visiting a sick lady, her mother was so angry that she got a shoe and hit Jaya on the head. Jaya threw her arms over her head to protect it. Mother hit her arms again and again.



## Founding The Church of God

### Isaiah 28:16

**16** Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste. [This is a prophecy of Christ Jesus.]

### I Corinthians 3:9-11

**9** For we are labourers together with God:...ye are God's building.

**10** According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

**11** For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

### Ephesians 2:19-21

**19** Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

**20** And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

**21** In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

### Hebrews 3:3-4, 11:8, 10

**3** For this man [Jesus] was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as he who hath builded the house hath more honour than the house.

**4** For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God.

**8** By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance,

obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

**10** For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

### Acts 20:28

**28** Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

### Ephesians 5:25-27

**25** Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

**26** That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

**27** That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

**The Message: God founded the Church on Christ and the truths preached by the prophets and apostles.**

### Questions:

1. What would the Lord lay in Zion?
2. What are the people who labour with God called?
3. Which foundation is already laid?
4. The Church is built upon the foundation of the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Who is the chief corner stone of the Church?
6. What does the building fitly framed together grow into?
7. For what kind of city was Abraham looking?
8. With what did Jesus purchase the Church?
9. How did Christ show his love for the Church?

### Verse to Memorize

**For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.**

**I Corinthians 3:11.**

# Let's



## Talk . . .

"On September 1, 1923, a violent earthquake shook the Tokyo-Yokohama area of Japan. Buildings collapsed and fires broke out throughout Tokyo. About 59,000 residents of the city proper died in this disaster, and most of central Tokyo was destroyed."<sup>1</sup>

After the smoke had died away and the dust of the crumbling building had settled, the Imperial Hotel stood erect. She had ridden out the terrible earthquake. The Imperial Hotel was designed by architect Frank Lloyd Wright and was built between 1917 and 1922. It was built on a flexible foundation of concrete pads, each supported in turn by slender pin-like piers sunk down through the topsoil to the sea of mud on which the city of Tokyo is built.<sup>2</sup>

The unusual foundation of the Imperial Hotel was the secret of it withstanding the earthquake. The unusual foundation of the Church of God is what has kept it standing since the day of Pentecost. The church has ridden through many spiritual earthquakes, and she is standing just as strong and sturdy as she was before they struck her. For she is founded on the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ being the chief corner stone. A corner stone, in Bible terms, means the main foundation. It does not mean a corner of the building as we would think of it today.

The pin-like piers which reach deep into the earth, remind me of the foundation of the church which reaches down deep into the love of God. The piers of the church are the apostles and prophets. Each of these persons reached deep into God's love. There is not one part of the foundation of the

Church of God that is not firmly planted on the love of God.

The love of God is like a great sea, so wide and so deep that its borders nor its bottom can be found. This love is ready to clean up the most wicked sinner, regardless of what nationality he or she may be. It is also able to keep that person saved and established forever.

Jesus Christ is that main foundation. He is a sturdy foundation, yet full of grace and truth. The Old Testament laws were rigid and hard. They were "thou shalt," and "thou shalt not." The penalty for disobeying many of these laws, was death. If a person was caught in adultery, they were to be stoned. If a son was a drunkard and would not work, he was to be stoned. This system operated by the letter of the law, exactly as it was written. Jesus, the founder of the Church of God, said, "The letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life."

When was this church founded? It was founded on the day of Pentecost, about 1,960 years ago. The prophets began its foundation by prophesying about it. The apostles preached God's Word to complete the foundation and the Holy Spirit gave the church its birth on the day of Pentecost. God has used reformers to re-enlighten people to the truth. Some of these were, Huss, Martin Luther, John Wesley, D.S. Warner and others. These men, however, were not founders of the Church of God. It was founded by the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ being the corner stone. This foundation reaches deep into the love of God and therefore it has stood almost 2,000 years through every spiritual earthquake that has come.

—Charlotte Huskey

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<sup>1</sup>*The World Book Encyclopedia*, Chicago, 1990, volume 19, p 320.

<sup>2</sup>Joseph T Thorndike, Jr., *Three Centuries of Notable American Architects*, American Heritage Pub. Co. Inc., New York, p 214 & 218.

Then she beat her back and her legs. She beat Jaya until she was exhausted. "Mommy don't tire yourself," Jaya said kindly. "I won't run away. You can beat me again after you have rested awhile."

Samadamma Kollipara saw an angry gleam in her husband's eye when he came in. "Jaya's got to stop this nonsense about Jesus," he said. "The guys at the meeting today were laughing about this little girl going around town telling the people that Jesus would take care of all their needs."

"I was so embarrassed when my friend Subbaya said, 'Poor little idiot, she thinks Jesus can do anything.' I sure hope they don't find out she's my little girl. Where is she? I've got to put a stop to this. Jesus isn't going to solve the problems of India. We Communists will do that. We'll make all men equal."

"She just went out. Probably she's praying again. God seems to show her everything, even when trouble is coming."

"Come Jaya, come," he called as he neared Jaya's prayer temple behind the thorn bushes.

Jaya scrambled down off the platform and crawled through the thorn hedge. "Here I am, Daddy" she called.

He charged at her hitting her head with the big stick in his hand. Jaya hunkered over and stood still. She kept her teeth tightly clenched so she wouldn't cry out, and closed her eyes to keep from seeing the big stick. Thud, thud, thud, it sounded as he hit Jaya. "Stop, stop, stop," Daddy cried. "Stop talking about Jesus; you embarrass me." When he had finally stopped beating on her, he stepped back, took her chin in his hand and turned her face up toward his. Looking her in the eye, he said,

"Remember, one of these days, I'm going to put red hot coals in your hands. That is the worst punishment any parent can give a child, and you're going to get it if you aren't careful."

Jaya's back, arms and legs hurt, but the pain of the beating seemed small to what she imagined having hot coals in her hands would be. "Oh, Daddy," she said crying, "I want to obey you, but I can't turn away from Jesus. He has done so much for me."

"You don't have to give up Jesus. Just stop embarrassing me talking about Him on every street corner. Be a normal Christian, live like everyone else in the world and dress like everyone else. You are so different. You spend too much time in prayer, and your dresses are way too long. Other Christians in Kollipara smoke, drink, dance, and go to the movies. This town was named for your great-grandfather Kollipara."

(To be continued next week.)



(Answers: 1. A chief corner stone. 2. They are called God's building. 3. The foundation of Jesus Christ. 4. Apostles and prophets. 5. Jesus Christ. 6. Into a holy temple of the Lord. 7. A city whose builder and maker is God. 8. With His blood. 9. By dying for it.)

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Jaya

(Continued from last week.)

### No Secrets

Mr. Kollipara, Jaya's daddy, raised the stick again. Jaya jumped. "Now, go play like other children do, instead of always preaching and praying." Then tossing the stick into a bush, he hurried to the house. Jaya watched him shut the door. How could she play when she ached all over? She walked around to the other side of the house and leaned against the wall. For a while, she watched two servant boys playing with a dragon fly. They had tied a long thread on the dragonfly and were watching it fly away with the thread trailing behind. Before the thread was out of their reach, they caught it and brought the dragon fly back again. "I feel as that dragon fly must feel" she thought. "I would like to fly away and work for Jesus, but others keep beating me back." She went into the house to lay down.

When she entered, she heard her mother saying angrily, "We can't send her back to school. It would just cause more trouble. She wasn't learning either, and the teacher doesn't want her there."

Jaya lay down quietly beside her baby sister. She touched her soft chubby hand and remembered her

sister had said, "Me loves yoo." Jaya was happy that some human loved her.

When she listened again to her parents, she heard Daddy ask. "How long since she has gone to school?"

"Over a year now."

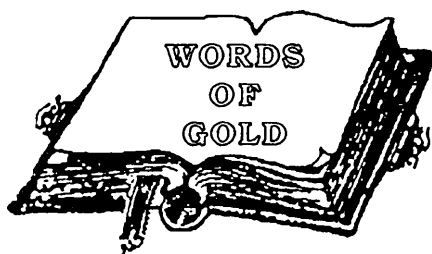
"Is she learning anything here at home?"

"A little, but she hasn't much time because people call often for her to visit the sick. When she isn't doing that, she is telling someone about Jesus or praying."

"She is just ruining her life, that's what she is doing." Then after staring at the floor for a long time, Daddy added, "But maybe the school will have a different teacher next year. And hopefully, she'll have Jesus off her mind and can settle down and study."

"She asked me today if she could go to Repalli. Some people there need to know about Jesus. At least that is what she says."

Mr. Kollipara was sitting on a mat in the floor. He looked very serious for a long time. Then he said, "Maybe I wouldn't be so embarrassed if she preached away from our home. I wouldn't have to face my friends and explain why she is doing these strange things. Get your things ready; we'll take her."



## Why The Name, Church Of God?

### Ephesians 3:14-15

14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

15 Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named.

### John 17:11

11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

### Acts 20:28

28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

### I Corinthians 1:2, 10:32, 15:9

2 Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:

32 Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God:

9 For I [Paul] am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

### I Timothy 3:2, 4-5

2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;

4 One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection....

5 (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)

### I Corinthians 3:9

9 For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

### Philippians 1:27

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.

**The Message: The Church of God is the correct name for the church, but the name alone does not make it God's church.**

### Questions:

1. For whom is the family of God named?
2. In whose name did Jesus keep His followers?
3. Who is Christ's Father?
4. Who purchased the Church of God with His blood?
5. By what name were the saints at Corinth called?
6. Should we be careful to not offend any in God's Church?
7. Who persecuted the Church of God?
8. Name some qualifications for leaders in the Church of God.
9. What must be done to keep divisions out of the Church of God?

### Verse to Memorize

... I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

John 17:11.

# Let's



## Talk . . .

According to the *Encyclopedia of American Religions*, 4th Edition, 1993, pages 373-478, there are many religious groups in the United States of America who have named their organization, "Church of God". Some of these churches are highly organized and keep close contact with their members. Others are loosely organized. Some have leaders who have much authority over members, while others allow God to be the authority over each person. Some have thousands of congregations scattered in many states. Others have only a handful of congregations. Some have added words to their name to distinguish them from other Church of God groups. For example: Church of God Holiness, Church of God Fire Baptized, Church of God Later Day Saints, Church of God Seventh Day, The Universal Church of God, etc.. Many have the proper name for their church, so we see that people do understand that the Bible teaches the church is to be kept in God's name.

This reminds me of two scriptures in the Old Testament. One in Zechariah 14:7 "But...it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light." This scripture is prophesying that men will have spiritual light in the evening time of the world. Spiritual light is understanding of God's Word. The other prophecy found in Isaiah 4:1 reads like this, "And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our

own apparel: only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach." In the Bible the church is often represented as a woman. We see many churches calling themselves Churches of God, but wearing the kind of clothes they want to wear, and living like the world. However, those in God's church dress modestly, as His word teaches, and live godly.

We must all realize that attending service in a Church of God is no assurance that we are saved, for not all Churches of God are a part of the body of Christ which is the heavenly Church. Salvation comes only through faith in Jesus' blood. This alone will make us a part of the heavenly Church of God which Jesus will take to heaven.

—Charlotte Huskey

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## Hugs

It's wondrous what a hug can do.  
A hug can cheer you when you're blue.  
A hug can say, "I love you so."  
Or, "My, I hate to see you go."  
A hug is "Welcome back again."  
And "Great to see you!, Where've you been?"  
A hug can smooth a small child's pain  
And bring laughter back again.  
The hug! There's just no doubt about it!  
We scarcely could survive without it.  
A hug delights and warms and charms.  
It must be why God gave us arms.  
Hugs are great for fathers and mothers,  
Sweet for sisters, swell for brothers.  
And chances are your favorite aunts,  
Love them more than potted plants.  
Kittens crave them puppies love them.  
A hug can break the language barrier,  
And make your travels so much merrier.  
No need to fret about your store of them,  
The more you give, the more there is of them  
So stretch those arms without delay,  
And give someone a hug TODAY!

—Selected

Day after day the Christians gathered in the streets of Repalli to listen to Jaya talk. Some brought their sick family members or friends for her to pray over. The hot India sun beat at them, and drove them into the nearby homes for moments of refreshing. A woman who admired the Christians, who were suffering to help others, offered them her shady three acre mango orchard for the services.

Later Mr. Kollipara found out she was a communist. He thought it very strange that he and the woman both claimed there was no God and they were both helping in the Gospel meeting.

Many more people came until the mango orchard was filled with praying Christians, and people seeking help. One evening after Jaya had talked and prayed for the sick all day, she lay down and went to sleep.

While she was asleep, a man came running to the brethren. "A scorpion, a scorpion bit me," he wailed. "Ah! Ah! Ah!" The Christians began earnestly praying for the man. The more they prayed the more he cried. They prayed for an hour, but the man still complained of severe pain. "You must wake up Jaya," the people said.

"She is so tired, I don't want to wake her," her daddy said.

"But this man is not getting healed. Do you want him to continue suffering?"

"Okay, okay," he agreed.

When Jaya came to the man, she did not pray, but said, "You are not in pain, you have not been bitten by a scorpion."

The man hung his head and walked away in shame.

Mr. Kollipara remembered how he used to play those tricks on the Hindu priests, but they never found

him out. But Jaya knew the secret. He wondered if it was because she was holier than other religious people, even other Christians?

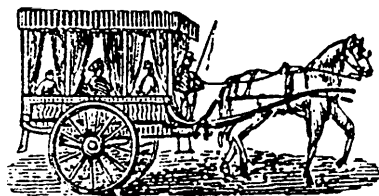
After the meeting in Repalli, Jaya wanted to go to Panamaru.

"We can not take you to Panamaru during these monsoonal rains. Panamaru will be flooded and muddy," her daddy said firmly.

"But Daddy, Jesus says to go to there," protested seven year old Jaya.

"The brethren have already talked this over and prayed about it, and they say, 'No.' We are taking you to Penmudi. There are many Christians there, and they want you to come. The ground is sandy and we will be able to get around easily. A horse and buggy are waiting to carry us."

(To be continued next week.)



(Answers: 1. For God, who is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. 2. In His Father's name. 3. God. 4. Jesus. 5. They were called, The Church of God. 6. Yes. 7. Paul. 8. He should be blameless, have only one wife, be watchful, sober, a good teacher, have well behaved children and be of good behavior himself. 9. Our conversation must make the Gospel attractive, and we must stand fast in one spirit, one mind and one faith.)

# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Jaya

(Continued from last week.)

### The Cobra Bite

"How can I go where Jesus does not send?" Jaya, a little girl from India, pleaded with her father.

"The brethren and I will take you to Penmudi. It is a better place. Let's get going."

Obediently she climbed into the back seat of the buggy beside her sister, Vijaya, and Mother, holding baby Ratakumari. Daddy sat in the front seat beside the driver. How great it felt to travel together as a family. Jaya remembered the many places she had gone alone; the many times Daddy had forced her to return home and had beaten her. Would he ever do it again? All went well until they got almost to Penmudi. Here they passed beside a small railroad station where a train was loading. "Daddy, where is that train going?" Jaya asked.

Without thinking he answered, "To Panamaru."

Jaya leaped from the buggy and ran to the station. Without hesitating, she climbed into the train and took a seat near the window facing the buggy. "Stop! Stop!" Mother called to the driver.

Before the horses could halt, Daddy had jumped down and followed Jaya. "You must stop this," he

said scolding her. "The brethren are your elders, and they know best. You must submit to them."

Jaya's solemn eyes met those of her daddy. "Jesus needs me in Panamaru," she said.

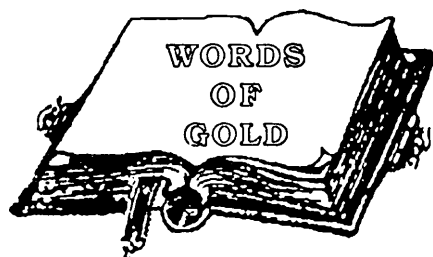
Although Mr. Kollipara was still a red blooded communist, he was beginning to believe that Jaya knew where God needed her. Would he be keeping someone from getting help if he didn't take Jaya where she wanted to go? He loved to help people. He took a long look at her and then at the waiting buggy. "I will take you to Panamaru," he said.

Some of the Christians in their group went with them. Some turned back to Repalli.

While they were riding on the train, a rich young man was working in a rice field outside the town of Panamaru. He was newly married and the only child of his parents. Suddenly he fell lifeless at the feet of his servant. "Help, help," the servant called. As the other workers rushed in to help, one shouted, "There goes a white cobra!"

"He's been bitten," they shouted. "Hurry, bring his mother, she will tell us what to do."

"He must be taken to the best hospital," she said. "Load him into the cart and hurry him to the train station."



## **The First Sermon of the Church of God**

**Acts 2:14, 21-36**

**14** But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

**21** And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

**22** Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

**23** Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

**24** Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

**25** For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved:

**26** Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope:

**27** Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

**28** Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance.

**29** Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.

**30** Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an

oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;

**31** He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.

**32** This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

**33** Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

**34** For David is not ascended into the heavens; but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,

**35** Until I make thy foes thy footstool.

**36** Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

**The Message: The first sermon of the Church of God was a message of salvation. This should still be the main message of the church.**

### **Questions:**

1. Who preached the first sermon of the Church of God?
2. To whom was the sermon preached?
3. What shall happen to those who call on the name of the Lord?
4. What effect did the sermon and the miracles have on the people?
5. What did King David prophesy about Christ?
6. Had the people witnessed Christ's resurrection?
7. Who had crucified Jesus?
8. Who is this Jesus whom the Jews had crucified?
9. How can a person be saved?

### **Verse To Memorize**

**...Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.**

**Acts 2:21.**

# Let's



## Talk . . .

The first message of the Church of God was that Jesus is the Saviour of all the world. That very day while Peter was speaking there were men, women and children of at least fourteen different nationalities listening to him. To all of them he announced, "Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved." This was prophesied by the prophet Joel years ago, and on the day of Pentecost it came to pass. Now through faith in Jesus any person can be saved from sin and enter into the presence of the holy God.

This was an unusual sermon. Everyone listening could understand. The people were surprised and said one to another, "How do we hear this man in our own native language when he is speaking his own language which we do not know?" Also, in those days, only men of education dared to give a public address, and their speeches were written ahead of time and delivered later. This impromptu speech by an uneducated fisherman was heard in many languages.

In this sermon, Peter proved to his listeners that the Jesus they had crucified was truly the Saviour, whom God had sent to the world. "The miracles and wonders He did could only be done by the Son of God," Peter said. The people knew what he said was right, for some had heard about Jesus changing water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana. Others had eaten that day He fed 5,000 men with a few loaves and fishes. Some had returned to their homes walking beside a sick person whom Jesus had healed. Others remembered hearing about Jesus walking on the stormy

sea, then calming the storm. Yes, they agreed, the miracles that Jesus performed proved He was the Son of God.

Another proof of divine authority was that He came back to life after being crucified. "Our great King David told us that death could not hold the Saviour whom God would send. And that the body of the Saviour would not decay as all bodies do," Peter told them. "You see, Jesus did rise again and stayed on earth for forty days. Five hundred men and women saw him. Does not this prove that Jesus, whom you crucified, is the Saviour for whom we have been looking? I say that it does, and that ye must all be saved," Peter continued.

Then the crowd cried out, "What shall we do to be saved?"

"Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins," Peter answered, "and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

The people gladly repented and were baptized. The result of the first sermon was that 3,000 people were born into the Church of God that day.

—Charlotte Huskey

### A New Day

This is the beginning of a new day,  
God has given me this day to use  
as I will.

I can waste it or use it for good.  
What I do today is very important  
because

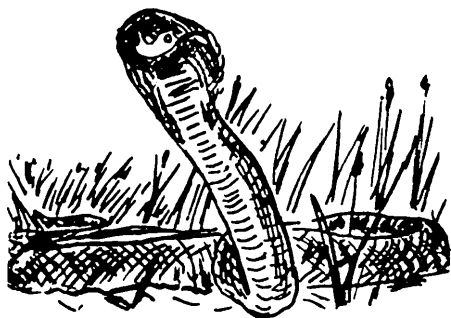
I am exchanging a day of my life  
for it.

When tomorrow comes this day  
will be gone  
Forever, leaving something in its  
place.

I have traded for it: I want it to be  
gain, not loss;

Good—not evil; success—not  
failure,

In order that I shall not regret  
The price I paid for it.



Carefully he was laid in the cart and hurried out of the field and down the road.

The group of Christians arrived at the train station a few minutes before the ox cart. Jaya was praying in the station. Her daddy, Mr. Kollipara, was pacing the long platform outside. His tall slender body, light colored skin, and his prestigious clothing were deceiving. Thinking him to be a doctor, a man running ahead of the cart shouted, "Say, doctor! Help us save this man. He's been bitten by a white cobra."

"I am not a doctor," Mr. Kollipara replied.

"We've got to get help quickly. How long until the next train comes?"

"It just left," Mr. Kollipara answered.

The mother came weeping behind the cart. The workers were crying and shouting. Mr. Kollipara, trying to comfort the mother said, "Don't worry so. There is a madam here who can help you."

"Where is she?" they cried desperately.

He went into the station to find Jaya. She was not there. Looking around, he saw her standing beside her mother at the far end of the long platform. "There she is," he said pointing to Jaya. "The one in the long red dress with a cross on it."

"That little girl?" they questioned.

"Yes, she will help you."

The throng of excited people and the ox drawn cart carrying the young man moved on down the platform, which was as long as a city block. "Why did I say that?" Mr. Kollipara questioned himself. "I'm always getting myself in trouble trying to help others. Jaya's prayers cannot heal a man with cobra bite." He watched to see what she would do. He could not see for the throng that surrounded her and the cart, so he drew up closer.

Now he could see his little girl, lying across the broad chest of the unconscious man. She was silent, but her daddy knew she was praying. His wife with baby Ratakumari in her arms was kneeling near the man's head. A light rain was falling. He backed away hoping no one would find out that they were his family, for he feared persecution would follow when the young man died.

An hour passed and nothing had happened, neither had Jaya said a word. "Who is this little girl," some were asking. "Is she a faith healer, or a fake?"

Mr. Kollipara remained silent. Some of the Christians were also becoming restless. He paced the platform trying to act unconcerned but his heart beat fast and wild. "I wouldn't be in this mess if I hadn't listened to that stubborn child. Why did I let her lead me here?" he thought.

(To be continued next week.)

(Answers: 1. Peter. 2. To the people of Jerusalem and Judea. 3. They shall be saved. 4. It caused them to believe that Jesus came from God. 5. That He would raise from the dead. 6. Yes. 7. The people listening to Peter. 8. He is the Saviour of the world. 9. By calling on the name of the Lord.)

# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Jaya

(Continued from last week.)

### Miracle in Panamaru

The man bitten by the cobra lay lifeless in the ox cart while Jaya and her mother were praying. Her father, Mr. Kollipara paced back and forth on the train station platform until the train returned. "Let's take him on to the hospital," a man said. How happy Jaya's daddy felt until he heard the mother saying, "Wait until the maiden is through praying." Mr. Kollipara trembled.

Two hours later the train returned. A new surge of emotion filled the angry crowd. "Take him to the hospital, this madam in not helping," shouted the angry men of Panamaru, "What can this little girl do to cure a cobra bite?"

The man's mother demanded, "Don't touch my son. I have given him to Jesus. Jesus will take care of him."

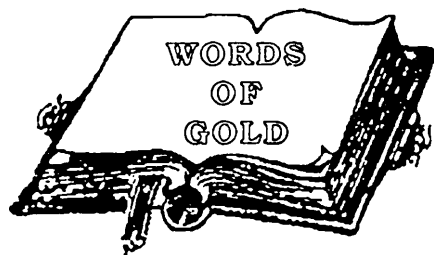
Spurred by the mother's decision, Mr. Kollipara shouted, "People, people, have faith in God. In the blessed book, the Bible, there is a story of Naaman. He was very sick with leprosy. You all know about leprosy. It is the disease that destroys a body bit by bit until every finger, every toe and the face have decayed and fallen away. Last of all it kills the person. Well, Naaman had leprosy, but a little girl

told him to go to the the man of God and be healed. He went to see the man of God and was told to dip seven times in the muddy river Jordan to be healed. At first he thought that was foolish. But his servant encouraged him, so he went and bathed in the Jordan, and he was healed. I know you think praying is foolish, but have faith, God can do anything." How surprised he was to hear himself preaching. He wasn't even a Christian, but he knew the Bible stories. He had studied the Bible often to argue against the Christians.

He was calmer now, so he walked back down the platform to where he could see Jaya and his wife. They were still praying. Jaya prayed silently. He heard his wife groaning. Listening carefully he could hear her saying, "Whatever, Lord Jesus, if we live or die." Now he knew that she also feared something evil might happen to them.

He heard people poking fun, "The little girl is probably dead, too," a man said. "The poison from the snake has probably gone up into her body."

All afternoon friends heard about the accident, and many came to offer comfort to their kind friends. Fear that some of these people might recognize him as a Communist made him more nervous. Everyday he lived



## The Church of God Shares

**Acts 3:1-16**

**1** Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour.

**2** And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;

**3** Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.

**4** And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.

**5** And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.

**6** Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

**7** And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ancle bones received strength.

**8** And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

**9** And all the people saw him walking and praising God:

**10** And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.

**11** And as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering.

**12** And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?

**13** The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go.

**14** But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;

**15** And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.

**16** And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

**The Message: God is still blessing the Church of God by healing sickness.**

### **Questions:**

1. Where were Peter and John?
2. Who did they see?
3. For what did the lame man ask?
4. How did Peter answer the lame man?
5. What did God do for the man?
6. Did the people know the man?
7. Were they surprised that he was walking?
8. Through faith, in whose name was the man healed?
9. Will faith in the name of Jesus still bring healing?

### **Verse to Memorize**

**For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom;...To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;**

**I Corinthians 12:8-9.**

# Let's



# Talk . . .

The first members of the Church of God were eager to talk about Jesus to anyone who showed the least bit of interest. There was no selfishness, dishonesty, pride or prejudice left in their hearts after the Holy Spirit came in. They even shared their food. It seems they ate in whatever home they happened to be in when a meal was served. These people were devout religious people. They went often into the Jewish temple although they knew that some of the temple leaders hated Jesus. Besides being a good place to pray, it gave the disciples a chance to meet many good people who also came there to worship God. They were not the least bit ashamed but spoke often to others about Jesus.

One day as two members of this newly formed Church of God were going into the temple, a beggar asked them for money. Neither had money, but they did not feel sorry for themselves. They knew they had something better than all the money in the world. "Silver and gold have I none," said Peter, "but such as I have, give I to thee. In the name of Jesus ... rise up and walk." The man leaped up and began praising God. Yes, Peter shared something far better than money.

Have you often wished for money to give or to buy something for someone who was in need? That is a good desire, but there are things more valuable than money that can be given to others. The most valuable thing that anyone can have is a personal relationship with Jesus. Of course you cannot give it away, but you can share some of your experiences with others, and perhaps they will want to draw nearer to God, also.

I read about a boy who shared a tract with a man. The man was ready to kill himself, but after reading the tract, he decided not to commit suicide. He prayed to God for help and the Lord helped him out. Later he got saved and shared how the tract had helped save him from going to hell.

There are many other things you can share with others. Your time is valuable and can be shared. It is selfish to use all our time for the things we like to do. Use some of your time helping others. Listen to someone who needs to talk. People who live alone have a great need for someone to listen to them. It isn't hard work. It just takes a little time and patience. But to do this, you will need unselfish hearts like those in the early Church of God.

Our strength is another thing that we can share. Some people are weak, too weak to lift things that don't seem heavy at all. Some can hardly carry out the trash. Some may just be very tired, and lending a helping hand for just a short while is a great help to them.

Your eyes are also valuable and can be shared. You may read to someone who cannot see well or is unable to read. You may also help some elderly person find something that is lost. There are many ways we can share with others the eyes which God gave us.

We may also share our parents with others who need them. Or maybe it is a brother, sister, or friend which you need to share. There are many, many ways and things which even the very poorest person can share with others. Let us be like the Apostles Peter and John. Even though we do not have money, let us share with others that treasure of knowing Jesus Christ.

Sharing was an everyday way of living with those in the early church. It is still an everyday way of living for those in the Church of God. The members in this church are not spotted with selfishness, pride, dishonesty or prejudice. Their garments of salvation are pure white. This is the righteousness of the saints.

—Charlotte Huskey

in constant fear of being caught and jailed. Sometimes he wore women's clothing to protect himself. Now some of these men here were looking for an excuse to get at him.

At five o'clock many field workers came in the drizzling rain to see what was going on. The growing crowd was too much for Mr. Kollipara. He began trembling violently. A man offered him a blanket. "Thank you," he said and wrapped the blanket over his body pretending he was cold. But that didn't stop his shivering.



And then it happened. The mob came at him. "Our friend has lain here five hours. By now the poison has surely killed him. And you are to blame that he didn't get help," they shouted.

The sick man's mother saw what was happening. She stepped up on the platform and demanded, "Don't beat this man yet. Jesus can heal my son. I have never seen such faith in Christians." Then looking up into heaven she said, "Jesus, will you help my boy?"

Unknown to the wild crowd, Jaya was moving her hands down the man's body. When she touched his ankle, the man groaned. Then he called out, lay still a moment, then rolled over and sat up. The crowd immediately left Mr. Kollipara and gathered around the cart. Instantly the Christians became their heroes, and Jaya a living god. They lifted her into the cart, and told her mother to climb in beside her.

Now Mr. Kollipara had courage to claim his family. Proudly he walked beside the cart as they went to the

young man's home to eat and rest. The Christians, too, who had remained so silent, praised God as they followed.

A Hindu custom is to wash, in a silver platter, the feet of a god or a holy man. As soon as they reached the home, a servant brought out a silver platter and bowed before Jaya. "No, no," cried her father boldly. "She is not a god. She is just *my little girl*. Some day she will die as all humans die."

"From this day forward, our family shall be Christian," announced the father. "We are no longer Hindus."

"Yes," agreed the mother, "Our son will eat with us the chicken dinner the servants are preparing and he will sleep in a bed as usual. We are no longer bound to the heathen custom that a person bitten by a cobra should not eat or sleep in a bed."

When people in the village saw the healed man working as usual, and knew Jesus had healed him, some of them accepted Christianity. This was the beginning of a great revival. Although Mr. Kollipara did not get saved, he and his family stayed in this home for nine months so that Jaya could minister to the people. Many new believers were added to the Church of God in Panamaru.

(To be continued next week.)

(Answers: 1. They were near the gate of the temple, called Beautiful. 2. A man who could not walk. 3. A gift of money. 4. "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk." 5. God put strength into the man's legs, ankles and feet, and because he had never walked, God also taught him how to walk. 6. Yes. 7. Yes. 8. Through faith in the name of Jesus. 9. Yes.)

# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Jaya

(Continued from last week.)

### Jaya's Conversion

Jaya was glad to be home after staying in Panamaru for nine months. After putting her things away, she went quickly to her prayer temple among the thorn bushes. She loved to meet Jesus there. What she didn't know is that she would soon be again escaping the beating of her father in this little hide-a-way. Proud as he was of her in Panamaru, he was still ashamed of her around his relatives and his communist friends. They called her "his crazy child" and he again became bitter at her. For what seemed like nothing he would fly into a rage.

One day while she was crying in her secret praying place, Jesus said to her, "Don't cry. I am your friend, and will always be with you. There are many people who must hear about me through your testimony." Soon she heard a servant call, "Jaya, come, you have visitors."

A stranger and many neighbors were waiting when Jaya entered the house. "This teacher is a Christian and she wants to hear how Jesus appeared to you," said Mother.

Jaya stood still and silent. She was usually thrilled when people asked her to talk about Jesus, but she couldn't imagine a school teacher wanting to know about Him.

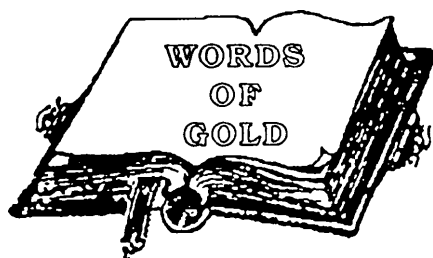
"Won't you share your story with me?" the teacher asked kindly. "And also pray for my brother who is very sick?"

Conquering her anxieties, Jaya answered, "I love to tell about my Jesus."

"Two years ago, Mommy, Daddy and I started out to visit a friend. It was very hot, and we went into that little Christian chapel to wait for the bus. They sat down and I gathered some leaves and was playing with them behind the pulpit. Suddenly a bright light flashed. Looking up I saw a bleeding Person with outstretched hands. Blood was spilling from His head, His hands, His feet and His side. I had never seen such a heart-rending sight. He did not look like any of the Hindu gods that I had seen. As I looked the person began speaking. He said, 'Jayapradha, I am Jesus Christ, who created everything. To show My everlasting love to men, I took the form of man and gave My life's-blood for them. I died for their sins, but I also rose again. I am alive, and give peace, holiness and eternal life to those that love and believe in Me.'"

"The promise of eternal life sounded almost too good to be true. Most of the Indians believe a person must struggle hard through many lives to get eternal life.

"Then Jesus said, 'I gave My blood for you, also. You must be a witness



## Boldness In the Church of God

Acts 3:1

1 Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer...

4:1-8, 10-13, 18-21

1 And as they spake unto the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them,

2 Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

3 And they laid hands on them, and put them in hold unto the next day: for it was now eventide.

4 Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand.

5 And it came to pass on the morrow, that their rulers, and elders, and scribes,

6 And Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem.

7 And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?

8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,

10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men,

whereby we must be saved.

13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

18 And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.

19 But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye.

20 For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

21 So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding nothing how they might punish them, because of the people: for all men glorified God for that which was done.

**The Message: Jesus gives boldness to the ministers of the Church of God.**

### Questions:

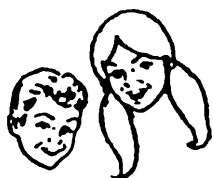
1. Where were Peter and John speaking boldly about Jesus?
2. Who became angry because they spoke in Jesus' name?
3. What happened to Peter and John because they preached in the temple?
4. Did Peter answer boldly after he had been in prison?
5. What did Peter say that showed his boldness to obey God?
6. Why did the priest and rulers believe Peter and John had been with Jesus?
7. Will being with Jesus in prayer cause a Christian to be bold?
8. How many men were added to the Church of God because the disciples were not afraid to preach?
9. Should all Christians be bold even though they must suffer for it?

### Verse To Memorize

**Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.**

**Acts 4:13.**

# Let's



## Talk . . .

The priests, the Sadducees, and the Pharisees had schemed and worked until they succeeded in having Jesus killed. They had hoped this would put an end to His teachings, and that soon He would have no followers. But since the day of Pentecost, thousands had left the Jewish religion to follow Christ's teachings. How fast the Church was growing! How angry the Jewish priests were! Then God healed the lame man by the gate Beautiful, and more people praised Jesus. Trying desperately to stop the spread of Christianity, they threw Peter and John into an inner prison.

After spending a night in jail, Peter and John were brought before a great crowd of temple leaders. It was during the feast of Pentecost. The Jews were obligated to attend this feast, so priests and Jewish leaders from many towns and nations were in Jerusalem. The large group gathered to accuse and threaten Peter and John, hoping it would put a stop to the spread of this new church.

Before Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit, he had been ashamed to admit that he was a follower of Jesus. Now he spoke boldly of Jesus to men who could have him and John punished severely. He would not deny his Lord as he had done before. When Annas, the high priest, asked, "By what name, have ye done this?" Peter boldly answered, "Be it known unto you, and all

people, that by the name of Jesus, whom you crucified, does this man stand here well. And there is no other name whereby we must be saved," he added. "Jesus is the foundation stone of the Church, but you cast Him aside."

These men of great authority were surprised that Peter and John were bold enough to accuse them of rejecting and crucifying Jesus. They went aside and said among themselves, "These men have surely been with Jesus. But what shall we do to stop this thing?" One suggested that they should straitly threaten the disciples to never teach in the name of Jesus.

That is just what they did. But Peter and John boldly asked them, "You tell us, is it right in the sight of God that we obey men or obey God?"

The authorities did not answer the question. They only threatened them again and released them.

Peter and John found some of the other believers and told them all that had happened. Then together they prayed, "Oh, Lord you know how these same people have killed your son, Jesus. Now please, God, give more boldness to all of us that we speak Thy words. And stretch forth Your hands to heal, that signs and wonders may be done by the name of Jesus." In this prayer we can see that the early Church of God was all of one mind. They were all ready to be bold for Jesus even though they knew it would bring suffering from the priests, the Sadducees and the Pharisees.

—Charlotte Huskey

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***"Happiness is doing with a smile what you have to do anyway."***

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for Me wherever I send you, and I will always be with you.'

"When Jesus said this, I began crying. My father heard me cry and came to me asking, 'Why do you cry? Are you hungry? Do you want some bread?'

"I am not hungry, but look, Daddy, Jesus is giving His blood for us,' I said pointing to the vision.

"There is nothing here,' my daddy said. 'You must have seen a picture like that and it is working on your mind. There is no God and no Jesus, so don't cry.'

"Although I had always been very shy around my daddy, I said boldly, 'Yes, there is. Can you see the color of the air?' I didn't wait for him to answer, I said, 'No one can see the air. Yet, we do not say there is no air. Neither can we say there is no Jesus just because we can not see Him. But believing in Him we experience His holy life.'

"I was surprised at what I was saying and I could tell by the look on Daddy's face that he too was surprised. But I continued speaking, 'Jesus has asked me to go and be with a Christian sister.' Then I told him her address and he wrote it down.

"By this time, many people had gathered around us to listen. When I finished talking some of them were crying; some got saved.

"After we finished visiting the people we were going to see, my father took me to the address that God had given to me and we found the Christian sister. My Jesus gave me His grace to witness for Him in that village. Then we came home and I began telling my

aunts, uncles, cousins, and neighbors whatever God put in my heart to say. Usually when I talked I would cry. I would either be feeling sorry that Jesus suffered so much for me, or I would be feeling so happy that I could not keep from crying. Soon all my family began saying that I had lost my mind...."

Jaya finished her story and they were just ready to pray when her daddy came walking into the yard. "Mr. Kollipara is here," a neighbor whispered. "He doesn't like Christians, we'd better leave."

Some went out the back door. Others greeted Mr. Kollipara respectfully and excused themselves.

Mother introduced the Christian teacher, saying that she had come to seek help for her sick brother. "And why do you seek help here?" he questioned.

"I hear that God heals people after your little girl prays for them," she said.

"How can you, an intelligent, educated woman believe such? If your brother is sick get the best doctor in town. If that doctor can not help, then take him to Madras. There are many fine doctors in Madras."

"I should like for the little girl to first tell me if my brother will live or die. Why should I spend money for a doctor if he is dying?"

"You are crazy," Mr. Kollipara blurted out. "The little girl does not know if your brother will live or die." He trembled, thinking of the beating he might receive from the town's people if her brother would die without having received medical help, because Jaya said he would live.

(To be continued next week.)

(Answers: 1. In the temple. 2. The priest and captains of the temple. 3. They were put in jail. 4. Yes. 5. Read from *Words of Gold* Acts 4:10-12. 6. Because they spoke boldly. 7. Yes. 8. 5,000. 9. Yes.)

# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Jaya

(Continued from last week.)

### Daddy is Healed

The Christian school teacher looked Mr. Kollipara straight in the eye and said, "Sir, your little girl has just told me the condition of my brother. What she said is just what the X-ray showed. I believe God has spoken to her about my brother. How else would she know his sickness?"

"What?" Jaya's daddy asked.

"The little girl is saying it right," the teacher said again. "She is saying just what the medical doctor said. And she has never seen my brother."

That night while Jaya and her mother were sleeping soundly, Daddy could not sleep. "Is there a living Jesus? If not, how did Jaya know about the sick man?" he questioned. How can I accept Jesus as God when all my life I vowed I would never believe in a God? Yet, how can I not believe when I've seen so many miracles? These questions, and many more, rolled over and over in his mind. "What would my communist friends say if they found out I've been persuaded by a little girl?" was the question that tormented him more than any other.

Daddy sat down Indian style on the floor at the low table and began eating his breakfast. He hadn't slept

much the night before, so he was cross. "Jaya" he snarled, "You must go back to school. This new teacher is a Christian. she will not beat you as the other one did."

Jaya trembled. The bruises on her back where he had beaten her with a belt were still tender. She hoped what she had to say wouldn't bring on another lashing. "Most loving Daddy," Jaya protested meekly. "Everyday I have calls to visit the sick. Have you not heard that people from far away cities are coming for me? Can I please work for my blessed Jesus and not go back to school?"

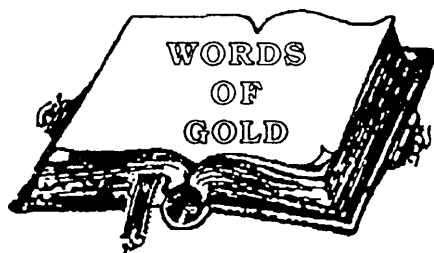
"You are wasting your time and your life," he thundered. "Who will want to marry you without an education? No one, I tell you, no one. I'll have to sell everything I have to pay a dowry to get a man to take you."

"I don't want to marry, Jesus will take care of me."

"How foolish you are. A woman without a child is cursed. Do you want to be cursed?"

"I am willing to suffer anything for my Jesus," Jaya answered.

"Then go away. I never want to see you again. You cannot eat today nor tomorrow. I should have burned your hands two years ago, when you first started this thing," he said angrily. Then jumping up, he flew out of the



## God Keeps the Church Clean

**Acts 4:33-37**

**33** And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

**34** Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold,

**36** And Joses, ... a Levite, of the country of Cyprus,

**37** Having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

**Acts 5:1-11, 13**

**1** But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession,

**2** And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

**3** But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?

**4** Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.

**5** And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things.

**6** And the young men arose, wound him up, and carried him out, and buried him.

**7** And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in.

**8** And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, Yea, for so much.

**9** Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee out.

**10** Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying her forth, buried her by her husband.

**11** And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things.

**13** And of the rest durst no man join himself to them: but the people magnified them.

**The Message: Christ uses His own methods for keeping the Church of God clean.**

### Questions:

1. Were there any divisions in the early Church of God?
2. What did the congregation say about their possessions?
3. Describe the kind of grace found in the Church of God.
4. Was there any lack among the poor of the Church?
5. Who sold land and brought the money to the Apostles?
6. Who sold land and brought only part of this money to the Church?
7. What happened to those who lied to God?
8. How did this affect all who heard about it?
9. Why were dishonest people afraid to join themselves to the Church of God?

### Verse To Memorize

**And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things....And of the rest durst no man join himself to them....**

**Acts 5: 11, 13.**

# Let's



## Talk . . .

God has His own way of keeping His Church clean. There was great faith in the early Church of God, and many miracles were happening. Also, the new Christians were so excited to be a part of God's church that they felt earthly properties were not very important. Some sold their houses and land and gave the money to the Apostles so bread could be bought for the poor Christians. (This money was not used to feed lazy persons, or drunkards, for it was the Jewish law that such people should not eat.) Many, many people wanted to be a part of this new exciting church.

Josef, a religious leader who had become a member of the Church of God, sold some land and gave it to the church. Then Ananias and Sapphira sold one of their properties. However, they decided to keep some of the money for themselves and take only part of it to the Apostles. To keep part of the money for themselves would have been okay, if they had not pretended they were giving all the money received from the sale of the land. By doing this they were lying to both God and man.

Some people find it easy to lie to God. One reason for this is that promises made to God are many times a secret between only the person and God. No human knows the promise, so no human would know if the promise is being kept. There is no embarrassment or humiliation before men if the promise

is broken. Or at least that is what people think. In the lesson today, the secret was revealed by the Holy Spirit to everyone, and Ananias and Sapphira were condemned before God and man and God took their lives.

Another reason it is easy for some people to be dishonest to God is that they believe that God's love makes Him an easy pushover—just treat Him anyway, break your promise, transgress His laws, or whatever and He will love as if you had treated Him correctly. This idea about God is a very dangerous one. God is love. He loves everyone, but He also knows every secret of each heart. Because of God's love for everyone, sometimes He allows bad to fall upon those who do evil. This was the case with Ananias and Sapphira. It may seem that the punishment was too severe, but we do not know all the other evil things that they may have been doing or would have done, should they had gotten by with this evil. By letting these two hypocrites meet their end publicly, a fear fell on all who heard about it. People were then afraid of being dishonest and pretending to do something they really did not do, or pretending to be something they really were not. They learned that God is not an easy pushover.

Ananias and Sapphira's death did not stop growth in the Church of God. It did stop hypocrisy and dishonesty within the congregation. A pure congregation has more positive affects on sinners. God's desire is that all men come to repentance. Therefore He desires a clean congregation, and He has unusual ways of cleaning and keeping it clean.

—Charlotte Huskey

house without finishing his breakfast.

Jaya was thankful he hadn't touched her. But she wondered why he didn't like her loving Jesus. She ran away to her secret prayer place to talk with Jesus about it. There alone, surrounded by a hedge of thorns so no one would bother her, she talked with Jesus a long time. Then she sat quietly and Jesus talked to her. "I want you to go to Yerrapalem. The people there need to know about Me. Tell your daddy what I have said to you," Jesus said.

Going to another village and telling the people about Jesus was Jaya's delight, but she feared to tell her daddy. He might beat her until she couldn't walk, or not let her sleep or eat with the family EVER again.

Two hours later Jaya crawled out of the thorn hedge and went to the house to wait for her daddy to come home to eat. To her surprise he had already returned and was lying on his sleeping mat. He was pale and looked sick. "What's wrong, Daddy," she asked.

"I—can—hardly—breathe," he said between gasps. "I have—terrible—pain—in—in—my chest."

"Oh, Daddy I will pray for you!" Jaya explained.

He shook his head. "Prayers—do—no—good," he said.

How can he say that after seeing so many people healed? she questioned. Why doesn't he believe?

"He's just been to the best doctor in town. The doctor gave him an injection and pills. Neither have helped a bit," said her mother who was squatting beside him.

"Doctor—no help—prayer—no help," Daddy said slowly.

Jaya rubbed her daddy's arm and cried. She couldn't bear thinking of losing her daddy, even though he was often angry with her. When he wasn't

angry he was good. Sometimes he took her where she wanted to go. What other father would stay nine months in Panamaru so she could work for Jesus? What would the family do without a daddy? But the worst of her fears was that her poor daddy could not go to heaven.

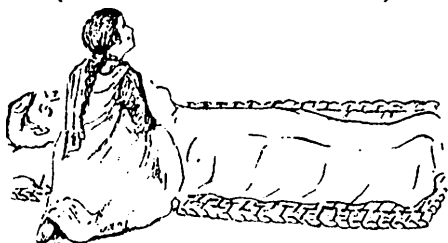
"Why—you—cry?" he asked. "I'm not dead."

Jaya knew she shouldn't cry. Mother had told her many times that Indian people think it is bad to cry while a sick loved one is still living. "After they die is the time to cry," she had often said; but Jaya couldn't keep back her tears.

Mr. Matthew Kollipara braced himself to resist her pleading to pray, but how could he, she was crying so hard. "Then—pray—if that's—what will—make you—happy," he said.

Jaya began praying, and how she did pray. She prayed until the pain was gone. Daddy lay very still and quiet a long time. Finally he said, "I will never beat you again for praying. This healing has made a believer out of me. You may go whenever and wherever you think God wants you to go. I will not stop you."

(To be continued next week.)



(Answers: 1. No. 2. "They are not my own". 3. It was a GREAT grace. 4. No. 5. Joses. 6. Ananias and Sapphira. 7. They fell down dead. 8. It caused a great fear to come upon all. 9. Because Ananias and Sapphira had died when they lied to God.)

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Jaya

(Continued from last week.)

### The Shepherd Children

After Mr. Kollipara was healed he took Jaya to Yerrapalem for she had told him Jesus needed her there. Jaya felt grand walking beside her tall strong daddy. The hot sun beat down on them, but she hardly felt it. Sharp stones pierced her feet, but they seemed as nothing. It was almost like she was floating.

"You look beautiful in your red dress that my friend made for you," he said. "You know we communists love red."

Jaya felt disappointed when her daddy called himself a communist. For he had said, "My healing made a believer out of me." Now she knew he believed there was a God, but had not committed his life to her Jesus.

Sometimes people sent a messenger to take Jaya to pray for a sick person. Sometimes God would tell her to go to a village and would show her a vision of the house where she should go. Today she had no certain place to go. When they got to Yerrapalem, she said, "Well, Daddy, this is the place God has shown me to come. I will be here when you return."

"I can not leave my eight year old daughter on the streets of a strange village," her daddy protested.

"Jesus has always protected me," she said.

"I know that, but you always stay in a home."

"I must find a place to pray," Jaya said. "God will show me where to go."

"I saw a cave in the mountains," Mr. Kollipara answered. "I will leave you there, for I must hurry on and get my business done. The God you serve will care for you."

After Daddy left, Jaya went inside the cave and prayed. While she was praying some little shepherd children heard her.

"Who were you talking to?" they asked when she came outside.

"I was talking to my Jesus," she answered.

"Who is Jesus?" they asked.

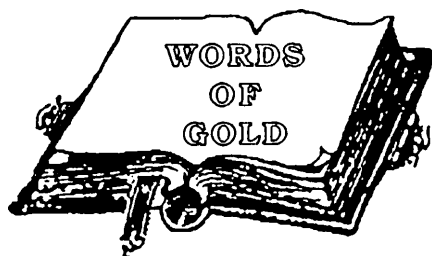
"Jesus is the son of God," she answered. Then she told them the story of God's love. She told them about Jesus being treated cruelly and dying so that everyone could be saved. "He died on the cross so that we could live good. If we live good, after we die we will go to heaven," she said.

"Go to heaven?" the children asked.

"I thought we must be good through many lives if we expect to go to heaven," said a boy, named Ramesh.

"Or die in the sacred city of Varanasi," added a girl named Kumari.

"How could anyone be good enough to go to heaven when they die?" questioned another Hindu girl. "Mommy says that if I'm good, maybe I won't be so poor in my next life."



## The Social System of the Church

**Acts 2:42, 44-45, 4:32, 34-35, 2:43**

**42** And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

**44** And all that believed were together, and had all things common;

**45** And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.

**32** And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.

**34** Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold,

**35** And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.

**Acts 5:15-16**

**15** Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them.

**16** There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.

**Acts 6:1-5, 7**

**1** And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration.

**2** Then the twelve called the multi-

tude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.

**3** Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.

**5** And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:

**7** And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

**The Message: The early Church of God operated a social system which took care of the sick and needy.**

### **Questions:**

1. In whose doctrine did the early Church continue?
2. Explain the unity among the early Church of God.
3. How did the early Christians feel about their possessions?
4. What kind of health care plan did they have for their sick?
5. What kind of problems arose from the distribution of food?
6. Why did the Apostles think the distribution of food should be handled differently?
7. What was the solution to the problem?
8. What qualifications were required for the men handling the Church of God's social system?
9. Why do we know the plan was successful?

### **Verse to Memorize**

**...And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul:... Neither was there any among them that lacked: for...distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.**

**Acts 4:32, 34-35.**

# Let's



## Talk . . .

In the beginning years of the Church of God, it had a *social system* that distributed food to the poor and cared for the sick. Their social system was without discrimination of race, sexes, economic status or any other thing. There were seven men appointed over this business. These men were honest men, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom. Nothing was taken by force from the rich and given to the poor. No taxes were involved. Neither was tithing used to operate their social system.

The people were so committed to God that those who had possessions, said, "These are not mine, they belong to God." So they gladly sold the possessions and the money was given to the leaders of the Church with no restriction on how the money was to be used. The unity was so great, that the whole church was of one accord, one soul, and one heart. They did not doubt the moneys would be used properly. Food was bought with much of this money and given to the poor which were among the thousands of believers in Jerusalem.

The sick were not taken to hospitals or health care centers. The sick were brought to the Apostles in faith that healing would end the sickness.

Was this social system without problems? No. There were racial problems; the Grecians murmuring against the Hebrews. But the problem was quickly taken care of and many more people were added to the Church.

Faith and love caused the social system of the early Church of God to

work well. There was great faith among the members, faith in God and one another. There was great love among its members, love for God and love for other people. When these two ingredients are strongly active in the Church today the same social system will work.

There was no doubt in the people's minds when they brought their sick to the Apostle, that the sick would be healed. We have the same promise of healing and are commanded to call the elders, but how much faith do we have that healing will follow?

There was no doubt in the believer's minds that when they gave their money away, Jesus would supply their needs. Yes, faith and love will make the Apostles' social system work for us today.

—Charlotte Huskey

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### Thy Neighbor

Who is thy neighbor? He whom thou  
Hast power to aid or bless;  
Whose aching heart or burning brow  
Thy soothing hand may press.

Thy neighbor? 'Tis the fainting poor  
Whose eye with want is dim;  
Oh, enter thou his humble door  
With aid and peace for him.

Thy neighbor? He who drinks the cup  
When sorrow drowns the brim;  
With words of high sustaining hope  
Go thou and comfort him.

Thy neighbor? 'Tis the weary slave,  
Fettered in mind and limb,  
He hath no hope this side the grave;  
Go thou and ransom him.

Thy neighbor? Pass no mourner by;  
Perhaps thou canst redeem  
A breaking heart from misery;  
Go share thy lot with him.

—Author Unknown

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"You see, Jesus is a Spirit," Jaya explained to the children. "He lives inside of me, and He wants to live inside of you, too. If you let Jesus live inside of you, He will make you good."

"I want to be good," Ramesh said.

"So do I," added Vani a girl about Jaya's age.

"Then ask Jesus to come into your heart and He will make you good." The children bowed and prayed with Jaya.

When it was lunch time, each child opened his little pouch of rice and began eating. "You have no food?" Ramesh asked.

"No," Jaya answered.

"Have some of my rice," Ramesh said, placing some rice in the palm of her hand. Each of the children gave her a little bit of their rice. When all the rice was gone, Vani asked, "Are you still hungry?"

"I am very hungry," answered Jaya. "I have eaten only a little bit today, and I walked from my village a long ways away."

"We know where wild fruit grows," they answered almost as one voice, then hurried away to find the fruit.

One by one they returned, each bringing a fruit that Jaya had never tasted before. "Oh, thank you, thank you," Jaya said. "The fruit is very sweet and good."

That evening about the time the sun goes to the other side of the world, the shepherd children said good-by to Jaya and herded their goats and sheep back into the village. She watched them descending the mountain until they were out of sight. "This is a very lonely place," she said to Jesus, "but I know you were very lonely sometimes, and you know how I feel. And if you would, please, dear Jesus, do keep any wild animals from sharing this little cave with me. I would rather just you and I stay here."

Exhausted from the long hard day, Jaya curled herself in a corner of the cave and fell asleep.

The shepherd children awoke her the next morning on their way to pasture their sheep and goats. "Come with us," they called, "and tell us more about Jesus."

Jaya followed the children to a grassy place. While the animals grazed, they sat down and she talked with them again about her dear Jesus.

At lunch they again shared their rice and gathered more fruit for her.

That night Jaya curled up in a corner of the cave and slept, and the next day she again talked with the children and ate what they gave to her. As usual, just before the sun was red in the evening, the children herded their animals home.

Jaya bowed and began praying, "Jesus," she said, "when I am home I love to be alone with you, but tonight I do wish that I had a people friend. But You know what is best for me."

(To be continued next week.)



(Answers: 1. In the Apostles doctrine. 2. The multitude was of one heart, and one soul. 3. They said that what they possessed was not their own. 4. Instead of taking their sick to a hospital, they carried them to the Apostles who, through prayer, healed them. 5. The Grecians murmured against the Hebrews, saying their widows were neglected. 6. Because it wasn't wise to leave the Word of God to serve tables. 7. Seven men were appointed over the business of distributing food. 8. They were to be full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom and have an honest report from others. 9. Because the Word of God increased, and the number of disciples multiplied.)

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Jaya

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### Mercy For The Poor And the Rich

Jaya was praying in the mountain cave when a noise outside drew her attention. Going to the entrance, she saw Ramesh, the shepherd boy, running up the mountain. Vani, Jyothi, Prasad, strange children and several adults were following him "There is the cave," he shouted, "and the girl is standing inside. Do you see her?"

The people gathered at the cave entrance and began excitedly telling Jaya about the change in their children. "My boy likes to help with the work now," one mother said.

"My girl is now kind to her younger sister," another mother was saying. Each seemed to have a different story to tell, but all were happy about the changes in their children.

"Now we want you to tell us about Jesus," a father said. "You must come down into the village and stay with us. We will share our huts and our food with you."

"Yes! Yes!" The children cried.

"Thank you, Jesus, I knew you would take care of me." Jaya said, as she happily followed them down the mountain.

The next morning, Jaya explained to the mothers that Jesus was not a god of wood or stone. He was a living

God and would hear and answer when people prayed to Him."

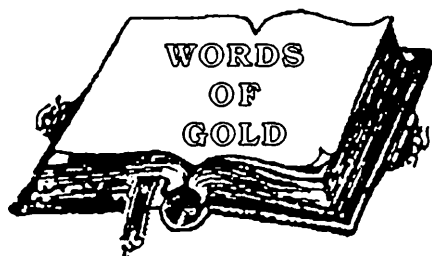
Every night Jaya had a little service and said whatever Jesus put in her mind. Usually she could not remember what she had said when people would ask her later. All she knew was that Jesus gave her a lesson for the time. People from different parts of the village called for her to teach them.

For two months eight-year-old Jaya stayed in the village and lived with the poor children. Her daddy came from time to time and checked on her. During this time Vani became her special friend, just like a sister, and it kept Jaya from feeling so lonesome for her own sister, Vijaya. Whatever Jaya need, Vani would find it for her.

Not all the people in the village wanted to hear about Jesus. Sometimes when Jaya walked from place to place the evil children threw rocks or sticks at her; some called her names. Many of the adults would not speak or even smile when she would speak to them.

When Matthew Kollipara came to take her home she was talking to a large crowd. "These are new believers," she told him.

"What a great many," he exclaimed. Then he gave Jaya a big hug and whispered in her ear, "You are doing more to change India than all the



## The Church of God is Persecuted

**Acts 6:8-10, 12-13, 15**

**8** And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.

**9** Then there arose certain of the synagogue,...disputing with Stephen.

**10** And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake.

**12** And they stirred up the people, and the elders, and the scribes, and came upon him, and caught him, and brought him to the council.

**13** And set up false witnesses, which said, This man ceaseth not to speak blasphemous words against this holy place, and the law:

**15** And all that sat in the council, looking stedfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel.

**Acts 7:54-60**

**54** ...They were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth.

**55** But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,

**56** And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

**57** Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord,

**58** And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul.

**59** And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

**60** And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

**Acts 8:1-4**

**1** And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles.

**2** And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him.

**3** As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison.

**4** Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.

**The Message: The Church of God suffers persecution. Stephen is the first one to give his life for the truth.**

### Questions:

1. Whom did God use in working miracles in the Church?
2. Where did Stephen's enemies take him?
3. Describe Stephen as he stood before the council.
4. Was the accusation against Stephen true?
5. In what way did God encourage Stephen?
6. How was Stephen killed?
7. What part did Saul have in Stephen's death?
8. Why were the saints scattered abroad?
9. Those who were scattered did what?

### Verse to Memorize

**...At that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles.**

**Acts 8:1.**

# Let's



# Talk . . .

Stephen was the first martyr of the Church of God. He was willing to die for the TRUTH. Let us each ask ourselves, "Am I willing to die for the Truth? All of us, even very young children, need to take courage and be willing to suffer for truth; for the people of God have always been persecuted by the world. Stephen asked the men in the council, "Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted?" All men, women and children who have chosen to go to heaven have suffered as the prophets suffered. People living today who have the same goal, will also suffer.

The Church of God, or God's Kingdom, is founded on good principles. The kingdom of this world is founded on evil principles. These two kingdoms have always been enemies to each other, and they will be as long as the world stands. At that time the kingdom of the world, satan's kingdom, will be destroyed. God's kingdom will be tenderly carried away into heaven.

Stephen chose to suffer for the Church of God. He could have kept silent or told the council that they were wonderful, godly men. Stephen, however, did not liken them to the holy Jewish fathers. He said they were like the wicked Jewish fathers who had stoned and killed the prophets which God had sent unto them.

When Stephen finished talking, his face looked like an angel's, but hostility and anger showed on the face of his persecutors. They gritted their teeth like animals baring their fangs. Oh, how they wanted to kill him that very moment! But they were

respected as holy men, so they must act properly. Finishing the trial and pronouncing the death sentence in a respectable manner was the correct thing to do. So they clenched their fists in an attempt to subdue the anger that boiled within. Then Stephen said, "I see the heavens open, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God." They exploded!! All dignity flew out the window. The men slapped their hands over their ears and cried out, "Say no more!" Hauling him outside the city, they proceeded to stone him without a legal verdict of Stephen's guilt.

Those who witnessed against Stephen were required by Jewish law to throw the first stones. Tearing off their outer garments, they laid them for safekeeping at the feet of a young man named Saul. Grabbing up the nearest, largest stones, they hurled them in the fury of all their penned up hatred. Others satisfied their murderous anger in the same manner.

On his knees, bruised, bleeding and battered, Stephen turned his face toward heaven and prayed, "Lord, lay not this sin to their charge."

Now back to our personal question. Are you willing to give your life for righteous principles? Thousands have given their lives for less noble causes. Think of the many who take risks seeking pleasure and die accidentally. Many are related to drugs, alcohol, or sex; but some are just risky, "fun" activities. Each year millions also die of diseases and sicknesses brought upon them by what they thought to be pleasures. If you had to choose between Jesus and death, would you die for Christ or would you die seeking the pleasures of this world?

Stephen, the first martyr of the Church of God, chose to give his life for the TRUTH and was taken into heaven to forever enjoy happiness.

—Charlotte Huskey

educated men in the whole Communist Party." Jaya giggled and snuggled close to her daddy.

"It isn't me, Daddy," Jaya answered. "It is my dear Jesus. The little shepherds working near the cave started all this. That cave was the place Jesus wanted me to go."

Jaya said good-bye to all her new friends. She especially hoped that God would let her see Vani again.



How proud Mr. Kollipara felt to have such a special child. He walked her home, singing and whistling all the way. Jaya could see he was happy; and she was happy also to be going home again to see Mother, Vijaya, and her baby sister.

After Jaya and her daddy returned home from Yerrapalem he treated her very good. So one day she ventured to ask, "Daddy are you a Christian now?"

"Of course not," he stormed. "And don't talk to me about it. Just because I have humbled myself and will take you places doesn't mean I believe in your foolishness."

Jaya couldn't understand such strange behavior.

A few weeks later, a well dressed gentleman peeked over the high fence and asked, "Is this the home of Jaya Kollipara?"

"It is," answered the servant who was sweeping the yard.

"Permit me to speak with her father, please."

The servant disappeared and in a moment reappeared with Mr. Kollipara.

"Kind Sir," the gentleman said, "I have come to invite your little girl to

speak in a Christian convention at Mudeneppalli. We are expecting many people and they are eager to hear the little girl of whom they have heard. May I inform my people that you will kindly accept this invitation?"

"It would be my pleasure to accept this invitation for my daughter, but I never tell her where to go nor when to return. After she prays, she will give you an answer. Will you come in and spend the night in the home of your humble servant?"

Jaya, who was playing with her dolls, in the shade of the fence was listening to the conversation. "Thank you, Jesus, that my daddy now loves the Christians," she whispered. "Thank you too, that he lets me work for You."

When her father took the gentleman into the house, she ran away to her secret prayer place on top of her grandmother's grave. There among the thorn hedge she prayed a long time. At the end she said, "Jesus, I'm always ready to do anything you wish. Just tell me what to do." Then she knew He wanted her to go to Mudeneppalli.

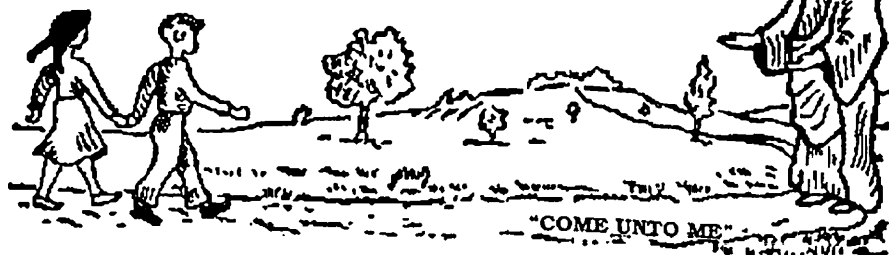
When they arrived in Mudeneppalli a large crowd of Christians had already gathered. Jaya stood bravely in front of 1,000 people and opened her mouth. The Holy Spirit filled it with a message that touched the hearts of believers and unbelievers. When she finished talking, a hundred people were praying at the altar.

(To be continued next week.)

[Answers: 1. Stephen. 2. Before the council. 3. He had great wisdom and his face was like an angel. 4. No. 5. God gave him a vision of Jesus standing at God's right hand. 6. By stoning. 7. He consented to Stephen's death and cared for the coats of those who were throwing the stones. 8. Because of persecution. 9. They went everywhere preaching the Word.]

# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Jaya

(Continued from last week.)

### Boys Start A Revival

A very poor man, Mr. Yesudas, came to the meeting in Mudnenpalli. He and his family had been saving money for a year so that Jaya would come and have a meeting in his home. The last day of the convention, he came to Jaya's father and asked, "Will the little girl please come to my town and preach to my people. We have enough food for a three day meeting."

Mr. Kollipara looked at Mr. Yesudas' ragged clothes and doubted that he could supply for a meeting. Not knowing just what to say, he said, "I'll need to talk to Jaya and the other brethren before I can make a decision. I will tell you tomorrow."

That night he and the brethren talked about it. "This man is so poor and thin, he may be accustomed to eating only two spoonsful of rice a day. He may think that is all we eat," remarked one brother.

"At least he understands that he is responsible to feed all those who come, even if it is only a little," said another.

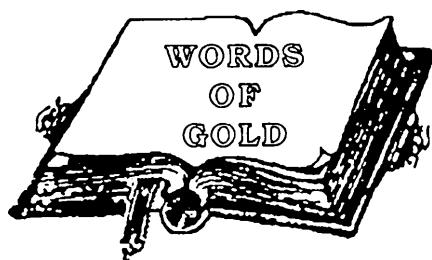
"We'll have to be sure and take our own sleeping mats," remarked another, "and be prepared to sleep out under the trees."

"This man is surely very poor, but how can we disappoint him and his family who have worked hard to save for this meeting?" asked another.

Another brother quoted Luke 4:18, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised."

When John's disciples asked Jesus if He was the Saviour, He said; "You will know me by what I do. The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them," added a short brother. "Jesus truly wants the poor to have the gospel," they all agreed.

"And Jesus will heal the sick and deliver the captives if the Christians give the gospel to the poor, for I have witnessed it many times. When Jaya was only seven years old, while preaching to the poor, some parents brought a little boy who had sores all over his body. Jaya prayed for him and Jesus healed the sores. He healed me too. That's why I have the bottle of medicine in my pocket that I never had to take." He took the medicine from his pocket and showed it to the men.



## The Church of God in Samaria

**Acts 8:5-7, 9-10, 12-15, 17-22, 24-25**

**5** Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.

**6** And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.

**7** For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.

**9** But there was a certain man, called Simon, which beforetime in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria,...

**10** To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God.

**12** But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

**13** Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.

**14** Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:

**15** Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:

**17** Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

**18** And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them

money.

**19** Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.

**20** But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money.

**21** Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God.

**22** Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.

**24** Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me.

**25** And they, when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, returned to Jerusalem, and preached the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans.

**The Message: Love caused the Church at Jerusalem to preach to a people which they had at one time hoped God would completely destroy.**

### **Questions:**

1. Where did Philip go to preach?
2. How was he received by the Samaritans?
3. Name some of the miracles which took place.
4. What had Simon done to the people?
5. Who was baptized in Jesus' name?
6. What did the Church of Jerusalem do?
7. What did Simon want to buy?
8. What was the condition of Simon's heart?
9. Where in Samaria did the Church preach?

### **Verse to Memorize**

**And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.**

**Acts 8:6.**

# Let's



# Talk . . .

The Church of God crossed over centuries of prejudice to minister to the people in Samaria. The Jews and the Samaritans had been enemies for many, many years. The Jews would have no business or religious dealings with the Samaritans. They would not eat at the same table, nor use the same cooking dishes even after the dishes were washed. They would not borrow, nor drink water from the same well. The most unmerciful attitude of the Jews was about religion. They wanted the Samaritans to have no relationship with God. Their base desire was that God would completely destroy the Samaritans.

The Samaritans also hated the Jews. There was a time that Jesus and his disciples were passing through Samaria and they were not allowed to stay overnight in any village. This is recorded in Luke 9:51-56.

Jesus ignored all this prejudice when he drank water from their public well, out of a Samaritan woman's jug.

Although the new Church was mostly Jews, their attitude was like that of Jesus. They wanted the Samaritans to have a part in Christ's saving plan. Philip was the first to go and stay with these people to tell them about Christ. He had compassion on the sick, the lame, and those possessed with devils, and through God's power delivered them.

For many years the Samaritans

had believed in Simon, for he had bewitched them using witchcraft. After they felt God's love demonstrated through Philip, and heard him preach the truth, they believed in Jesus and were baptized. Simon was also baptized and followed Philip around.

When the Apostles heard about God working in Samaria, they sent Peter and John to help Philip. When the brethren came, they found out that none of the Samaritans had received the Holy Spirit so they laid hands on them and prayed. The Holy Spirit fell on them as it had fallen on those in Jerusalem, except none spoke in tongues. (Probably because all spoke the same language, so there was no need for different languages.)

Simon was amazed at what he saw! "Take this money, and give me that power," he said.

"You are wrong," Peter told Simon. "You need to repent and pray God to forgive you of pride and wanting glory for yourself."

Do you think God would have blessed the work in Samaria if Philip had been proud and wanting glory for himself? No. Do you think the Church would have been started in Samaria if Philip had held on to the Jewish intolerance toward the Samaritans? No. Yet there are many believers who are proud and intolerant. Others have prejudice against certain kinds or races of people, and they wonder why there are so few miracles in the Church. They need to repent of wrong thinking and actions.

The Church of God reaches its hands of fellowship to every blood washed one even though centuries of traditions may try to separate them.

—Charlotte Huskey

Then they asked Jaya if she wanted to go. "I am ready to go wherever the people want to hear about Jesus," she answered.

The next day the brethren loaded an ox cart with their luggage and put nine-year-old Jaya on the seat. As people at the convention watched them loading up, more and more Christians joined the group. When the ox drawn cart finally left Mudenepalli and started on the dusty road to Avyirlagads, forty people were walking behind it singing songs of praise to God.

When they arrived in Avyirlagads where Mr. Yesudas lived, he led them to a place that looked more like a stable than a home. The house had only posts and a thatch roof. Many brethren burst into tears when they saw the pitiful condition, and realized how much the family was sacrificing to have a gospel meeting. Those who had criticized felt very ashamed. "How sad, how sad," they said. Others were tormented with fear of what they might suffer in this place.

Mr. Yesudas politely introduced the forty brethren to his wife and six boys. All of the boys were under fourteen years of age. "These four boys," he said pointing to the four older ones, "have worked as slaves for one year so we could have this meeting."

Working as a slave is terrible. Everyday the slave must do whatever the master wants. After the master's family has eaten until they are full, he gets only the food left over. One slave must *baby sit* the family cow or cows. This slave sleeps with the cows, cleans up their droppings, gives them a bath everyday, sees that they have plenty of food, and that they are kept safe from danger. Often the slaves work long hours in the hot sun, and usually have very little to eat.

"This family has given all for Jesus," said one brother. "God will surely give a revival."

Many people gathered for the first day of the meeting. After everyone had finished eating, all the food was gone. "What shall we do for tomorrow?" the brethren were asking each other.

The next morning a rich neighbor sent plenty of food for breakfast. The servant who delivered the food, handed Mr. Yesudas a note. It read:

*"Yesterday as I was taking a walk, I heard the gospel message. I want to help so I'm sending this food."*

—Your neighbor

At lunch time the lady sent another cart full of food. The meeting which had been planned for three days continued five days and the rich woman supplied three meals every day for all the people who attended.

(To be continued next week.)



(Answers: 1. He went to Samaria. 2. They received him with one accord. 3. The lame and palsied and those with unclean spirits were healed. 4. He had bewitched the people through witchcraft. 5. Simon and the believers of Samaria. 6. They sent Peter and John to help Philip. 7. Power to lay his hands on people and they would receive the Holy Spirit. 8. It was wicked and full of bitterness. 9. In many villages of Samaria.)

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Jaya

(Continued from last week.)

### God Answers Prayer

"Come sit on my lap and be my little girl while you can," Mr. Kollipara said to eleven-year-old Jaya. "You are growing up so fast, and will soon be getting married and leaving me forever."

"I'm not old enough to get married," Jaya answered.

"Your mother was younger than you are when we were married. But she wasn't as pretty as you," he said teasingly to Jaya.

Jaya tucked her head shyly, and added, "Remember, Daddy, I'm never going to marry. I'm going to always stay with my dear daddy and we can travel together preaching the Gospel." Then leaning her head on his chest and patting him on the cheek, she added, "How wonderful that you now love Jesus."

"It took a lot to convince me that God existed and that Jesus was real. I was so proud and wanted to run my own life. Can you forgive me for beating you and trying to force you to give up Jesus?"

"Oh, yes, Daddy, I had forgiven you years ago," she said, as if she was very old. "We'll just work together for Jesus from now on. We have somewhere to go right now. Jesus told me today that we should go to Thativar."

"Thativar, so far away? Child, do you realize how difficult it is to travel during the rainy season? These monsoonal rains can put a stop to all travel. How will we ever get there?"

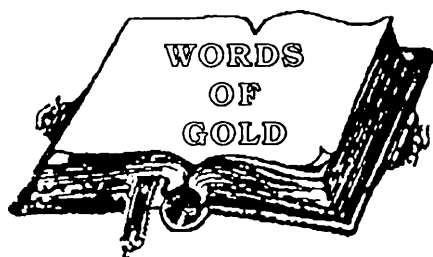
"When God says 'go,' He will get us there," Jaya said confidently.

"Well then, little Miss Faithful, we shall leave tomorrow. Get your trunk packed."

Jaya packed clothes for herself and her daddy in the metal trunk that he had purchased to make her traveling easier. The trunk was now two years old but as strong as ever.

Rain fell all night and was falling when Jaya and Daddy walked to the bus stop. Later in the day they changed to another bus. After they had ridden a long ways on that bus, they boarded a train which went within five miles of the village. When Jaya and her father stepped off the train the rain had stopped.

Mr. Kollipara hoisted the heavy trunk on his broad shoulders and they started on the five mile trail to the village. The trail led through many rice fields. Jaya was short for an eleven year old, and the water in the paddy fields came up to her knees. She held her white dress up out of the water and carefully followed her daddy. Suddenly she slipped and fell. One side of her dress was covered with mud. A little farther on they passed an irriga-



## The Church of God Does Personal Work

**Acts 8:26-38**

**26** And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.

**27** And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship,

**28** Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet.

**29** Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.

**30** And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?

**31** And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.

**32** The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth:

**33** In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth.

**34** And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of

whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?

**35** Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.

**36** And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?

**37** And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

**38** And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

**The Message: The Church of God reaches out to all races, so that all may know the blessing of salvation.**

### Questions:

1. Who called Philip into the desert to take the gospel?
2. Whom did God send to this task?
3. Where did Philip meet the man who needed help?
4. Who was the man?
5. What was this government official doing?
6. Did he understand what he read?
7. The scripture was a prophesy of whom?
8. After believing in Jesus, what did the Ethiopian official want to do?
9. Describe the baptism.

### Verse to Memorize

**He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.**

**Mark 16:15.**

# Let's



## Talk . . .

The preceding twelve lessons have been about the Church of God. From these lessons we have learned that the Church of God is the body of Christ. This body is made up of people who have been saved by the blood of Jesus. These saved people are scattered throughout every country of the world. They are humble men, women and children shining forth God's light into the world by the clean, holy way they live. Sometimes they are able to work together as the Church at Jerusalem did. Sometimes they witness for Jesus in a personal way as Philip is doing in our lesson today.

How did all these people become Christians? They became Christians because someone told them about Jesus, just as Philip told the Ethiopian man. If a Christian will do as Jesus would do, God can use him just as he did Philip. The man whom Philip told about Christ had come many miles to Jerusalem to worship God. He was stirred to please God, but he did not know how to be saved. As he returned home he was studying his Bible, but he could not understand what he was reading. Then God told Philip to go and teach the man.

Do you wonder what thoughts went through Philip's mind? What if Philip had taken a long hard look at the plush chariot and said to himself, "This man has everything; fame, riches, and honor. He will not want to become a part of the humble Church of God. Why should I speak to him? He won't listen to me." Philip did not listen to any discouraging thoughts.

What if Philip had not obeyed God? The government official might have gone back to Ethiopia and not gotten saved. He may never have come in contact with

another person who knew about Jesus. The Holy Spirit is still leading members of the Church of God to witness to government officials. People in government positions have a great need for knowing the saving power of Jesus. It will aid them greatly in making wise decisions.

Each of us must be careful to do the small unnoticed tasks that God lets come to us. Jesus may want us to witness to a smaller brother or sister, maybe a friend, or neighbor. He may want us to be friends to a person who has no friend. By doing this we show Jesus through our actions. Sometimes the tasks which seem so unimportant are the avenues that lead a person to know Jesus as their Saviour.

I read about a boy who learned to play the guitar very well. He studied hard and practiced long hours until he mastered the guitar. Finally he got a chance to perform. The performance was a great success! Instantly, he became famous. Calls came from all over our country and foreign countries. Soon he was also rich!

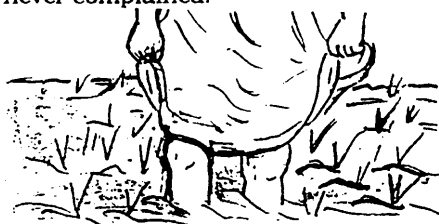
He thought happiness came with riches and fame, but he was disappointed. Year after year he played. The people applauded, but he wasn't happy. He was an outdoors man. Seeking happiness, he saved all the money he would need for the rest of his life. Then he bought a large ranch in the mountains. Now he could hunt, fish and be happy in the great outdoors. However, he found that he didn't find happiness doing only the things he liked best.

One day a neighbor rancher gave him a New Testament. The New Testament changed his life! Now he is happy and desires to sing and play only gospel songs. It was such a small task to give a New Testament. But what if the neighbor had not shared with him?

Jesus said, "My meat (that which strengthens Me) is to do the will of Him that sent Me." The Church of God is kept alive and growing by those little personal things that help others know about salvation.

—Charlotte Huskey

tion canal. Daddy set his trunk on the bank and helped Jaya wash the mud from her dress. They walked a little ways on the trail and she fell again. "How can this child know what she is doing?" Daddy questioned as he again washed the mud from her not-so-white dress. Jaya was so happy that her daddy was there to help her that she never complained.



The water caused their feet to become very soft. From time to time, when Jaya's sandals slipped off, sharp rocks cut through the soft skin.

When they arrived at the village of Thativar, Mr. Kollipara asked a man standing by the road. "Are there any Christians in town?"

He directed them to Sis. Holy's home. "Everyone in this city is Hindu, except for Bro. Eleza and me," she said as she washed Jaya's bleeding feet with warm water. When she had patted them dry, she fetched castor oil and rubbed it tenderly over them.

Sis. Holy fussed and fumed over them all the time that they were in town. She cooked food, made beds for them, washed their clothes and treated them like long lost relatives.

Jaya and Mr. Kollipara prayed for God to show them what to do so that the people of Thativar would become believers. God started a revival fire.

One important city official who was a Hindu had a court trial. Hearing that the Christian's God answered prayers, he came and asked them to pray.

They prayed.

He won.

Then he began telling the people, "You know, the Christian's God really helps people." Soon people began bringing the sick. Others brought those

possessed with devils. One doctor brought his mother who had a curse put on her. She was very sick and had a demon. After praying, God sent the devil out of her.

As this news spread, people from far away began bringing the sick in ox carts. It was amazing even to Jaya that so many were healed. At the end of each day Jaya prayed, "Oh, God, you are so good. You do so many wonderful things. I can never thank you for everything."

The people in India like to give food or drink to others. They are following a Biblical principle although they may not know it. For the Bible says, "Who-soever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward."

Now a constant stream of people were coming to Sis. Holy's door inviting Jaya and her daddy to eat in their homes. One day as they were walking back to Sis. Holy's hut, Jaya said to her daddy, "This is wonderful! We've eaten five breakfasts this morning."

"All because of the goodness of God," Daddy said. Then he teasingly added, "Don't get so fat you can't walk back to the train station. Remember it's five long miles."

For many weeks the people kept coming for prayer until almost every person in the village of Thativar was saved.

(To be continued next week.)

—Charlotte Huskey

(Answers: 1. The angel of the Lord. 2. Philip. 3. On a desert road between Jerusalem and Gaza. 4. He was a government official, who had charge of the Ethiopian queen's treasure. 5. He was sitting in his chariot reading Esaias (the Bible book of Isaiah). 6. No. 7. Of Jesus. 8. To be baptized. 9. Both Philip and the Ethiopian went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.)

# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Jaya Becomes a Lady

(Continued from last week.)

While Jaya and her daddy, Mr. Kollipara, were leading a revival in Thativar, she spent much time in prayer. In her secret prayer place behind Sis. Holy's hut, she talked with Jesus as freely as other children talk to a close friend. Sometimes Sis. Holy would think she was sick or asleep and would peek in on her, but she always found Jaya alive and well. She was either glowing like an angel or crying with compassion for others.

Mr. Kollipara was a business man. When he wasn't helping in the gospel work, he was buying and selling or making business deals. Sometimes while selling, he told stories of the times he had tricked the Hindu priests by hiding their gods. When they couldn't find their gods, he would say, "You serve helpless gods, a man has more power than they have. I serve a God so powerful He can't be hidden nor destroyed."

Sometimes he told how he had worked many years with the communist party trying to help the poor. He would end his talk by saying, "I have discovered that Jesus can do more for the poor in an instant than I could do in a lifetime, so I'm working for Him."

One day Jaya said, "Daddy, Jesus is saying, 'Go home, go home.'"

"Do you think something serious has happened to Mamma and your sisters?"

"I do not know why Jesus is saying, 'Go home.' I just know He is, and we must go."

"Well, maybe God is through with you here for most of the villagers have become Christians," Daddy answered.

"And when we came Sis. Holy and Bro. Eleza were the only Christians in town," Jaya said excitedly.

When the people heard they were leaving, they came begging:

"Please don't go."

"Live here with us."

"We will see that you have everything you need."

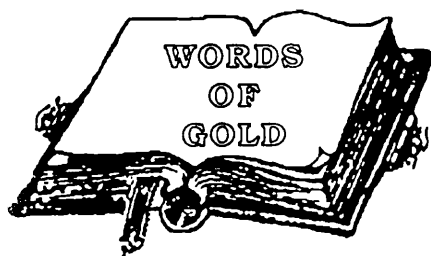
"Please, please, stay just awhile longer and teach us more about Jesus."

Daddy turned to Jaya and said, "Maybe we should stay awhile longer."

"Jesus says, 'Go home,'" Jaya insisted. "We must go now." No amount of begging could change Jaya's mind. She was going home.

The day they left, men, women and children walked with them to the train station. Only those who were too old or too small to make the trip and a few remaining unbelievers stayed in the village. All along the five mile trail among the rice fields, they sang hymns and praises to God.

The Indians cried, waved and shouted God's blessings on their little



## Jesus Is Also God

**Luke 1:35**

**35** And the angel...said unto her [the virgin, Mary], The...power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

**John 1:1, 14, 3, 10, 34; 20:31**

**1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**14** And the Word [Jesus] was made flesh, and dwelt among us,...

**3** All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

**10** He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

**34** And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.

**31** But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

**Mark 3:11, 14:33**

**11** And unclean spirits, when they saw him, fell down before him, and cried, saying, Thou art the Son of God.

**33** Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.

**Mark 14:61-62**

**61** ...Again the high priest asked him,...Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?

**62** And Jesus said, I am:...

**Matthew 27:54**

**54** Now when [Jesus was crucified] the centurion, and they that were with him,...saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God.

**Acts 2:36**

**36** Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

**Colossians 1:15-17**

**15** Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

**16** For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

**17** And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

**Hebrews 13:8**

**8** Jesus Christ [is] the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

**I John 4:15**

**15** Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

**The Message: Jesus is the Son of God, not just a man who lived long ago and went about doing good.**

**Questions:**

1. Why was Mary's child to be called the Son of God?
2. Did Jesus live before the world was created?
3. Who lived in a world which he had created?
4. What did the unclean spirits say about Jesus?
5. The men in the ship said Jesus was who?
6. Who did Jesus say He was?
7. When Jesus died, the men said, "\_\_\_\_\_."
8. List some things which were created by Jesus.
9. Who is the same yesterday, today and forever?

### Verse to Memorize

**She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.**

**John 11:27.**

# Let's



# Talk . . .

We shall now study a series of doctrines taught by the preachers of the Church of God when it was first formed. From the very first sermon on the day of Pentecost, the apostles taught biblical truths. On that day they were trying to convince the people that Jesus is the divine Son of God, the Saviour of all men. To this very day God's ministers are still trying to convince people of this truth. This truth is the foundation of every Christian's experience, so we shall study it in this first lesson.

Before any person can be saved, he must believe that Jesus was not just a wonderful man who went about doing good. He or she must confess that Jesus is Creator and Ruler of everything, that He is God as well as His Father.

How Jesus can be God and His Father also be God is a mystery which only a saved person can understand. Sometimes a person must blindly trust in Jesus. Then after he has experienced the love of God in his heart, he will truly believe that Jesus is divine.

Is there Bible evidence that Jesus is Lord? Yes, there are very many scriptures which call Jesus Lord or Saviour. Many of the Old Testament prophets spoke of Jesus as their redeemer and they lived and died before His birth. Before Jesus' conception, the angel said He would not have an earthly father. The spirit of the Highest overshadowed Mary, and her child was the Son of God. The angels sang praises at Jesus birth, saying, "...Unto you is born this day...a Sav-

iour, which is Christ the Lord." The people who knew Jesus proclaimed Him to be the Son of God. Even the evil spirits called Him God's Son. (If evil spirits can identify who Jesus is, intelligent people should also be able to do so.) Those unbelievers watching at the cross felt the tremor of the earthquake and cried out, "Truly this was the Son of God." The apostle Paul was saved after Jesus died, but he, too, said that Jesus was the Son of God. The apostle John tells us that Jesus was the Creator, that all things were made by Him and that He lived in the world that He created. The apostles taught that Jesus is the Lord, the Saviour of the world, and the scriptures prove it. But none of this knowledge will help us unless He is the Lord of our personal lives. That is what the apostles taught from the beginning of this gospel.

—Charlotte Huskey

## God

*There is an Eye that never sleeps  
Beneath the wing of night;  
There is an Ear that never shuts  
When sinks the beams of light.*

*There is an Arm that never tires  
When human strength gives  
way;*

*There is a Love that never fails  
When earthly loves decay.*

*That Eye unseen o'erwatcheth all;  
That Arm upholds the sky;  
That Ear doth hear the sparrows  
call;  
That Love is ever nigh.*

—James Wallace

evangelist as the train carried her away. Jaya watched from the window until the train made a turn that blocked them from her sight.

A few days later when Jaya awoke, she saw her mother and the servant scurrying about in a hurry. "What is happening?" she asked.

"The time has come to celebrate that our *little girl* is now a *young lady*," her father answered. "Your grandparents, uncles, aunts and cousins have been anxiously awaiting this celebration. They will soon be here."

Jaya turned her face toward the wall and said, "Thank you God for sending me home, so our family would not be disappointed."

As soon as the uncles got together they started talking about getting Jaya married. "Matthew, you have made a big mistake in not forcing Jaya to study," one said.

Another uncle bragged, "Both my girls are finishing high school, I won't have to pay much dowry. But you, — you'll have to pay a high dowry to get Jaya a husband."

"But she doesn't want to get married," Jaya heard her daddy say.

"Her younger sisters will want to get married. You surely don't think any family will let their son marry a younger daughter before Jaya is married? It is unheard of in India."

"Someone may," her daddy answered. You all thought we would be stranded away from home, and not get to have this important celebration, but you see, God didn't let it happen."

"Yes, this has really made a believer out of me," her mother's brother said.

"Jaya always said, 'God will not bring a reproach on his people,'" her father told them.

Then the uncle added, "This Christ you all serve does seem to know every-

thing. I can't say that for the Hindu gods. And by the way, I did bring the palm leaves for her bed."

Jaya knew what that would mean. She would have to stay on a special bed made from these palm leaves for the next ten days, while others served her as if she were a queen. On the tenth night, at midnight, she would be carried outside and placed on a special wooden stool. Then the palm leaves would be burned. On the eleventh day the ladies would give her a special bath and shampoo her hair. The bath water would be thrown on the palm ashes, and Jaya would be an official young woman.

But today, and for those next nine days, she must eat the food others would bring, beans, rice and brown sugar, and sit like a lady, while her friends present her with gifts and anoint her with butter. (Butter is a product from the cow and is believed to bring special blessings.) Jaya was happy, but wondered how she could stay away from her secret prayer place for eleven days.

The eleventh day was the grand day of the feast. Most everyone in the village of Kollipara came to wish her well. They ate the mutton and rice which the servants had prepared for them. Jaya finished up all the rituals of touching salt and grain and she thanked God again that He had led her home at the right time.

(To be continued next week.)

—Charlotte Huskey

(Answers: 1. Because He was fathered by the power of the Highest. 2. Yes. 3. Jesus. 4. They said he was the Son of God. 5. The Son of God. 6. The Son of God. 7. "Truly this was the Son of God." 8. All things in heaven, and earth, visible and invisible, also all thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers. 9. Jesus.)

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## A New Friend

(Continued from last week.)

"Another letter for Jaya," said the servant as he handed it to Mrs. Kollipara. "Letters are coming to her, from all over India."

"And most of them are asking her to teach about Jesus," Jaya's mother exclaimed. "Isn't it wonderful that so many people are learning about our precious Saviour? And to think that God has chosen our 'crazy girl' to do it."

"That's how we all felt about her, but she has proved to us and to the world that she isn't crazy at all. She just had so much of God's wisdom that we could not understand her." Jaya, was beside the well washing the rice. Mother carried the letter to her. Jaya opened the letter, and read:

Dear Little Maiden,

Will you please come to our home and teach my family and our village about Jesus. You may stay in our home, and we will see that you are taken care of..."

"May I go?"

"I am so glad you asked our permission."

"Oh, Mother, I never meant to be disrespectful when I used to go away without asking. I—I—just loved my Jesus so much I wanted to follow Him real fast."

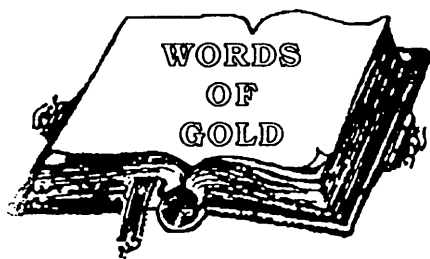
"Yes, I know, and if Jesus says to go, your father and I are willing. We know now that God is guiding you. But be sure God is saying, 'Go,' for my family and our friends are pressing your father to make you attend school and get an education. He's about ready to do it."

Hurriedly Jaya went to her secret prayer place among the thorn bushes. "Jesus, I love You more than anyone, but I don't want to cause my daddy trouble. Shall I go?"

The answer was "Yes," so she packed her metal trunk and promptly went to the village and found the home of the woman who had invited her.

The woman was very nice, but when she was away her children would criticize and make fun of Jaya. Soon the neighbor children were also saying, "We don't want to hear what you have to say. You aren't old enough to teach us." Day after day Jaya only smiled when the children teased and persecuted her. How she wished to escape and be alone with her Jesus, but everywhere she went they followed.

The woman was gone most of the day for there was much work to be done in the rice fields and she was helping her husband and the other workers. For protection against her



## God Loves Everyone

**I John 4:8-10, 14, 16, 19**

**8** He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

**9** In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

**10** Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

**14** And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.

**16** And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

**19** We love him, because he first loved us.

**John 15:13**

**13** Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

**Romans 5:6-8**

**6** For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

**7** For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.

**8** But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

**Ephesians 2:4, 3:19, 5:2**

**4** But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us.

**19** And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

**2** And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

**Deuteronomy 7:7**

**7** The Lord did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people:

**Jeremiah 31:3**

**3** The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

**Luke 11:42**

**42** But woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye tithe the mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass over judgment and the love of God: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

**John 16:27**

**27** For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God.

**Psalms 136:1**

**1** O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

**The Message: God is love although we do not always understand why He allows some things to happen.**

**Questions:**

1. If a person knows God, he will \_\_\_\_\_.
2. How did God show love for us?
3. Who loved first, man or God?
4. Does God love men while they are sinners?
5. Describe Christ's love.
6. Did God love Israel because there were many of them?
7. How long will God's love last?
8. What did the Pharisees pass over?
9. How long will God's mercy last?

**Verse to Memorize**

**In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.**

**I John 4:9.**

# Let's



## Talk . . .

The Apostles taught that the first man and woman were created in the image of God. They chose to push God's commandment aside and do what they desired. All people have done just like Adam and Eve did. Yet God loves people and blesses them with life and many things to enjoy, and is continually offering them a chance to share His great spiritual love. There is no love as great, and endless as God's love.

His love is also seen in the creation. Each part of creation is a masterpiece of exquisite design. It is beautifully "engineered" so that all parts work together, each part interacting with and affecting the other parts of the creation.

Eugene Cernan, one of the astronauts who enjoyed the exciting adventure of walking on the moon, said with wonder, "Our world appears big and beautiful, all blue and white! You can see from the Antarctic to the North Pole. The earth looks so perfect. There are no strings to hold it up; there is no fulcrum upon which it rests." Contemplating the awesomeness, he said he felt as if he were seeing the earth from God's perspective when it was created.

God's love is also seen in the love He placed in man and animals. Men have been known to give their lives to protect others, or for some good cause or for a nation they love. Animals, too, fight unto death to protect their young. Sis. Vera Forbes (Sylvia Busbee's mother) told about a time when a prairie fire came and swept over a homestead. After the ground

had cooled they went in to survey the damages. Behind where the barn had once stood they came upon the charred remains of a hen. Under the charred body of the hen were her lively chicks. Rather than fly away to safety and leave her chicks exposed to the flame, she had protected them at the expense of her own life. Only one little chick lay burned to death just one step away from the mother.

Yes, men and animals do show great love, but how many of them will die for an enemy? Would the hen have given her life to protect a fox? No! God, however, gave Himself for His enemies. God and Jesus are one, making them closer than any parent and child. Yet God willingly sacrificed this beloved Son for His enemies.

If you don't believe God is love, it is because an evil spirit has blinded your spiritual eyes. I challenge you to become God's friend, obey His commandments and you will see His great love. It is then you will realize that even before you loved Him, He loved you.

—Charlotte Huskey

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### Love Is of God

Beloved, let us love: love is of God;  
In God alone hath love its true abode.

Beloved, let us love: for they who  
love,  
They only, are His sons, born from  
above.

Beloved let us love: for love is rest,  
And he who loveth not abides unblest.

Beloved, let us love: for love is light,  
And he who loveth not dwelleth in  
night.

Beloved, let us love: for only thus  
Shall we behold that God who loveth  
us.

—Horatius Bonar

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persecutors, Jaya followed the woman to the field. There she found some trees and snuggled into a thicket. There was happiness, alone with her loving Jesus. Bowing in prayer, she said, "Oh Jesus, I love You, and I'm willing to suffer for You. But Jesus, I don't like what these children say to me. It makes me feel so-o-o bad. Isn't there somewhere else I can stay? Are there some other people in this village that want to know about You? Can I do something else?" Jaya remained a long time in prayer.

Finally Jesus gave her the answer, "Have a street meeting."

"I will need someone to help me sing songs," she told Jesus. Knowing that He would provide singers, Jaya began planning for an evening street meeting.

News spread about the meeting and a young man came to Jaya, "I will play music to attract the people," he said. "Then I will sing gospel hymns."

"Wonderful!" Jaya exclaimed. Then she noticed a package of cigarettes in his shirt pocket. "Forgive me, but I didn't ask your name," she said rather shyly.

"My name is Paul and I am twenty-five years old," he answered. "What is your name?"

"My name is Jayapradha Kollipara, but everyone calls me, Jaya. You live on the other side of the village?" she asked.

"Yes, there are some Christians living over there."

"Paul, are you a Christian?" she asked.

"Yes," he said proudly, "I'm a fourth generation Christian. My great grandfather, my grandfather, and my father were Christians."

"How wonderful that you have saved parents!" she exclaimed. "My father's grandfather was a Hindu priest. My mother's people were also

Hindus and devoted to worshipping snakes. My dear mother used to walk fourteen miles just to worship in a special cobra temple. Thanks to my Jesus, they are now both Christians. But I didn't ask if you were born in a Christian home. I asked, 'Are you a Christian?'"

"Of course, I'm a Christian," he answered more boldly.

Jaya looked Paul straight in the eye. God says, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death," she said. "Are you free from sin?"

Without saying a word, Paul jerked the cigarettes out of his pocket and crushed them. "I need a personal experience with Jesus," he admitted.

The meeting started right then, when Jaya prayed for Paul until he was saved. Now Paul sang the gospel from his heart.

Many came to hear the gospel and were saved. The street meeting turned into a great revival for the village.

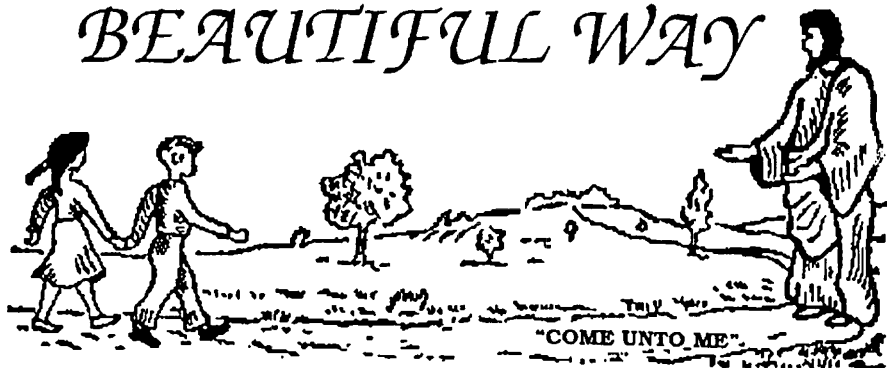
Jaya made many new friends in the village, one she would remember for a long time. She returned home, happy that she had again obeyed Jesus.

(To be continued next week.)

—Charlotte Huskey

(Answers: 1. Love others. 2. By sending His Son into the world, that we might live. 3. God. 4. Yes. 5. It passeth all knowledge, and is so strong that He gave Himself for us. 6. No. 7. It is everlasting. 8. The judgments and love of God. 9. It endures forever.)

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Remembering God's Blessings

(Continued from last week.)

Sad news was awaiting Jaya when she returned from another preaching trip. Vani had gotten married. She was the shepherd girl who had been so nice to Jaya when she was alone. A few weeks after their wedding, her husband had died!

Being a widow was about the worst thing that could happen to an Indian girl. In the olden days many devoted wives burned to death with the body of her husband as it was being burned. Today, the country's laws will not permit such actions. But once in a while a widow will do it. She chooses death, rather than the cruel abuse often received from in-laws. The custom is that a widow stay with her husband's family until death. Some families so strongly resent having to support their son's widow, that many have caused "accidental death" to get rid of her. Jaya hoped nothing like that would happen to dear Vani.

Most Indians believe God causes a husband to die because He is displeased with the wife. The widow's own family, as well as the family of her husband, treat her with scorn. Some have a special ceremony in which she is covered with a cloth, meaning that no one wants to see her face. Also a

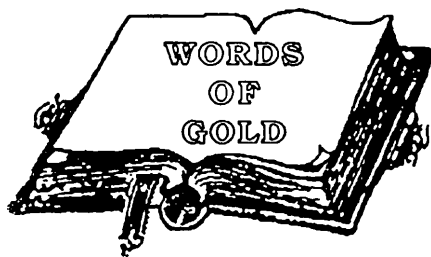
widow must wear only dull clothing. Jaya knew Vani loved brilliant colors, and bright flower prints.

Jaya had seen widows suffering. How she hated to think that kind, loving Vani, only twelve years old, would now be so rejected. Jaya rushed away to her place of prayer. As she worked her way among the thorn bushes, a thorn tore into her arm. "Ouch, you ugly thorn. Don't you stick me," she cried. Then she thought of a different thorn that was piercing Vani's heart. "Oh, Jesus," she prayed, "please comfort Vani. Help her know that You can turn her troubles into blessings."

As Jaya prayed for Vani, she remembered times that God had turned her troubles into blessings. She was only seven years old and Jesus had sent her to a certain village. Entering the village she heard a woman wailing and saw a great crowd of people surrounding a hut. "What is happening?" Jaya asked.

"These parents have already buried five children and their only living one is very sick," she was told.

Quietly Jaya entered the hut and prayed for the child. Jesus healed the child. Then many people wanted to hear about Jesus, so they built a large arbor and nearly the whole village came to hear Jaya talk. Then is when the real trouble started.



## God's Special Creation

**Genesis 1:25-28**

**25** And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

**26** And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

**27** So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

**28** And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

### The Creation in More Detail

**Genesis 2:5-7, 15-18, 21-23**

**5** And...there was not a man to till the ground.

**6** But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.

**7** And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

**15** And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it.

**16** And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:

**17** But of the tree of the knowledge of

good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

**18** And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

**21** And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

**22** And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

**23** And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

### Man After the Flood

**Genesis 9:2, 5-6**

**2** And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea; Into your hand are they delivered.

**5** And...at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man.

**6** Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.

**Romans 3:23, 5:12**

**23** For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

**12** Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

**The Message: Man is a unique creation of God.**

Look for "Questions" on page 3.

### Verse to Memorize

**So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.**

**Genesis 1:27.**

# Let's



## Talk . . .

People are a unique creation of God. They are different from all the animals and other things that God created. They were created in the image of God. For this reason people are able to communicate with and be controlled by spirits. People can choose to communicate with evil spirits or with God's spirit.

Animals do as God planned. They cannot communicate with spirits. If an animal could communicate with spirits, an evil spirit might influence one of them to sexually abuse their young as humans sometimes do. An evil spirit might convince a lion to create evil recreation for the other lions. Animals do not have freedom to do *their own thing*. They do what God has designed for them. They are content to do that.

Being able to communicate with God's spirit made Adam able to name and subdue all the animals and tend the big earth garden. If he had been only a body, like an animal, this task would have been impossible. Adam was uniquely different from the animals.

Being in God's image also made people free, free to make their own choices and do their own thing—free to obey God's one commandment to not take of the *knowledge of good and evil*, free to obey this command. The first man chose to communicate with Satan who influenced him to disobey and eat of the fruit.

God also created people with the ability to live forever as long as they

ate of the tree of life. But having freedom to choose and choosing to eat of the knowledge of good and evil changed things. ("...By one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." Romans 5:12.) Animals were not given the privilege to eat of the tree of life and live forever.

The water, plants, fish, animals, the whole solar system and everything in it were created to do God's will by nature. They have no choice. People are the unique creation of God that can choose to do what God designed for them to do, or they can choose to not do it.

—Charlotte Huskey

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### *God Bless You*

*May God paint this morning,  
With skies warm and blue  
And bring your heart laughter  
In all that you do;*

*And with each tomorrow  
May heaven above  
Send you God's blessings  
Of sweetness and love.*

—Patricia Ann Emme

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### Questions:

1. In whose image were people created?
2. What were Adam's jobs?
3. Where did people first live?
4. What choices were given to Adam and Eve?
5. How was the first woman created?
6. Who first called Eve a woman?
7. Were the animals to fear Adam?
8. What will happen to a man who kills another man?
9. How did death for man come?

The village leader was a communist, and hated Christianity. He gathered "trouble-makers" and disrupted the meetings. He told them to capture Jaya and put her in a well. "We'll see if there is a God that can get her out of the well," he told them.

Some Christians heard about the wicked plan and hid her in a strong house. Inside the sturdy wall, she could hear the angry men chanting, "We're gonna get her. We're gonna kill her!" Just remembering about it made Jaya shiver. When they had finally given up and were returning home in the dark, God caused several of them to fall and to be badly hurt. Jaya could still see the excited faces of the boys who told her about the men falling.

When the village leader got to his home, he found his infant baby at the point of death. The doctor who was there could do nothing that helped the child. Some suggested that perhaps God had allowed the sickness because he was persecuting God's children.

"It couldn't be," he had said. "There is no God."

But others thought God had healed the child for which Jaya had prayed.

"Go ask forgiveness. Maybe that little girl will pray for your baby too," the grandfather advised.

"I can't do that," the father had said. "The brethren will punish me for tearing up their meeting." However his father had come and asked her forgiveness, Jaya remembered. She would have gone immediately to pray for his grandchild, but the brethren thought it was only a trick. When they saw that she was determined to go, about two hundred Christians went with her. God instantly healed the baby and the communist leader became a Christian and had a red dress made for Jaya.

"That was five years ago," she said to herself. "The dress is far too small. But it reminds me of that time God changed my troubles into a blessing."

Then she remembered many other troubles that had changed into blessings.

"My loving Jesus," she began praying again. "Please turn these troubles of my friend Vani into great blessings... Amen."

Jaya worked her way carefully back through the thorn bushes and went to the house, hoping to help her mother with the evening meal. As she walked in, she noticed the meal was all ready, and there was a letter on the table.

The letter was from Mr. Yesudas. Quickly Jaya read it aloud:

Dear Little Maiden,

Thank you for coming to Avyiragads and preaching the gospel. The revival which started when you were here is still flaming. Many are getting saved. My four older boys are also boldly announcing the Good News.

The dear neighbor, who so graciously supplied food for our meeting is still supporting the work here.

Thank you for your effort.

Your humble servant,

—Mr. Yesudas

When Jaya finished reading, Mother gave her a little hug. Jaya knew that she, too, was happy that many were getting saved and that God was using others to preach His Word.

But Jaya couldn't believe she had spent all afternoon praying and remembering God's blessings.

(To be continued next week.)

—Charlotte Huskey

(Answers: 1. God's 2. Adam was to name and subdue the animals, and tend the garden. 3. In the garden of Eden. 4. To eat of the fruit of knowledge of good and evil or to not eat of it. 5. While Adam was asleep, God took one of his ribs and formed Eve. 6. Adam. 7. Yes. 8. He will be killed by man, because man was created in the image of God. 9. By sin.)

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Leaving Home

(Continued from last week.)

It was raining when Jaya awoke. Her mother was calling, "Get-up, get-up." Jaya had heard the rain during the night, and from the looks of the sky it would be raining all day again.

It was the time of the monsoon rains. The food supply of India depended a great deal on this rain. Jaya was thankful for the rains, but somehow this morning it added to the gloom she felt. Mother too, looked very sad. She did not serve breakfast with her usual cheery smile. Daddy ate rapidly and left.

After helping with the breakfast dishes, Jaya hurried away to her secret prayer place. Surely something was terribly wrong. After a good long visit with her Jesus, Jaya felt better. She knew Jesus would take care of everything.

On her way back to the house, she met Mother at the edge of the rice field. Mother was crying. "My child, my child, your father is very upset," she sobbed. "Your uncles and grandfather talked with him yesterday. They say he must force you to make something out of yourself. They say you are wasting your life running around talking about Jesus."

"Mommy, I'm not wasting my life. I'm helping many people."

"I know, Jaya, and so does your daddy. But what they say is also true. What will you do when you are old, if you have no children to care for you? How will you have children unless some man will marry you? And what decent family will want their son to marry a girl who hasn't finished the first grade?"

"Don't worry about me getting married. God will take care of me."

"Both families are pressuring your father very hard. He's about to go crazy. He says if you would go away, then the pressure would be off him."

"No, Mommy!" Jaya protested.

"Oh, Jaya I do hate to see you go but I think it would be best."

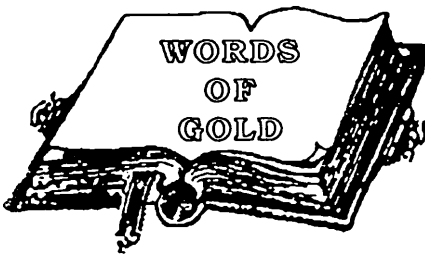
"But where would I go? All the brethren are poor. This season of the year, some of them have hardly anything to eat. Which of them has food enough for another mouth?"

"Your Jesus will take care of you. He always has."

"But Mother, I'd miss all of you, and my home, and most of all my prayer place. And my daddy, dear, dear daddy, how could he wish that I go away?" Jaya covered her face and cried.

"I know it will be hard, but it's better to go away in peace than by force."

"Then I will go," Jaya said, deter-



## God Will Judge Every Person's Actions

**Matthew 12:34-37**

**34** O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

**35** A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.

**36** But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

**37** For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

**Romans 14:8, 10-12**

**8** For whether we live,...or die, we are the Lord's.

**10** ...for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

**11** For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.

**12** So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

**Revelations 20:12-13**

**12** And I saw the dead, small and great, 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.

**Romans 2:1-3, 6-12, 15-16**

**1** Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man,...

**2** But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth...

**3** And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?

**6** Who will render to every man according to his deeds:

**7** To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life:

**8** But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath,

**9** Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil,...

**10** But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good...

**11** For there is no respect of persons with God.

**12** For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law;

**15** ...their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)

**16** In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ....

**The Message: All people are responsible for their actions and will be judged by God's Word on the final judgment day.**

Look for "Questions" on page 3.

### Verse to Memorize

**...for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ....every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.**

**Romans 14:10-11.**

# Let's



## Talk . . .

Salvador was an Italian man who believed that by giving money to the Catholic church and confessing his gross sins to the priest, he would get into heaven. When he was a little boy he often looked sadly into the beautiful church and wished he had money to give.

Years later Salvador learned that God would forgive his sins even though he had no money. He repented of his sins and God lifted the heavy weight of sin from his heart. He got a Bible and read it carefully. He obeyed every commandment he found in it.

One day when he was reading his Bible, he read this verse, "For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law;...In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men...." Oh how he wanted others to know about Jesus and know the Bible so they could obey and not perish.

But he did not know how he could do this. He tried talking to some of his family, but they only sneered at him. Then he tried talking to strangers. Some of them asked questions he could not answer. This isn't working very well, he thought. Later a friend gave him some tracts that explained how to be saved. This, Salvador thought, was the answer. After work in the evening he went to the park, but having been discouraged by his other attempts he found himself ashamed to give out the

tracts. Finally he handed out just a few and headed for home. He tried it again and again, until he got more courageous. However he found that many people didn't want the tracts and sometimes he found some thrown on the sidewalk.

Salvador didn't want to stop. He felt God had given him this job to do. "Oh, Lord," he prayed, "work something out so people will want to read my tracts." God did just that.

Salvador found a job driving a beautiful limousine for a rich woman. While she went inside the building to do her business, Salvador stood beside her car and handed out tracts. There seemed to be something about the classy car that made people want to read what Salvador had to give away.

Each of us must be just as determined as Salvador. For each of us will stand before God and be judged by whether we have done God's will or not. What will God say if we have not done His will? Will God say, "You are excused. Come on into heaven?" No, He will say, "Depart thou into everlasting fire."

—Charlotte Huskey

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### Questions:

1. By what will a man be justified or condemned?
2. Why do we believe Jesus was speaking to wicked people?
3. What are four things that every person will do? (Rom. 14:8-12.)
4. Who will stand before God?
5. From what books will the people be judged?
6. According to what will they be judged?
7. Does God respect persons and will some be excused on the Judgment Day?
8. Are the judgments of God according to truth?
9. Will people's secrets also be judged?

minedly. She kissed her mother.

They walked to the house together, Mother wiping tears with a corner of her sari, Jaya stumbling over the rough road.

Jaya packed a few clothes in her metal trunk that Daddy had bought to make traveling for the Lord easier. Tears blinded her eyes, and her legs felt weak as water. Suddenly she ran out the door, across the yard and the rice field and into the thorn hedge. She flew up the two sets of stairs and threw herself down at the foot of her grandmother's tombstone that she had used so often for an altar. "Oh, Jesus," she cried, "Do I have to leave this place, my home, my family, my dear Daddy that has helped me so often? How could he change so much? What will I do? Where will I go?" Jaya cried and prayed for a long time.

When she had finally calmed down, Jesus kindly said, "My dear Jaya, I have a place prepared for you. Just follow me as you have done before."

Jaya returned to the house and finished packing her trunk. She kissed her sisters, and mother, and said good-bye to the servants. Struggling under the weight of her trunk, she trudged away from her home, not knowing when she would again see it. It had never before looked so lovely. Only she and Mother knew the ache in her heart, for she had left on many trips. She set her trunk down at the bus stop and went looking here and there at familiar things that she might not see for a long time. While she was looking the bus came and left.

Now the rain was falling again. Jaya dragged her trunk into a roadside temple and sat down on it to wait. She hated to leave her home town. For this reason the delay was sweet. But to get to the village where God was sending, she would have to

go on the bus, then on a train and then walk three miles from the train station. Carrying the trunk those three miles would certainly be a challenge. "Jesus, please let me get there while there is light," she prayed. "I might step on a cobra walking in the dark." While Jaya was imagining what it would be like to be bitten by a cobra, a honeybee stung her on the eye. The pain shot over her face. Now she hurt outside as well as inside, but she laughed thinking of how she'd look with a swollen eye.

Two hours later another bus came. She rode to the train station and got on the train. It had stopped raining when Jaya stepped off the train. But in the direction of the village, it seemed to be raining. Behind her the sun was setting in the west. Out across the muddy fields, she could see the rows of palm trees that lined each property.

A mile down the trail, Jaya punctured her bare foot on a fallen palm branch. She sat down to nurse her foot. "I'm just a homeless, miserable girl," she said picking the mud away from the cut, and rubbing her eye. "How can I carry my trunk with a wounded foot?"

She gazed into the sky as if waiting for God to answer. That is when she noticed the sun sinking in the west. Spurred by fear of the coming darkness, she jumped to her feet.

(To be continued next week.)

—Charlotte Huskey

[Answers: 1. By whether he obeys or disobeys God's Word. 2. He called them a generations of vipers (poisonous snakes). 3. Every person will die, bow and confess to God, and give account of himself. 4. All the dead, both small and great. 5. From the books of the Bible. 6. "According to their works," which means according to things they have done. 7. No. 8. Yes. 9. Yes.]

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## A New Home

(Continued from last week.)

As Jaya was struggling to get her heavy trunk upon her shoulder, she heard the caw of a crow and the chatter of a parrot. The birds are happily doing God's will, Jaya thought, so I will, too. She then remembered the vision she had of Jesus' bleeding, wounded body. "Oh, my Jesus, you suffered so much for me. I have to suffer so little for you," she said. Suddenly the pain in her foot and eye seemed so small.

Just before the darkness settled, Jaya struggled into the village. The poor villagers were happy to have her. They seemed to not notice her mud-splattered, torn dress, nor her uncombed hair. Whole families lived in small huts, so some sisters made Jaya comfortable in one corner of the little Lutheran chapel. "Are you afraid?" a sister questioned.

"Angels are all around." Jaya answered. It always helped her to boldly testify.

The next morning a field worker brought her some rice as he went to work. That evening another farmer brought a bowl of yummy warm rice for her supper. Twice everyday the villagers brought Jaya rice, or beans, sometimes fruit or bread. Every evening they came to hear her talk.

The believers were much encouraged by Jaya's talks. Soon there were new Christians.

When the overseer of the Lutheran church saw how effective Jaya's messages were, he tried to persuade her to join the Lutheran church. "I do not need to join a church. I am already in Christ," Jaya told him.

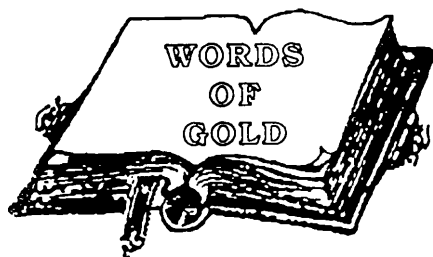
One curious old lady and her little granddaughter came to visit Jaya. She asked if Jaya was an orphan. "I have good Christian parents," Jaya told her, "but my uncles and grandparents think I should either get married or be studying a profession. Daddy sent me away, to please them."

The old woman got close to Jaya's face and looked at it carefully, "Why don't you get married? You're quite pretty."

"I can't get married when there is so much work to be done for Jesus."

Then the old lady pointed her long finger at Jaya and said, "You are probably just a rebellious, headstrong girl and don't want to marry the man your daddy has picked out for you. Yea, I know how these young folks are now-a-days."

Jaya sat cross legged on her mat facing the old woman. The old woman crouched beside the doorway. "I guess I have caused my parents a lot of sorrow," Jaya admitted.



## Man Can Be Just Before God

**Romans 5:1-2, 6-12, 17-21**

1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.

8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

11 And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)

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.

19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

20 Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound.

21 That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Hebrews 7:22-28**

22 By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament.

23 And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death:

24 But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood.

25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

26 For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;

27 Who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself.

28 For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was since the law, maketh the Son, [Jesus our high priest] who is consecrated for evermore.

**The Message: Through faith in Christ a person can be justified of his sins.**

Look for "Questions" on page 3.

### Verse to Memorize

**Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Romans 5:1.**

# Let's



# Talk . . .

Some people believe that man was created in the image of God so he is basically good; and if he has the proper environment to train him to think correctly, he will be a good person. Some believe the image of God is like a little God within each person. Man's struggle is to bring this little God to the surface so it can make the person righteous.

The apostles taught a doctrine quite different from this. They taught that sin entered into the world when Adam disobeyed and acquired the knowledge of good and evil. That sin was passed on to every person. People then are basically sinful and each has sinned. The apostle Paul said when people sin, they then come under death. (Romans 5:12.)

In order to be redeemed from this death a sacrifice must be made. In years gone by, priests sacrificed animals, and this was acceptable to God. But today each person must accept the sacrifice of God's holy Son, Jesus. He gave himself a sacrifice in death that sinful people could be redeemed back to God. Loving God and having faith in His Son Jesus is the simple equation to justification before God.

Millions of people, who had no Bibles, felt their evil actions angered God so they invented different ways of appeasing this supposed wrath. The most common way was through sacrificing animals, their children, beautiful vir-

gins, and endless other things. People today are much like men of the past ages. Often they try to gain God's favor through sacrifice rather than by believing, loving and obeying Him. Some give thousands of dollars, others sacrifice a normal life to live a solitary life of chanting prayers; etc. Some have given everything and lived as beggars. But God is not wanting people to sacrifice for their sins. He says, "Obedience is better than sacrifice."

The apostles taught that God is love and that He has supplied His own sacrifice. Man's only duty to be justified before God is to love Him and believe in His plan. Loving God consists of obeying Him. Jesus said, "If ye love me keep my commandments." The apostle John said, "This is the love of God, that we keep his commandments; and his commandments are not grievous."

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Trying to make ourselves good will not bring peace with God. Man is not basically good within himself. Only through justification, by faith in Jesus, can a man be good in God's eyes.

—Charlotte Huskey

## Questions:

1. How is a person justified?
2. With whom does a justified person have peace?
3. Who died for the ungodly?
4. We are justified by whose blood?
5. Through what did the justification of life come?
6. Who is the high priest of God's saved children?
7. Describe our High Priest.
8. Did Jesus offer a sacrifice for His own sin?
9. Who is able to save people to the uttermost?

"I knew it," answered the old lady as she rose and stepped out the door.

The little girl made no move. After her grandmother was a good way from the door, she said, "Tell me about when you were a little girl."

"When I was a little girl," Jaya said very thoughtfully, "I would sometimes walk away, without telling anybody where I was going. Sometimes my daddy would hunt me for days. When he would find me, he would be very angry! Very often he beat me. Sometimes he locked me in a tiny room for days and gave me only a few crumbs to eat."

"Why were you so disrespectful?" the little girl asked.

"I didn't know I was being disrespectful. You know everyone should obey God rather than obey man. I must have thought I wouldn't get permission to obey God, so I need not ask. I really don't know what I thought." Jaya stared out the door for a while then she added, "It's no wonder people called me Mr. Kollipara's little crazy girl."

"One time when I was about nine years old, I had running sores all over my legs. I begged Jesus many times to take them away, but He didn't. After a long time, my mommy and daddy took me to a doctor and he said I needed some shots. I said to the doctor, 'You are a good doctor, but my Jesus is greater and He will make my legs well.'"

"The doctor looked puzzled and frowned. Then my daddy said, 'Pay no attention to her, she is a foolish, crazy girl. Give her the medicine she needs.'"

"When the doctor turned to get the medicine, I flew out the door like a frightened cheetah."

"You ran away?"

"Yes, and when Daddy found me at home, he stormed, 'Even the doctor said you are crazy. And you're not

eating or drinking until you are willing to take that shot.' Then he locked me in a room."

"I fell on the floor and cried, 'Lord, why is it that You heal other people, but You haven't healed me?'"

"Jesus came to me and said, 'Do not fear. I will heal you.' When I woke up the next morning there were no sores on my legs. I waited to see what Daddy would do."

"When he saw that the skin on my legs was smooth and tan again, he fell on his knees and begged God and me to forgive him."

"Is that really true?" the little girl asked cocking her head to one side.

"All true," Jaya answered.

While they had been talking Jaya saw many ladies passing in front of the chapel. Peeking out the door she saw the women were entering and leaving the big, beautiful home nearby. "What has happened?" Jaya asked a woman who was walking sadly away.

"Haven't you heard?" the woman asked. "Their little grandson is dying. The demons are choking him to death." The little girl jumped to her feet and hurried away.

"Shall I go pray for the baby?" Jaya asked Jesus.

"Go," He answered.

God healed the baby. Then the rich family took Jaya to live in their home.

(To be continued next week.)

—Charlotte Huskey

(Answers: 1. By faith in Jesus. 2. God. 3. Christ Jesus. 4. By the blood of Christ Jesus. 5. Through the righteousness of Jesus. 6. Jesus. 7. He is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, higher than the heavens. 8. No, he had no sins. 9. Jesus.)

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Escaped A Murderer

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Jesus is saying, "Go preach to the people in the next village." Jaya told the lady with whom she was staying, "I will be back when God is through with me there."

Jaya knew no one in that village and had nowhere to stay, but when night came a nice looking lady said to her, "Will you please be a guest at my house tonight?"

Jaya didn't notice the strange look on the peoples' faces when she accepted the invitation. Neither did she notice the curious boys who followed her to the woman's house and waited in the darkness to see in what room Jaya would be placed. When the boys saw a light in the upstairs room, they hurried away to tell their friends, "The girl is sleeping in the death room!"

Tired from the long walk, and thankful for a place to rest, Jaya lay down on the cot prepared for her. "Good night," the lady said sweetly.

"Goodnight," Jaya answered. "I'll be up early in the morning."

During the night when everything was very dark, Jaya was awakened by a woman's voice. "I'm going to kill you," it said.

Jaya shut her eyes tightly. For an instant she was shaking all over and her teeth were chattering. Then she

remembered that Jesus had said, "Go where I send you, Jaya, and I will always be with you." She opened her eyes and saw angels hovering around her.

"You cannot hurt me," she said to the horrid woman. "Jesus won't let you. He says, 'Go away from my servant now!'" Instantly the woman left.

The next morning, Jaya prayed for a long time as she usually did. While talking with Jesus, she heard voices outside. When she looked out, there was a crowd of people looking up at her. Thinking they were wanting to see her, she called out the window, "I'll be right down."

The amazed crowd began chattering. "Her God is stronger than our Hindu gods," a ragged boy yelled.

"Quiet," scolded an old man with vertical marks painted on his forehead. "It's just that she is a worshipper of the protector god."

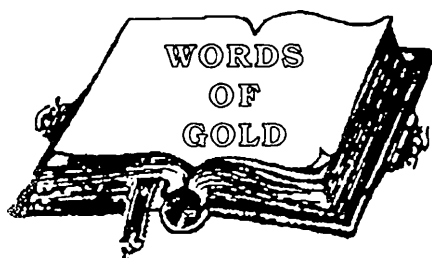
"Fourteen people have been murdered in the room where you slept," the people told Jaya when she came out.

Jaya raised her eyes toward heaven and said, "Oh, thank you Jesus Christ for protecting me."

"Christ is your God?" an old man asked. "You are Christian?"

"Yes," Jaya answered.

"But you look just like a person," a little girl said.



## People Must Love God

### Deuteronomy 10:12

**12** And now, Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,

### Deuteronomy 11:1, 13-14

**1** Therefore thou shalt love the Lord thy God, and keep his charge, and his statutes, and his judgments, and his commandments, alway.

**13** And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments...to love the Lord your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul,

**14** That I will give you the rain of your land in his due season....

### Deuteronomy 30:16-20

**16** I command thee this day to love the Lord thy God,...that thou mayest live and multiply:...

**17** But if thine heart turn away,...and worship other gods, and serve them;

**18** I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish,...

**19** ...I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

**20** That thou mayest love the Lord thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice,... for he is thy life....

### Joshua 22:5

**5** But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law, which

Moses the servant of the Lord charged you, to love the Lord your God,...and to cleave unto him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul.

### Mark 12:29-34

**29-30** And Jesus answered him,...thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

**31** And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

**32** And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God;...

**33** And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbour as himself, is more than all...sacrifices.

**34** And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God....

**The Message: A person's most important duty is to love God more than he loves anything else.**

Look for "Questions" on page 3.

### Verse to Memorize

And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

Mark 12:30.

# Let's



## Talk . . .

When I married, I moved about 500 miles away from my family. How I missed them. Sure, I loved my new husband and we did all those fun things that newly married folks do, but still I was homesick. Every day I wrote a letter to my family. One of my sisters and I were so close, we knew what the other was thinking just by looking at each other. Many times when my husband would be snoring, I would be crying. But guess what happened? Little by little, the burning desire to see my family became weaker and weaker. My letters became fewer, until I was writing once a week, then once a month—until—well I'm ashamed to say how long it became between letters home.

Any of you who have moved away from friends know what I'm talking about. Perhaps you thought you could not live without seeing or talking with a friend you left behind. But after a while, new friends came into your life and that strong desire to chat with your old friend wasn't there.

This same thing can happen to our love for God. The more time we spend with God the more we enjoy His presence. There is no joy quite as fulfilling as being in the presence of the Lord. If we neglect to read the Bible, pray or think about God, our desire for His companionship becomes less. The more it is neglected, the less keenly we feel His absence in our life until at last there will come a day when we will not miss Him at all.

When this happens, the devil is handy to cause us to enjoy some-

thing else, and you don't feel the void. We feel just about as happy as when we had God. But alas the time will come when we will be led away in sin, and sin will bring its sorrows. God, who was once our dear Friend, will not be there to comfort us. Every few months each Christian should give himself a test to see what he really loves most. In this way a person can keep his love firmly planted on God.

One good way to test our love is to check and see if we are obeying God's commandments, for Jesus said, "If you love me, keep my commandments." John 14:15. Also John 15:10 reads: "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love." By these verses we see that if we are obeying God then we love Him. If we are not obeying His commandments, we do not love Him. We may say we do, but in the judgment day, we will be one of those who hears God saying, "Depart from Me, I never knew you."

Please don't let fun, the world, new friends, nor anything take away that burning desire to be in the presence of God. —Charlotte Huskey

### Questions:

1. What did God require of Israel?
2. Name the blessings promised to those who love God?
3. What will happen to those who do not love God?
4. What two choices are set before every person?
5. What did Moses tell the people to do?
6. What did Jesus say was the greatest commandment?
7. What is the second to the greatest commandment?
8. Why was the scribe near to the kingdom of God?
9. Do you love God more than any other thing?

Jaya laughed. "I am a person," she said. "When I was a little girl like you, Jesus came into my heart and He has been my Helper and Protector ever since."

"Will you please come to my house and tell us more about this Jesus?" a tall Indian man asked.

Many people's hearts were opened to believe in Jesus because the power of God protected Jaya from the murderer.

News of this great power spread to other villages. People from far away came and learned how to have Jesus as their Saviour. There was a great spiritual awakening in that part of the country. Hundreds accepted the Christian faith.

Jaya was happy she had obeyed the Lord.

When Jaya arrived at the new home where she had been staying, she was surprised to see her father sitting in the courtyard. "My daddy! My daddy!" she cried running with her arms wide open.

Daddy returned her hug, and said, "I've come to take you home."

"I'm ready to go," she said. "My trunk is already packed."

"We thank God for sending your daughter here," said the woman of the house. "Our little grandson is alive because she prayed. But I also understand your frustrations, for she is a very odd child indeed. She does mysterious, daring things if she thinks God is leading her to do it. If she were my child, I'd be a nervous wreck trying to keep up with her."

"I'm glad you understand," Mr. Kollipara said. "I hope God does and will forgive my sudden outbursts of anger."

Daddy carried the trunk and Jaya chattered happily as they walked the three miles to catch the train. She told him how she had struggled through the mud carrying the heavy trunk, her

foot sore and eye swollen. Being with her Daddy again caused all troubles to vanish.

Vijaya Kumari was waiting at the gate for Jaya. "How my little sister has grown," Jaya said, giving her a tight hug.

"Why did you stay away so long?" Vijaya asked. Jaya shrugged her shoulders. "I'm glad you got back today, for tomorrow we are going to cousin Jyothi's wedding."

Jaya couldn't say a word, for she thought it could mean more trouble.

"What's wrong?" Vijaya continued. "Aren't you excited? We will get to see all our uncles, aunts and cousins."

"I just don't feel very well," Jaya said, as she struggled inside.

"Mother, Mother," Vijaya called, "Jaya is back, but she's sick."

"My child, my child," Mother said running to Jaya. "I have prayed for you every day."

"I knew you would," Jaya said bursting into tears. For a long while they wept together. Finally Mother asked, "You've been sick?"

"No, Mother, God has kept me well and blessed many souls to be saved. I'll tell you about it after we eat. Right now, I'm hungry for my mommy's cooking."

(To be continued next week.)

—Charlotte Huskey

(Answers: 1. To fear, love and serve the Lord God. 2. Rain for their land, and to live and have children. 3. They shall perish. 4. To love God and live, or to not love God and die. 5. To love the Lord and walk in His ways. 6. And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. 7. Love others as ourselves. 8. Because he answered discreetly. 9. Answers will vary.)

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Home Alone

(Continued from last week.)

The first night at home again, Jaya could hardly go to sleep. She wanted to look at everything—the low table in the other room where she had eaten many meals with her family, the old pictures that hung on the walls. She wanted to look forever at her mother and sisters. She wanted to hear her daddy snoring. But most of all she wanted to communicate with her Lord in her secret prayer place. When everyone was asleep she crept out of the house and across the rice field. Rice that was being planted when she had left was now tall. She loved the feel of it brushing against her legs. The moon shining on the thorns helped her keep from getting scratched up as she worked her way through the hedge.

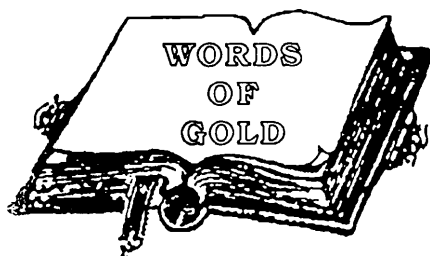
"Jesus, you have helped me many times before when I prayed here on this grave," she said, kneeling at the tombstone. "Please take away this fear that Daddy will again send me away from home after we return from Jyothi's wedding."

Jesus took away the fear and told her not to go to the wedding nor to other family gatherings. "If you stay away, your daddy won't have so much pressure," Jesus told her.

As Jaya watched her family and the servants leaving, her heart yearned to go along, to be a part of the family. She watched until they were out of sight, then she hurried away to her place of prayer. "Oh, Jesus," she prayed, "please take away this loneliness." Suddenly Jaya was not alone; angels came to visit her.

Stacked high alongside the house were bundles of wood to be used for cooking. When Jaya was hungry she tried hard to get a bundle down to use to build a fire. They were too high, and too heavy, so she ate some cold leftover white rice. After eating she looked all around the house and over her daddy's rice fields for sticks. She found none. That evening she ate more cold leftover rice.

The next day she decided to go out and hunt for wood like she'd seen the little poor girls do. She went with them into a large field. Some of the girls had sharp machetes and climbed into the trees and began cutting off limbs. Jaya knew the landowners did not like the children cutting limbs off their trees, so she would not do it. She walked away singing a hymn and looking for sticks on the ground. Before long she heard the gruff voice of a man shouting, "Get out of my fields." In a moment the man was beside her.



## Christians Have Authority Over Sin

**New Words:** 1. The *old man* is a person's sinful habits. 2. A *mortal body* is a fleshly body. 3. *Dominion* is control.

### Romans 6:2-23

2 How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

7 For he that is dead is freed from sin.

8 Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him:

9 Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.

10 For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and

your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.

16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.

18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

19 I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.

20 For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness.

21 What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death.

22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The Message: A Christian must crucify sinful thoughts and actions and live holy in this world.**

Look for "Questions" on page 3.

### Verse to Memorize

**But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.**

**Romans 6:22.**

# Let's



## Talk . . .

The apostles taught the believers that each Christian was a changed person. He or she would now think differently. He would not like the same things, nor do the sins he had done before becoming a Christian.

The early Christians changed so much that the apostle Paul called it dying to sin. He said just as Jesus was crucified and died, so every Christian must crucify sinful habits and die to his old ways.

Without oxygen, a person dies. Breathing brings this needed oxygen into our body. A dead person does not breathe. If a Christian stops drawing sinful thoughts into his or her mind, sinful habits will die for they cannot live without evil thoughts. If an evil thought should come to mind, the Christian should resist such thoughts, and not allow the thoughts to stay.

A dead person does not eat. *Eating* is putting fuel into the body. Christians quit looking at, listening to, or reading anything that will fuel his desires to sin. Sin cannot live without this fuel.

*Drinking* and *moving* are impossible for a dead man. Just so a Christian stops *drinking* of the lustful pleasures of life. He stops going to ungodly entertainments. All his movements are to serve his wonderful new Master.

The apostles taught that a person is a servant to whom he obeys. There are two moral kingdoms, one of evil, one of good. Each of these

kingdoms has an invisible ruler. If a person continues sinning he is obeying the ruler of evil. If he does good, he is obeying the Ruler of good. Which ruler should a Christian obey?

Sin is like a possessive monster. If we yield to sinful thoughts or desires, the monster of sin will soon reign over us. It will have so much power over us that we will find ourselves sinning even when we wish to do good. The apostle Paul said, "Let not sin reign in your body,...for sin shall not have dominion over you." We are servant to whomever we obey. Each ruler pays wages to those he rules. "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life."

The apostles taught that a Christian is dead to sin. He is buried to sin in baptism. Sin has no power over him. Now he is raised up in a new life; a life free from the binding power of sin.

If you find yourself unable to overcome sin in your life, call on Jesus. He will deliver you from its power. Then you can practice holy living and will be living as the apostle taught that people should live.

—Charlotte Huskey

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### Questions:

1. How should a person live after he is baptized?
2. Why is the old man crucified?
3. A Christian must die to \_\_\_ and live to \_\_\_.
4. What must not reign (rule) in our mortal body?
5. Unto what should we never yield?
6. What should not have dominion (power) over a Christian?
7. Are we a servant to whomever we obey?
8. When we are free from sin we become servant to what?
9. What are the wages for those who serve sin?

"Why didn't you run away like the other girls did?" he asked.

"Oh, sir, I wasn't doing any harm, so why should I run?" she answered with a smile.

The man took a hard look at Jaya then said, "I know you. You are Mr. Kollipara's crazy girl. He doesn't want you out gathering wood with these 'untouchables'."

Jaya wanted to say, "I'm not crazy and these girls aren't 'untouchables' They are very loving and touchable." But she just said, "Sir, my family is away and I can't get the big bundles of wood down from the high stacks, so I was hunting a few sticks to warm me some food."

"Come with me," he said, and took Jaya to his house and filled her arms full of firewood.

As Jaya was carrying the wood home, one of the girls came running up to her. "What did he say about your daddy not wanting you to be with us?"

"He is very wrong about my daddy," Jaya told the girl. "My daddy loves all people, well, that is except some religious leaders. He says, 'the Hindu priests are not good because they feel superior to the poor, and because they brag about having much wisdom."

"My daddy used to play tricks on the priests," Jaya continued. "One trick he loved to play was to take a young man from the untouchable caste, clean him up, put some nice clothes on him and bring him to the priest. There he was introduced as the son of some outstanding and well known priest of another part of India. The local priest felt so highly honored that the son of such a man would come to visit him, that he would fall at the feet of the young man, wash his feet, and pour the dirty water from the foot bath on his own head as holy water."

"Really?" the girl asked. Jaya nodded and they laughed together.

"After a few days my daddy would bring the untouchable, in all his rags, back to the priest and say, This is the man whose feet you washed. He is an *untouchable*."

"If you priests have the wisdom you brag about, you would not have been so easily fooled, my daddy would tell them," Jaya told the girl.

"So you are my friend?" the girl asked.

"Sure," Jaya answered.

"Good-bye, Jaya."

"Good-bye."

When her family returned, they brought news that Vani, another of Jaya's poor friends, was now studying at a Christian trade school. "May I go and visit Vani?" she asked Jesus.

Jesus said "Yes," and so did her daddy.

It had been four years since they had seen each other. Jaya was surprised how getting married at ten, and becoming a widow so young had changed Vani.

After the usual greeting Jaya asked, "Do you remember a little girl that came to your village to preach the gospel and you took care of her?"

"Yes, I do," Vani answered.

"I am that girl," Jaya answered.

"Really?" Vani asked. "I never thought I would see you again!" They talked for a long time that night about those days in the village.

Jaya returned home again happy to know Vani wasn't a miserable widow like so many she had seen.

(To be continued next week.)

—Charlotte Huskey

(Answers: 1. He should walk in a new kind of life. 2. So the body of sin can be destroyed. 3. Sin. God. 4. Sin. 5. Unto sin. 6. Sin. 7. Yes. 8. Righteousness. 9. Death.)

# THE

# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Preachers Are Saved

(Continued from last week.)

One evening when Jaya was sweeping, a man called from the street. "Does Jayapradha Kollipara live here?"

"Yes, I will call my father," she answered.

"My master is a witch doctor. He wishes Jayapradha to meet with him," Jaya heard the man tell her father.

Away she ran to her place of prayer. "Shall I go?" she asked.

"Go, it will bring glory to My name," was God's answer.

When her Christian friends heard she was going, they hurried in to warn her. "He may cast a spell on you, even kill you," one said.

"Witch doctors have mighty power through evil spirits," another warned.

"Please, don't go," a good friend begged.

"You think the witch doctor is stronger than God?" she asked. "God can protect from anything."

"If you are determined to go," the preacher said, "I am going along to help."

The witch doctor's servant left and came again with many carts to carry the people. Jaya, her family, the preacher and other friends went. Traveling in the slow ox-drawn carts took many days.

At last the group of Christians arrived at the witch doctor's house. "I will go in first," said the preacher.

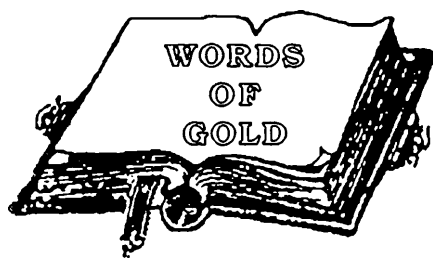
As soon as he opened the door, he turned white. "Don't come in," he said to Jaya in a frightened tone. "There are men standing shoulder to shoulder all around the room. Each man has a big stick in his hand."

"I must go in," Jaya said. "God sent me here."

"No," he warned.

"I must," she said with authority. He moved inside just enough to let Jaya through the door. When she stepped into the room, the men bowed before her. At the same instant, the preacher yelled out. Jaya turned to see a wild woman holding the preacher by his hair. She went directly to the woman, and said, "Jesus demands you devils to come out of this woman." Immediately the woman surrendered and the man got out of her grip.

"Ay, ay," said the preacher. "I am a big strong man and I couldn't handle that woman. But this girl has rooted out the devil by her simple prayer. I need the experience with Jesus that she has." The preacher humbled himself in repentance and God saved him. Together the Christians presented the gospel to the witch doctor and his many followers, then returned to their village.



## Sanctification

**Hebrews 10:1, 4, 9-12, 14-19,  
22-23 28-29, 31**

**1** The law...can never...make the comers thereunto perfect.

**4** For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.

**9** Then said he,...He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.

**10** By the which...we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

**11** And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering often times the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins:

**12** But this man, [Jesus] after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;

**14** For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

**15** Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for...

**16** This is the covenant that I will make with them....saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;

**17** And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

**18** Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.

**19** Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,

**22** Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith,...

**23** Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is

faithful that promised;)

**28** He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:

**29** Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

**31** It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

### **I Corinthians 6:9-11**

**9** Knowye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

**10** Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

**11** And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

### **I Thessalonians 5:23**

**23** And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**The Message: Jesus Christ gave himself a sacrifice for sin that every man could be justified, sanctified and preserved blameless.**

Look for "Questions" on page 3.

### **Verse to Memorize**

**And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless....**

**I Thessalonians 5:23.**

# Let's



## Talk . . .

Before Jesus died, God's people sacrificed animals for the remission of their sins. God accepted these offerings because they were an act of obedience and He forgave their sins. Each year the person had to sacrifice again for his sins for there was no power in the blood of the bulls, or goats, or sheep, to keep man from sinning again.

Jesus, however, sacrificed His sinless body one time and it covered the sins of all people, for all ages. Now people do not have to live under sin's bondage and come again and again to get forgiveness. When a person asks forgiveness, and believes Jesus' death is the sacrifice for his personal sins, God removes all his sins.

The sanctifying power puts God's laws in a Christian's heart so he has power to resist new temptations to sin. Before Jesus' death, a person could have God's laws in his mind if he studied hard and memorized. Some did, and they tried hard to obey the laws of God, yet the Bible says, that within a year they had failed, and needed to make another sacrifice for other sins. A sanctified person, with God's laws in both his mind and his heart, does not have to fall into sin.

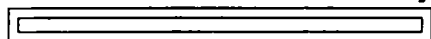
The apostles taught that to be sanctified, a person who has been cleansed from past sins must present himself to God for service. The dishes, candle holders and others vessels in the temple were sanctified vessels because they were to be used only

for the glory of God. So when a sinless person is willing to give himself to God to be used in whatever way God chooses, he can then be sanctified. The Holy Spirit comes into this human vessel and purges out inherited sin and places God's law in the heart. A person with God's law in his heart has power to overcome every temptation.

If a Christian humbly relies on the power of the Holy Spirit he will have no need to ask forgiveness for his sins at the end of each day. He can thank God for keeping him victorious over sin that day. God will sanctify and keep a Christian from sinning in their thoughts, emotions or body. Living this way is not automatic. It takes a lot of spiritual fighting, resisting evil thoughts, doubts, depression, etc., and holding fast the profession of our faith.

The believers in those first Churches of God rejoiced that they had been delivered from the bondage of sin and did not need to return each day or each year to offer a sacrifice for new sins.

—Charlotte Huskey



### Questions:

1. Can obeying the law make any one perfect?
2. Can offering to God the blood of bulls and of goats take away sins?
3. Through what is a person sanctified?
4. By what is a sanctified person perfected?
5. Where will the Lord write His laws?
6. What is one very important thing we can do to keep sanctified?
7. Name some kinds of sinners that sanctified, holy people had once been.
8. Does God sanctify wholly or partly?
9. How much of a Christian is to be preserved blameless?

A message from Paul had come while the Kollipara family was away.

It said:

"I am a true born again Christian, thanks to you, Jaya. Every day Christ becomes more real to me. I feel He is calling me to serve him as a minister of the gospel. Will you please ask God to lead and direct my life as He has yours?" —Paul

At the same time, far away in the city of Nelur, the program committee of the Lone Star Baptist Church was discussing speakers for their next convention. "I have heard that Jayapradha Kollipara attracts great crowds wherever she goes," one man said.

"That is wonderful. We need someone to bring in the people," another said.

"We already have the main speakers who will attract the crowds," the chairman said. "We are needing a speaker for the Women's Meeting."

"Yes, a speaker who will cause our women to be better wives," another agreed.

"Then Jayapradha is that person," said several men who had heard people praise Jaya. "Her name is on the lips of Christians everywhere who speak the Telugu language."

"Then we shall send for her."

When Jaya arrived at the convention and presented herself to the director, he frowned at her. "You are Jayapradha Kollipara?" he asked.

"Yes, Sir," she answered.

"I thought Jayapradha Kollipara was an elderly woman, but you are just a little girl. I am disappointed you are so young."

"I am fifteen, Sir, a young lady," Jaya corrected him politely.

"What advice can a little girl have for mothers and grandmothers? Let me see your speech."

"Sir, I never write my speeches."

"Let me get you a paper and pencil. I must see if it will be appropriate for

the hundreds of women who have come so far to be in this convention."

"Please, Sir, all I need is a quiet room so I can ask Jesus what He wants me to speak."

"Listen to me little girl, you were to be the main speaker tonight for the women and we must not disappoint them. I don't want you to be disappointed, either, so I will give you ten minutes to speak."

That evening when Jaya stepped behind the pulpit to speak, Jesus stood beside her. She spoke for three hours. Even after such a long sermon, many people came to the altar.

After the meeting that night the director came to Jaya. "I'm sorry," he said. "God is really with you. Will you stay and preach again? And also, we beg you to become a member of our organization."

"Just as I can preach only what Jesus tells me, I can only be joined to Christ," Jaya said.

The next night a young man who loved the world came and got real salvation. Every day he brought more and more of his teenage friends. Many of them were saved. God shook the whole town. Many professed Christians and preachers were also saved in that meeting.

(To be continued next week.)

—Charlotte Huskey

(Answers: 1. No. 2. No. 3. Through accepting by faith, the offering of Christ's body. 4. Our justification, our sanctification and our perfection come through Christ. 5. In the hearts and minds of those who are sanctified. 6. Hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering. 7. Fornicators, idolators, adulterers, abusers of themselves with mankind, thieves, drunkards, revilers, and extortioners. 8. Wholly. 9. His whole spirit, soul and body.)

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Alone in Madras

(Continued from last week.)

(Madras is the Hollywood of Southren India.)

On the fourth day of February, 1964, while Jaya was praying in her room at Nelur, God showed her another place to go. "Don't be afraid, for I am always with you," God said. "Go now and speak with your parents and tell them I have another trip for you to take."

Her mother, father and sisters in the adjoining room were packing trunks and bags to return home after the convention. Obediently Jaya went to them and said, "Daddy I must talk to you and Mother." Mr. and Mrs. Kollipara were both now truly convinced that Jaya was not crazy, but that she was a special and unusual servant of Jesus. They sat down on a cot facing Jaya. Vijaya was holding their new baby brother, Victor. She sat down on the trunk. Two year old Rata climbed into Father's lap. "God says that I must go to Madras...."

"Oh!" Mother exclaimed "Such a wicked city, where hundreds of vile movies are produced. And honey, do you know they do not speak our language?"

"God says that there I will meet an American couple who will love and care for me as if I am their own

daughter," Jaya continued without answering her mother's question. "They will take me to America."

"America?" Vijaya and Mother exclaimed at the same time. "We would never see you again." Daddy lowered his head and shook it from side to side.

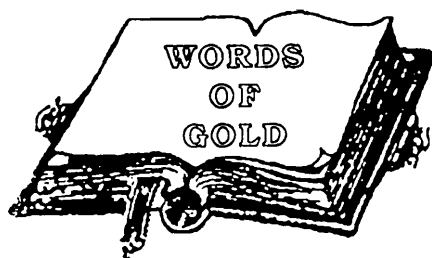
"I think Jesus will let me come back," Jaya said trying to comfort them and herself.

When Daddy lifted his head tears were streaming down his face. "Jaya," he said, "You are my first-born, my right hand. I am not like some Indians who do not appreciate their daughters. I love you as if you were a first-born son. I—I—I feel so badly about the way I have treated you. Why was I so bullheaded? Why did I let pride keep me from helping you more? I—I can't undo all the hurtful things I did to you. All those times I tried to take you away from Jesus."

"I forgave you long ago," Jaya said.

"I know you have, but the memory hurts so deeply. And the chance to make up for it by helping you is gone too, if you go so far away. But I really want you to go wherever God sends."

"What message will you take to America?" Vijaya interrupted. "They send missionaries to teach us, and you can't speak English. Who will understand you?"



## Christians Must Not Sin

New word: 1. *Transgress* is to break God's law, sin.

### I John 1:5-10

5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

### I John 3:1-10

1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is

the transgression of the law.

5 And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.

6 Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.

7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.

8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

### I John 5:16-18

16 If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it.

17 All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin not unto death.

18 We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.

**The Message: God expects Christians everywhere to use His power to live without sinning.**

Look for "Questions" on page 3.

### Verse to Memorize

He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

I John 3:8.

# Let's



## Talk . . .

One time the apostle Paul visited the city of Athens and saw that the city was worshipping a god they had named, "The Unknown God." "There was a time when God winked at such ignorance," Paul told them. "But now since Jesus made a way for people to live without sin, God is commanding all men to repent." God's Word says, "He that committeth sin is of the devil, for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose Jesus was sent into the world to destroy the works of the devil." Jesus was a person with the same emotions, mind and body as we have. He was tempted on all points but able to live without sinning. He then gave His sinless body as a sacrifice to break the bondage of sin for those who believe in Him. Now God expects all Christians to use His power to live without sin. If they do not, then they should not call themselves Christians, for the apostle John said, "Those who sin are not in Christ neither have they seen or known Him."

Did any of Jesus' disciples say they were sinners saved by grace? We often hear Christians say they sin almost every day. Some preachers proudly broadcast, "I am a sinner saved by grace." Now we shall have a homework assignment. Find in the New Testament where any of the apostles or disciples said they were sinners after they became followers of Christ. (Be careful with

Romans, chapter seven. To understand it read chapters, six and eight.) The apostle John said, "Whoever is born of God doth not commit sin, for God's seed is in him."

Then if a person practices sin, he is not a *born again* Christian. Those who sin daily do not have God's seed in their heart, for God is righteous and His seed would produce righteous fruit in that person. "Whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God," is what John said. It is clearly taught in the Bible that Christians must not sin.

We must understand that sinning is transgressing God's law. It is not just being unthoughtful or unkind when tired. You may think it is impossible to know and obey all of God's laws, but there are two laws that are over all the others. These laws are "Love God with all your heart and love your neighbor as yourself." If these are obeyed all others will be obeyed. So then, any person who trusts God's power can live without sinning, as God expects Christians to do.

—Charlotte Huskey



### Questions:

1. What will happen to people who walk in spiritual light?
2. What will God do if we confess our sins?
3. What do we make God if we say we have not sinned?
4. What is sin?
5. Is there sin in Christ?
6. Will a man sin who is abiding in Christ?
7. He that committeth sin is of the \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Why did the Son of God come?
9. How are the children of God and the children of the devil known?

"I asked the Lord the same questions," Jaya answered. "God says that He will take care of the language. I am to tell the Americans that God loves them, and that He is coming back soon."

The family talked for a long time.

The next morning, Jaya watched through blinding tears as her family left the convention without her. "Jesus, I love You, but this is awfully bitter," she said. "And I don't know a person in Madras. Where will I stay tonight?" She hurried back into the room and knelt where she had knelt when God gave her the sermon that turned things around at the convention."

"Can you doubt My care after what I have just done in this city?" God questioned.

"No," Jaya said, jumping to her feet and getting her bags packed.

At the train station in Nelur, a woman came to Jaya. "Hello there Miss Kollipara. Where are you going?"

"I am going to Madras," Jaya answered.

"I am so glad, for I am also going to Madras. I attended your meeting, and God healed me of heart trouble. I'm going to Madras to visit my daughter. Will you please come to our place before you go where God is sending?"

"Yes, I will be happy to stay with you," Jaya said, as she silently praised God.

When they arrived in Madras a group of Christians were planning a revival and praying for God to send a speaker. They asked Jaya to share her experiences with them. For weeks Jaya met daily with them to have prayer meeting for the revival. In the evening she preached. God sent a real revival in the church. When that revival was finished, they moved into a public place and continued the re-

vival. Thousands came to hear the gospel. Some workers said that one night around 2,000 people came to the altar for prayer.

One of them was a bank robber. He had been caught and punished severely many times. One time he was punished by putting straight pins under his fingernails. Even that punishment did not break him. He was so bound by Satan, that he continued stealing. God delivered this man at that meeting. He began preaching while Jaya was still in Madras.

A Hindu woman who had much jewelry was also saved in that meeting. She sold her jewelry and built a church. There the converted bank robber preached the gospel.

Another listener of this open-air revival was Paul Gupta, director of the Hindustan Bible Institute. He was a converted Hindu. At that time he did not believe that God used women to preach. But when he heard Jaya, he was convinced that God was at least using her. One day when he and a visiting American missionary were finishing breakfast he said, "Would you like to meet that girl who is preaching at the revival?"

"Yes, why, yes," answered Mr. Bustin. He too believed that women should keep silent in the Church according to I Cor. 14:34.

(To be continued next week.)

—Charlotte Huskey

(Answers: 1. Jesus Christ will cleanse from all sin. 2. Jesus will forgive and cleanse from all unrighteousness. 3. A liar. 4. A transgression of God's law. 5. No! 6. No. 7. Devil. 8. To destroy the works of the devil. 9. By what they do, whoever does not live righteous is not of God.)

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Coming To America

(Continued from last week.)

At the Hindustan Bible Institute Jaya was introduced to Mr. and Mrs. G.T. Bustin. "Is this the couple who will take me to America?" she wondered.

Mr. Bustin said nothing about America. He was interested in hearing how God was working in India. Mrs. Bustin sat at his side writing as Jaya told them about God healing many, many people. Some were healed of cancers, heart trouble, poisonous bites, boils, devil possession, witch doctor spells and many other troubles. She told of the hundreds of Hindus who had become Christians after seeing these miracles, of the Catholic priest who had gotten saved and other professed Christians who were born again. Then she told of her Communist father who had been so bound by pride that he abused her. Now he was winning his friends to Jesus.

Mr. Giri listened carefully as Jaya spoke in Telugu. Then he would signal her to stop, and he would tell the same story in English to the Bustin's.

"I think these experiences should be written and published so other young people can know how God is working," Mr. Bustin said. "Do you mind if I print a book?"

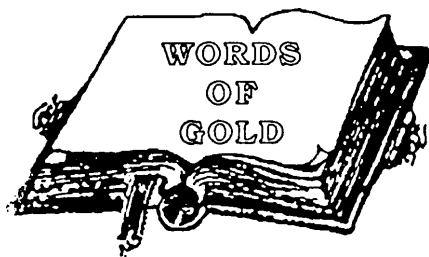
"I want God to be glorified," Jaya

said. "I don't want any glory. I am only a little servant of my great Jesus. Neither do I want anyone making money writing about what only God can do."

"I will do my best to bring glory to God and not you," he promised and I will not make money on the sale of this booklet."

Jaya was getting more and more calls to speak after the big Baptist convention and the outdoor meeting in Madras. Churches from all over the country were writing letters, sending telegrams, calling on the telephone. All that year, and the next, Jaya traveled, not only to villages but to large cities. The Catholic, Lutherans, Baptist, Methodist, and many other denominations invited her. Many tried to persuade her to join them. A Catholic priest said that the pope had sent a special invitation to her.

She ministered to both the rich and the poor. Important politicians, doctors and lawyers, came to her for prayer or counsel. Jaya always said, "I have no wisdom of my own. If God tells me something for you, I will tell you. If God says nothing, there will be no advice. She instructed each one to turn from idol worship and vain earthly pride and to humbly serve Jesus.



## Christ Disciplines Those He Loves

New words: 1. *Chasten* is to discipline. 2. *Scourgeth* is whipping severely.

### Deuteronomy 8:5

5 Thou shalt also consider in thine heart, that, as a man chasteneth his son, so the LORD thy God chasteneth thee.

### Proverbs 3:11-12

11 My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord; neither be weary of his correction:

12 For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.

### Hebrews 12:1-11

1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

4 Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.

5 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:

6 For whom the Lord loveth he

chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

8 But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

9 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?

10 For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.

11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

### Hebrews 5:5, 7-8

5 So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest;...

7 Who in the days of his flesh,...offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;

8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

**The Message: Christians should be thankful for discipline, for God does it to bring out the best in His children.**

Look for "Questions" on page 3.

### Verse to Memorize

...Whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

Hebrews 12:6.

# Let's



## Talk . . .

Remember the time when you were trying to impress a new friend and your sibling had a temper tantrum while standing beside you? Have you ever come home and found your once clean room a total disaster, or your favorite friend's picture torn to bits by small hands? Have you ever been shopping and heard a bratty child screaming at top volume? Did you think some correction was needed? Do you suppose the child would have enjoyed the discipline?

Do you think perhaps some things we do seem pretty bratty to God? Do you suppose God's discipline could correct some of our actions? All of us are God's children. Some are His by creation, some are His by both creation and spiritual birth. God loves all His children. For this reason, He takes time to discipline. Discipline has a way of crushing our bad actions and bringing out our best. The apostle Paul said, "Whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth."

The Lord knows that our natures are to explore, to experience the unknown, to try the forbidden. This curiosity leads us into things that are not good for us. That is when God steps into our lives and lays down some discipline—maybe an accident, or sickness, or a failed test. Whatever the discipline, it is always connected to suffering. The

suffering seems to make an impression on our mind so that we remember not to act improperly again. Even Christ as powerful and sinless as He was had to suffer to learn obedience. How much more will you and I need to suffer to learn how to think and act as we should. The next time you suffer discipline from God or a parent, remember it is for your good.

Occasionally a parent may discipline because of anger, but most often it is for the child's good. You may not believe it, but many times it would be easier for Mom or Dad to ignore your incorrect action. Parents who truly love their children will take the time needed to discipline correctly.

Let's take the time right now and bow our heads and thank God for the disciplines He has put in our lives. When it is possible, also, thank your parents for their efforts to discipline you. Some may want to just tell their parents, others may feel more comfortable writing a note. If you will do this often, your attitude will change and the disciplines will become less, and less. Try it!

—Charlotte Huskey

### Questions:

1. How does God discipline His children?
2. What should we not despise?
3. Of what should we never get weary?
4. Name two reasons that God corrects people?
5. Who is our example of enduring chastisement?
6. Does God chasten all people?
7. What does chastening do for those who accept it?
8. How did Christ learn obedience?

When the day came that the book was printed and distributed in America, the people wanted to meet Jaya and hear her speak. "We will send plane tickets for you, your wife, Jaya and a translator," a Christian wrote to Mr. Bustin. He had already been working for months trying to get a visa for Jaya. Finally the visa came through.

Jaya wrote her family all about it. They came to visit. "I had a vision and I saw you and Mr. and Mrs. Bustin, in the big airplane, going to America. But you had no translator," her mother told her.

"Mommy," Jaya said, "airplanes are very big. The translator was probably in the back of the plane. Ask God to give you another vision and maybe you will see him."

"Honey," mother said very seriously, "I think you will be going without a translator."

"Oh my! What will I do in a country of strange giants and no one to speak my language?" Jaya said, as fear gripped her.

"Are all Americans giants?" Rata asked.

"The ones I know are," Jaya answered. "The immigration officer was a big, big one. And he was so gruff. He asked, 'Why do you want to go to America when you can't speak English?'"

"What did you say?" Vijaya asked.

"I said, 'Don't worry, you give me visa, and my God will give the language.'"

"Why did you say that?" Vijaya asked.

"I don't know. Maybe because I feared he wouldn't give it unless I could speak English. It sure was a lot of trouble to get."

When the day of departure finally came, Jaya boarded the big plane

without a translator. She and Mr. and Mrs. Bustin communicated in their homemade sign language. It was pretty difficult, so Jaya snuggled down into her seat and went to sleep. She had been accustomed to riding on hard seats in bumpy, noisy trains and buses. The plane ride was like riding on a cloud!

How surprised Jaya was when she got off the plane and saw all the normal-sized people. Mr. Bustin was motioning for her to come. She was gazing about at all the strange things.

They arrived on Thursday. Four days later Jaya was taken to church. She felt so happy and wanted to praise God. The pastor motioned to her to speak if she wished. The Spirit of God came upon Jaya and she spoke in English for thirty minutes. She did not know what she was saying. But this was not unusual, for many times when she preached, Jesus spoke through her, and she was unable to recall what she had said. From that time on she was able to speak English. Mr. and Mrs. Bustin treated her just like she was their own daughter. For nine months, they took her to many churches in different states. Always God enabled her to speak His message to the Americans.

(To be continued next week.)

—Charlotte Huskey

(Answers: 1. Just as a father disciplines his child. 2. The chastening of the Lord. 3. Of God's corrections. 4. God corrects because he loves and to help the person being corrected. 5. Jesus. 6. God corrects all His children. 7. It yields the peaceable fruits of righteousness. 8. By the things He suffered.)

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Back To India

(Continued from last week.)

"Mother, Mother, I'm home again," Jaya called, as she ran toward the house. Father paid the taxi driver that had brought them from the airport and carried in her luggage. Mother met her at the gate with arms open. Tall Vijaya, and little Rata and Victor followed right behind. "How you *all* have changed!" Jaya exclaimed, as she gave Mother a tight hug. Then she squeezed one sister in each arm, and wrapped one leg around Victor. "You are a big brother now," she said picking him up. "How old are you?"

Victor held up three fingers.

"You have changed a lot in the past nine months, too," Mother said. "And how did you like America?"

"It is a beautiful, spacious country, and Mr. and Mrs. Bustin treated me wonderfully, but I was so-o-o homesick for India and my family," Jaya said as she kissed each sister again.

"You weren't afraid of the giants?" Rata asked, her eyes wide.

"The people were not giants as I had thought."

"How long will you be home?" Mother questioned.

"Well, I've promised to travel with some missionaries and be their translator after they have rested a few days," Jaya answered.

"Come on in," Mother said. "The servants have a real Indian meal ready for you; spiced potato curry, chicken and hot roti."

Jaya looked all around the room. On the wall hung her little red dress "My dress!" she exclaimed. "Such memories in that dress."

"Oh, Jaya I must tell you," Father said. "I'm preaching in the home of the communist that gave you the dress. God is blessing the believers in that village."

"Daddy, how wonderful that God has called you to be His servant."

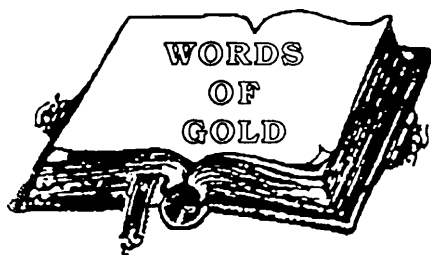
"I am so unworthy," Father said as they were getting seated on bamboo mats around the low table.

"At a convention over in Nellore District, a woman told me a story about you," Mother told Jaya as they were eating. "She said that some rowdy boys threw stones and hit you. You picked up the stones and said, 'I thank the people who threw these stones, for these stones are garlands to me. They are very costly diamonds. Why only three? Give me four hundred stones, for my father stoned people when he was a communist. I will gladly pay his debt.' Jaya, do you remember that?"

"Yes," Jaya answered.

"You were a very persecuted little girl," Mother added.

"I learned a lot through all my childhood troubles," Jaya said. "Ev-



## No Predjudice

New Words: 1. *Respect of persons* is being predjudiced. 2. *Partial* is favoring unfairly.

### James 2:1-9

1 My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons.

2 For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment;

3 And ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool:

4 Are ye not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts?

5 Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?

6 But ye have despised the poor. Do not rich men oppress you, and draw you before the judgment seats?

7 Do not they blaspheme that worthy name by the which ye are called?

8 If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well:

9 But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors.

### Galatians 3:26-28

26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

### God Calls David

### I Chronicles 17:7-8

7 Now therefore thus shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcote, even from following the sheep, that thou shouldest be ruler over my people Israel:

8 And I have been with thee whithersoever thou hast walked, and have cut off all thine enemies from before thee, and have made thee a name like the name of the great men that are in the earth.

**The Message: God is no respecter of persons and neither should a Christian have prejudice against any person.**

### Questions:

1. Should brethren have respect of persons?
2. Give an example of being partial.
3. Who has God chosen?
4. What are some things rich men do?
5. What is the royal law?
6. What is the sin studied in this lesson?
7. Are all races of people the children of God?
8. Are Jews or Greeks (any race) bond or free (rich or poor), and male or female all one in Christ?
9. From where did God call David to be king of Israel?

### Verse to Memorize

**...If ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors.**

**James 2:9.**

# Let's



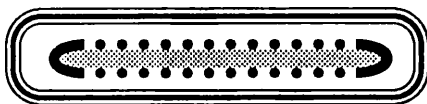
## Talk . . .

In the Bible prejudice is called "having respect of persons." Prejudice is suspicion, intolerance, or irrational hatred of other races, religions, regions or occupations. It is not based on facts. It is unfair judgment that does not give a person the chance to earn respect. We all know that respect is earned by a person's attitude and conduct. That is why one person is respected more than another. A father supplies for his family and earns their respect. A minister gives wise counsel and earns respect. A friend helps when needed, and is respected for it. Prejudice doesn't allow a person this chance to earn respect.

All people, even strangers, should be respected as a person, a child of God with hidden potentials to be a real saint. Christ loved those unlovable persons and gave His life for them also. God sometimes calls great leaders from among the outcasts. John Newton, who wrote "Amazing Grace," was once a slave trader. George Washington Carver lived in a time when the blacks had very few opportunities, but he found some people who respected him. Some prejudiced persons did not give him a fair chance, although God had chosen him for a special work. The apostles taught that God had no respect of persons, and that people who do have it, are sinning.

The following story is a good

example of how God is no respecter of persons. —Charlotte Huskey



### One More Time

In a manufacturing town in Scotland, a young lady began teaching a Sunday school class of poverty-stricken boys. The most unpromising youngster was a boy named Bob. After the first two or three Sundays, he did not return. So the teacher went to look for him. Although the superintendent had given Bob some new clothes, they were already worn out when the teacher found him. He was given another new suit, and he came back to Sunday school. But soon he quit again, and the teacher went out once more to find him. When she did, she discovered that the second set of clothes had gone the way of the first. "I am completely discouraged about Bob," she told the superintendent. "I guess we must give up on him."

"Please don't do that," he pleaded. "I believe there is still hope. Try him one more time."

They gave Bob a third suit of clothes, and this time he began to attend faithfully. It wasn't long until he became a Christian and eventually even taught in that same Sunday school.

This obstinate, ragged boy who for a time seemed so unreachable, was Robert Morrison. He became the first Protestant missionary to China. He translated the Bible into Chinese. Now many millions of people can have the Word of God.

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everyone needs problems. They help sweeten people. Even Christ learned to obey through the things He suffered."

"I praise God every day that you stood faithful all those years. Let's see you were scoffed and scorned for about ten or eleven years, I think. And at the same time God was doing many miracles through you. How could people, especially me, be so blind?"

"Don't think about the hard times," Jaya admonished. "Look to the great things God is doing."

"Yes. I praise God every day for His mercy to me," Father said. "Say, I visited Paul not so long ago, too. The Christians in his village have built a church and Paul is the pastor—"

"Daddy," Vijaya interrupted, "tell Jaya about our plans for an orphanage."

"Yes, yes," added Rata clapping her hands.

"Your mother and I have decided to build an orphanage on the land where my grandmother's grave is. We'll root out all those useless thorn trees and there will be plenty of space."

Jaya just stared into her plate. "Aren't you happy to help the poor children?" Rata asked.

"Oh, I love to help the poor. It—it—it's just that—that Jesus has met me among those thorn bushes so many times. It's kind of sacred to me. It has been my refuge for many years. I was wishing to go out there many more times."

"We know it means much to you," Mother said. "But God has other plans for you now."

"You aren't planning to get me married, are you?" Jaya asked excitedly.

"No, no," Daddy said with a chuckle. "I haven't found a young man worthy of my daughter."

Jaya was happy Daddy felt the way he did about her, but curious to know

what plans Mother was talking about, for she knew that God revealed many things to Mother.

"I suppose my wishes are very selfish," Jaya answered.

In a few days the American missionaries came for Jaya. Together they traveled by bus, by train, by plane to cities and villages all over Andhra Pradesh. Jaya listened to the missionaries speaking English. Then she gave the same message in Telugu so the people could understand.

In one city Jaya remembered having met a most unusual man several years ago. To be in this man's presence was like being with one of the apostles. Thousands of India's poor had come to know Jesus as he traveled by foot over the mountains, across hot deserts, around the shores of the Change River, through steaming valleys and into busy cities. No suffering to preach the gospel seemed too great for him.

When Jaya met him, he was on his deathbed. He had said, "I am so glad you came. I wanted very much to see you before I die. I have a son who is proud and sinful. He will not submit his life to Jesus. Will you please pray for my son, and keep praying until you know that he is saved?"

"I will be glad to pray for him," Jaya had promised, and she was still praying for him.

(To be continued next week.)

—Charlotte Huskey

(Answers: 1. No. 2. (Wording will vary.) If a rich man comes to church, he is given a nice seat while a poor one is told to sit on a stool. 3. The poor who are rich in faith. 4. Oppress the Christians, take others to court, and blaspheme God's name. 5. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. 6. The sin of prejudice or having respect of persons. 7. Yes. 8. Yes. 9. From the sheepcote.)

# THE BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## To America Again

(Continued from last week.)

When Jaya and the American missionaries were through visiting churches and mission stations all over Andhra Pradesh, they went back to the large, busy city of Madras. Here the missionaries talked with Jaya. "The church in Australia is begging for you to come," they told her. "Would you pray about going?"

Jaya prayed. She thought Jesus said, "I want you to go back to America." Jaya told the missionaries that God did not want her in Australia, but she said nothing about going again to America.

"Then will you pray about going to New Guinea, for they too, are begging for you to help them."

"Jaya prayed again, but the only message she got was, 'Go again to America.'"

"I can not go to New Guinea," she told them.

"We will take good care of you," they promised. "We will buy your plane ticket and do everything for you."

"I cannot go unless Jesus sends," she said.

Jaya waited for Jesus to open the way for her to go to America. When the time was right, she received a letter from a stranger. It said:

Dear Jaya,

"You probably do not remember me. I do remember you. You spoke at a meeting. I was there and felt God's presence with you.

"I am seventy-one years old, but still able to work. One day while I was on the job, Jesus spoke to me saying, 'Invite Jayapradha Kollipara to come to America again. Also send her a ticket.'"

"I promised the Lord I would as soon as I could. It seemed like Jesus came and stood by my side, giving me much strength to work. I felt again like a young man and was able to earn this money pouring cement.

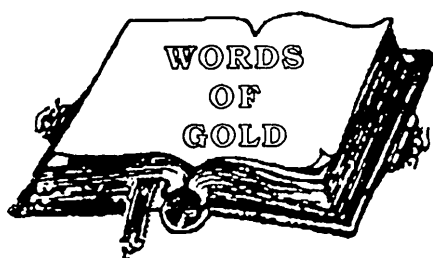
"Enclosed is a check for your expenses. Please come as soon as you can."

Jaya showed the letter and check to her friends and told them God had said, "Go."

Mr. France helped her apply for a missionary visa so she could stay longer. After securing different letters and official papers, the visa was granted.

Again Jaya said good-bye to her beloved family and country. Then she flew to America.

After being there for several months, a letter came from her father. Hastily Jaya tore it open and began reading.



## Love Each Other

**New Words:** 1. *Dissimulation* is making a difference or being prejudiced. 2. *Abhor* is to hate. 3. *Working ill* is causing harm or evil.

**Romans 12:9-10, 13:8-10**

9 Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.

10 Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

8 Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.

9 For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying,...Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

**Galatians 5:14**

14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

**I Thessalonians 4:9**

9 But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.

**Hebrews 10:24, 13:1**

24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

1 Let brotherly love continue.

**James 2:8**

8 If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well:

**I Peter 1:22, 3:8**

22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit

unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

8 Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:

**I John 3:11-18**

11 For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

12 Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.

13 Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.

14 We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.

15 Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

17 But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

**John 13:35**

35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

**Message: No person is a Christian who does not love his brethren.**

Look for "Questions" on page 3.

## Verse to Memorize

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**John 13:35.**

# Let's



## Talk . . .

All the world seems to know that Christians should love one another. The apostle John said people have heard it from the beginning of their life. It is the very basis of living peaceably in the world and is the bottom line for Christian living.

Jesus told His disciples that men would know they were His followers if they loved one another. If people do not love one another, are they Jesus' disciples? We are studying today what the apostles said about this question.

James said our salvation depends on how we treat others. He told us that the same God who said, "Thou shalt not commit adultery" and "Thou shalt not kill," also said, "Love one another," and if we obey some commandments yet do not obey others, we are guilty as if we disobeyed all the commandments.

The apostle John said that if a brother is needy and we do not have compassion and help him, we do not have God's love in us. It is not possible to be Jesus' disciple and not have God in our heart, for wherever One is, the Other is there also.

Now let us test our love. First, what is love? Love is a deep, tender feeling for God, a person or something. How is your feeling toward God? Do you feel a deep thankfulness for all He has done for you? If you are happy and content, you have a loving, thankful attitude. Do you feel a little resentful because

God has allowed some bitter thing in your life? Feeling sorry for oneself, asking "Why should this happen to me?" comes from resentful feelings toward God.

Don't despair if you discover your attitude needs improvement. God is merciful and will forgive. Ask Him to clean out unloving feelings and replace them with tender, loving ones. Then discipline yourself to think better thoughts and do more caring things for others.

Each person should keep a close check on his attitude toward God, for our attitude will be reflected out on people and show up in how we treat others. Jesus told His disciples that men would know they were Christians by the love they showed to each other.

—Charlotte Huskey

**Kindness is the only language that the blind can see and the deaf can hear.**

### Questions:

1. Name the five commandments which are obeyed when we love others as ourselves.
2. Does love openly or secretly harm others?
3. Should Christians try to provoke each other to love others more?
4. What message has been taught from the beginning of the world?
5. How can a person tell if he has entered into spiritual life?
6. The person who does not love his brother is in what spiritual condition?
7. How does God classify those who hate their brothers?
8. Does a person love those he is unwilling to help?
9. How will people know the disciples of Jesus?

Dear Jaya,

God's great blessings be on you forevermore. We hope you are well and adjusting to the many changes, and that God is comforting you when you are homesick.

God has blessed me, His humble servant, with another son, Michael. Your mother is doing fine, also your sisters and Victor.

We are getting the land ready to build the orphanage. We have the thorn trees all cut down now, and will be starting the building as soon as we have funds. We have decided to call it, THE WAY OF TRUTH AND LIFE REFUGE. There is a little albino girl whose parents do not want her. We will take care of her.

Last month when I went away for the convention, I had an unusual experience. While at the train station, a young man carrying a Bible came into the room where I was sitting. I guess he noticed that I had my Bible open on my lap. He came right over and asked if I was a Christian.

As we were talking he said, "My mother is a Christian and tried for years to get me to be one. But I thought movies, dancing, and drinking were too hard to give up. I became a real drunkard before God saved me. She would tell me over and over, 'Son, you owe your life to God.' I paid no attention to her until one day she said, 'Son, don't you remember when you had those awful, painful boils all over your body and God healed you?'"

"I did remember the terrible pain and how I instantly stopped hurting. That put me to thinking that I wouldn't be alive except for God's mercy, so I surrendered to Jesus. Now I'm preaching the gospel in Panamaru."

"Panamaru?" I said. "How long ago were you healed?"

"Oh, let's see," he said, thinking a while. "I was just a boy. A little girl

prayed for me when I was healed. About the same time, a married man was healed after a white cobra bit him."

"That was my little girl," I said. "Our family stayed with that family for several months," I said.

"Oh, is that you? I thought I had seen you some place. And you are a preacher now?"

"Yes, I'm on my way to a convention at Mudeneppalli. How are the Christians in Panamaru?"

"The church is growing real big," he said. "They now have ten preachers in the church."

I wanted you to know that God is blessing in Panamaru...

Letters from home were bitter-sweet. It was good to hear from her beloved family and country, but she was sorry they were so far away. Many times Jaya wished she could fly away to her people. But at those times, angels comforted her. The Holy Spirit had taught her many years ago to be content in whatever place and situation God put her. Often she remembered the many places she had traveled over India and found herself in difficult situations. God had always been her support in those times. He was her strength and support in this strange land of America, also.

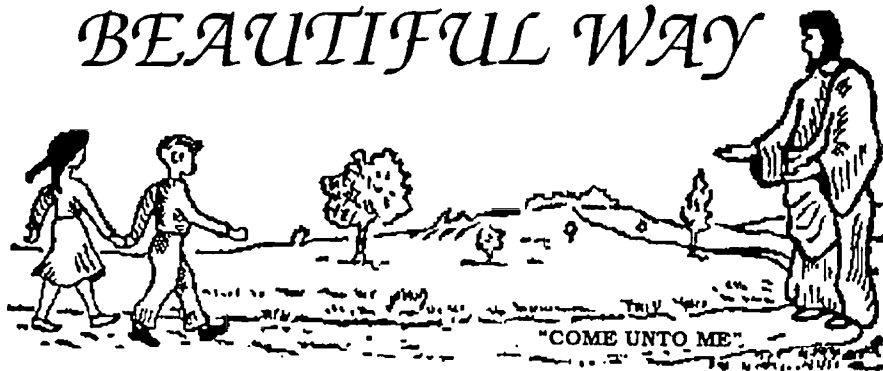
(Look for more stories about Jaya next quarter.)

—Charlotte Huskey

(Answers: 1. Thou shalt not commit adultery, thou shalt not kill, thou shalt not steal, thou shalt not bear false witness, thou shalt not covet; all these commandments are obeyed when we love others as ourselves. 2. No. 3. Yes. 4. "Love one another." 5. If he loves his brother he has life. 6. In spiritual death. 7. As a murderer. 8. No. 9. By the love they show to each other.)

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# BEAUTIFUL WAY



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## Carlos Finds A Way

Carlos looked at his sister's bleeding toe. "I'm going to get you a pair of shoes," he said.

"With the peso you have?" Conche asked. "It will take hundreds more."

"I'll find a way to earn money," he promised.

After school, Carlos hurried through the hot sun to Sr. Gomaz' large cattle ranch. "I need to earn some money," he said. "I could bring in your cows and clean their stalls, hoe in your garden or help in some other way." But Sr. Gomaz said he had all the helpers he needed.

All evening until dark Carlos went from neighbor to neighbor asking to do odd jobs but no one he talked to needed a helper. For many days Carlos hunted, but he only earned a few pesos sweeping the flat roof of an old man's house.

After exhausting all possibilities for a job near home, he used his few earned pesos for bus fare and went into the big city, of Vere Cruz. There he went from shop to shop, offering to run errands, carry boxes, or pickup trash. Each evening he returned and showed the few pesos he had earned to Conche. Then he tucked them safely under the box where he kept his clothes. One evening she was soaking her foot in hot water. It was swollen and red.

Mother cleaned houses to earn a living, so she usually wasn't home when Carlos arrived. But one evening it was

almost dark when he returned home. His mother was crying. "What happened?" he whispered to Conche.

"Mama is afraid if my foot gets worse, it might have to be cut off. Look at the yellow pus and the red streaks going up my leg. And there is no money to —"

Carlos hurried away, bringing back his savings. "Take this," he said showing it into his mother's hand.

"But this is for shoes, and you've worked so-o-o long to earn it."

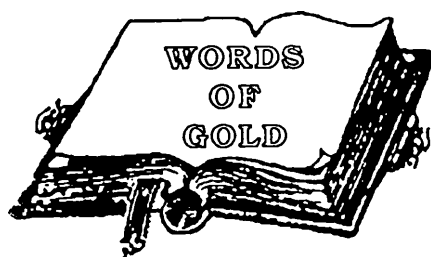
"It's for you. What good is a pair of shoes for only one foot?" Carlos asked.

Spring had come and the days were longer, so Carlos had more time to work, but for each job he earned only a few centavos. At last school was out for the summer. Now he could work all day. One day he left home before the sun was up. He arrived at the fish markets when the fishermen were bringing in their catch. He knew this was a good place and a good time to earn money. But that morning the market manager was very cranky. "Get out of here!" he shouted to Carlos.

"I promise to only work and not get in anyone's way," Carlos pleaded.

"Get out, and don't come again."

Carlos walked slowly away. There was nothing to do now except wait until the shops opened and hope that a shopkeeper would need help. He sat down in the doorway of a shop owned by a friendly man and was soon asleep.



## Jesus Says, "Be Baptized"

**Mark 16:16**

**16** He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved;....

**Acts 2:38**

**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, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

**The Eunuch is Baptized as He is  
Traveling**

**Acts 8:35-38**

**35** Then Philip...preached unto him Jesus.

**36** And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?

**37** And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

**38** And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

**The Jailer is Baptized  
at Midnight**

**Acts 16:25-31, 33**

**25** And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

**26** And suddenly there was a great earthquake, and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

**27** And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled.

**28** But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.

**29** Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas,

**30** And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

**31** And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

**33** And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.

**Baptism is Death to Sin**

**Romans 6:4, 6**

**4** We are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

**6** Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

**Baptism Does Not Clean  
the Heart**

**Acts 8:13, 20-21**

**13** Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.

**20-21** But Peter said unto him,...Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God.

**The Message: Jesus commands Christians to be baptized after they are saved from sin.**

Look for "Questions" on page 3.

**Verse to Memorize**

**He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; he that believeth not shall be damned.**

**Mark 16:16.**

# Let's



# Talk . . .

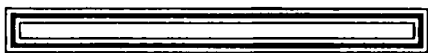
John the Baptist began teaching the people that they should repent and be baptized. Repenting is feeling sorry for and asking forgiveness of sins. Baptism is a symbol of dying to sin and doing what is right. After repenting and believing, a person is saved. At that time, his or her spirit is taken from the kingdom of this world and planted in the kingdom of Christ. Baptism is announcing to the world that the person being baptized is now in Christ's kingdom. He or she is now dead to a sinful life. The way of dressing, of walking and what he represents has all changed. His banner is holiness. His music is praises to God and his speech glorifies God.

As Christ was buried and arose again, so the body of a Christian is buried in water to symbolize Christ's death and resurrection. Have you ever thought how hard it might be for some people to have enough water to be buried in baptism? We are blessed with plenty of water here in America. In many areas of the world, however, water is a precious commodity not to be wasted—a precious resource not only for personal use but for growing the food their lives depend upon. Using water for baptism can be a sacrifice. Sometimes the same waterhole where people are baptized is where animals drink and water is drawn for domestic use.

At the campmeeting in El Alamo, Mexico, it is very hard to find a place to baptize. We have to load the pick-ups and cars and drive many miles to find a hole where the water is deep enough to cover a person. If the church had a baptistry, water would have to be drawn by hand out of wells to fill it.

One time I watched people baptizing in an oblong stock-watering tank. The preacher knelt on the outside of the tank. The one being baptized knelt inside the tank and was lowered into the water from that position. Praise God for those who love Jesus enough to sacrifice to be baptized.

You may not have to sacrifice as those brethren, but you may lose friends, be ridiculed by family who don't understand, or suffer in some other way when you are baptized. Jesus suffered too, a death on the cross, for your salvation. So we must arm ourselves to suffer death to sin and live for God. —Charlotte



## Questions:

1. What are we commanded to do after we become believers?
2. Peter said, "Repent and be \_\_\_\_\_."
3. How soon was the eunuch baptized after he learned about Christ?
4. Where was the eunuch baptized?
5. What did Peter say the jailer must do to be saved?
6. At what time were the jailer and his family baptized?
7. Of what is baptism a symbol?
8. How must Christians act after they are baptized?
9. Does baptism cleanse the heart?

The next thing Carlos knew something heavy was pressing on his hand. He sat up, blinking his eyes for the sun was now very bright. Looking up he saw a well-dressed man and woman smiling at him.

"Here is a mango for you," the gray-haired lady said putting the fruit back into his hand. "Have you had breakfast?"

"No," he answered.

Carlos felt embarrassed. He looked down at his old ragged clothes, much too big for him. He had worn his worst, knowing sometimes a jagged box corner or sharp tuna tin can rip clothes.

They sat down in the doorway with Carlos and talked a long time about Jesus. They told Carlos who Jesus was, why He came to earth, and some things He could do for people.

Carlos suddenly realized that this Jesus was the One who could help him get shoes for Conche.

Finally the woman said, "We will be in town again tomorrow. Would you meet us up here in the morning about 7:00 o'clock?"

"Yes," Carlos answered.

That day the couple asked the policeman on duty if he knew about Carlos. "He's just a boy trying to work," he answered. "He never gets into trouble."

The next morning Carlos waited in the same doorway, for a long, long time. Finally about 8:00 o'clock the couple showed up. While Carlos munched the breakfast they had brought, the lady told him a story about a little girl whose mother would not let her go to Sunday school because her clothes were too ragged. The church bought her clothes and then she went faithfully for two years. Afterwards she took sick and died. The pastor was so sad he wrote a song and called it "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder," for those had been the girl's last words.

Then they took Carlos to the mall and bought him a new shirt, pants, shoes and underclothes, and gave him a few pesos for his lunch.

Carlos hurried home, without eating a bite. "Did the people meet—?" Conche started to ask. "They bought you new clothes?"

"Yes, everything," Carlos answered as he hurried into the small bedroom. He slipped out of the new clothes and into his play clothes and went out the back door.

"Where are you going?" Conche called, but he did not answer.

He hurried back to the bus stop. At the mall he hunted until he found the clerk who had helped the couple find him the right clothes. "Madam," he said, "Do you remember me? Some people just bought these clothes for me."

"Yes, yes, and you are bringing them back. Don't you like new clothes?"

"Oh, yes, but it's—it's—just that I have a little sister who has no shoes. The children made fun of her all last year for coming to school without shoes. And one day, as we hurried, she stumped her toe. It got infected and well—well—she almost had to have her foot sawed off. But it's all well now. But I don't want it to ever happen again. Will you trade my clothes for shoes?"

She took the clothes in her hands and looked them over carefully. Then she walked away. When she came back she said, "Yes, I can do that. Do you know what size your sister wears?" Carlos hadn't thought about that. He just stood there embarrassed and confused. And then she spoke again, "I'll put your clothes right here and tomorrow bring your sister in and we will fit her with shoes."

—Charlotte Huskey

(Answers: 1. Be baptized. 2. Baptized. 3. Immediately. 4. In a body of water he found alongside the road. 5. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. 6. At midnight. 7. Of the death and resurrection of Christ. 8. They must act like Christ. 9. No. Simon was baptized but his heart was not right with Christ.)