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## Stepping into a New Year

Edwin Raymond Anderson

A brand new bundle marked "A New Year" has been placed before us, which contains an assortment of days. For some there will be more than for others, but none can extract more than one at a time. We cannot count them all at once, for as the Word of God reminds us: "What is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away."

A brand new year! We face it, each with our own thoughts. We think of tomorrow in the light and shadows of yesterday, sincerely desiring even to the point of earnestly promising ourselves that this year shall tell a better story. For many this will revolve about the business of resolutions—those solemn promises compiled in a long list of do's and don'ts.

A prominent psychology professor has expressed concern over this because it has become a joke with most people. After careful study, he has come up with a 7-step program for success in the endeavor, as follows:

1. Do not try to put the resolutions into effect all at once on the very first day. It would be better to arrange a "preparation period."

2. It would be better to start by drawing up a list of things you like to do; the enterprise will become easier in that manner.

3. Do not draw up a long list of some 10-30 resolutions; you will be defeated before you begin. Pick up only one or two resolutions at the commencement.

4. Do not seek to locate the most troublesome problem—not at the beginning. It will be better to pick out the relatively minor sore spots.

5. Make your intended resolutions as specific as possible. Do not be too vague, too general; do not try to cover too much territory.

6. When you have decided upon the resolutions, prepare to put them into effect. Tell your husband, your wife, what you plan. Think often of those resolutions. Get them deeply planted in your mind; in that way you will steel yourself for the job of actually keeping them.

7. The job itself will officially begin on "R-day," the actual date when you feel ready to start. Then work real hard at it!



### A NEW PATH

Let us walk softly, friend;  
For strange paths lie before us,  
all untrod;  
The new year, spotless from the  
hand of God.  
Is thine and mine, use prayerfully.

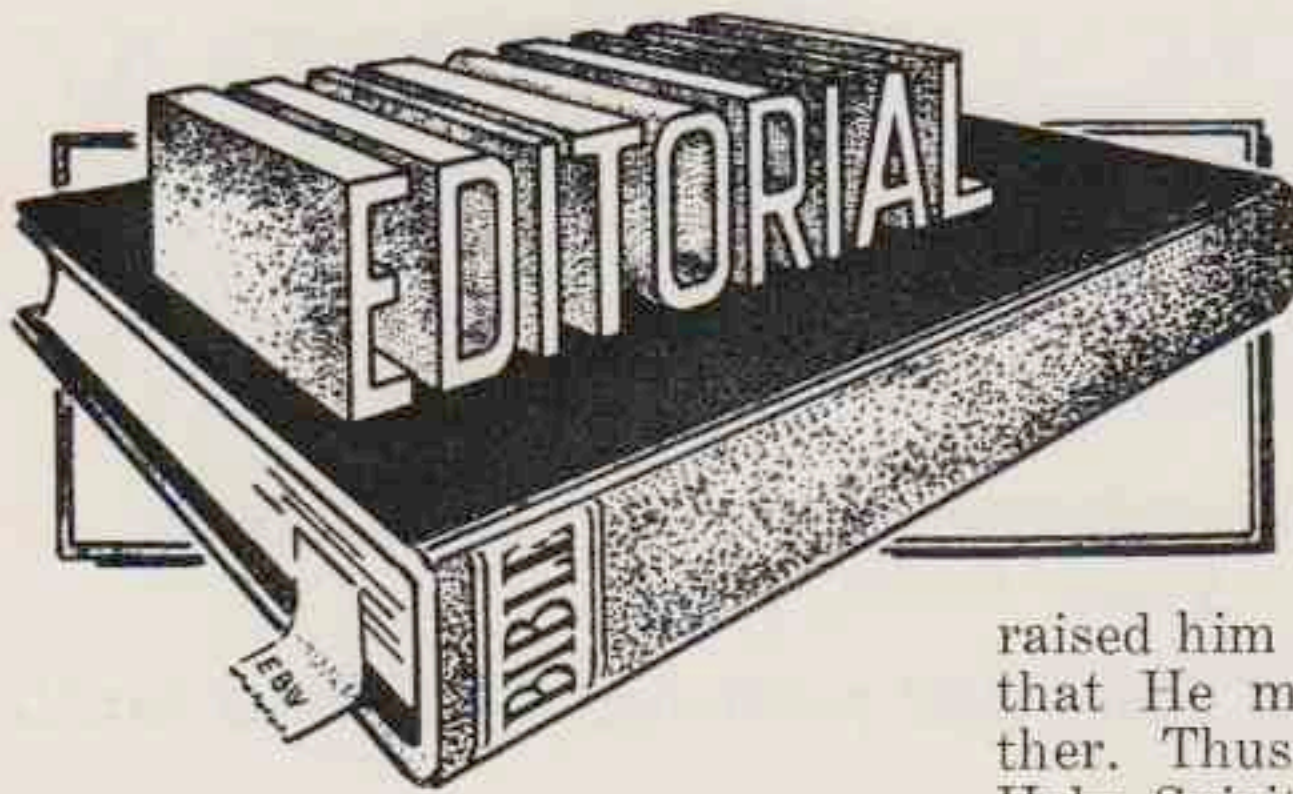


And if "7" be the number of perfection, then it is all but bitter irony, for most people sense a "catch" in the program. It reads well, it means well, but where will the actual power come from to gain victory? Are you not conscious of a deep division between the desire and the actual doing?

You will get small comfort from the Bible, for it is silent on this matter of resolutions. But it cries aloud for a genuine spiritual revolution in the heart: "Ye must be born again," "We must be saved." There is no power in yourself as you are—for the Bible declares that you are "dead in trespasses and sins," "without strength." What, therefore, will give the power, grant the enabling for real living on a higher level? Not a 7-step program of human outreach, but a simple, single step of repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. This is a long proven reality, "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature." He who said, "Behold, I make all things new," will thus possess the life in such a gracious and glorious way that you will be able to say, "For to me to live is Christ"; and "The life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."

When you are His, this may well be your "resolution" for the days ahead, "This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."





## "The Holiness Life"

Without this experience in your life, you cannot see God.

This experience is of great importance to you. Without this experience it is an impossibility to live a victorious life in this present world.

This experience is a second definite work of grace. It is referred to many times as HOLINESS or SANCTIFICATION. Without this experience in our life, our life is in vain. We must seek the WHOLE will of God.

Let us notice that **Holiness is required in our life.** God requires every man and woman to live a HOLY life. In Hebrews 12:14 we read, "Follow peace with all men and Holiness, without which, no man shall see the Lord." This experience must be obtained while we are living in this present world.

Romans 6:22 "Ye have your fruits unto holiness." By our attitudes and our spirit, also our daily lives, others will know what is in our heart. The scriptures teach us that "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." We cannot live this experience by ourselves, we must have the holiness in our hearts for us to live a life of holiness before our fellow man, producing the rightful fruits of the spirit. There must be a cleansing from the inbred sin.

We would also want to notice that Holiness is in the plan of God. God in his mercy looked down upon man and saw the need of men being set free from the power of the enemy.

After the fall of man God made a plan whereby man could be saved and live a holy, victorious life. He sent His only begotten son into the world, giving his own life, then

raised him from the dead, in order that He might return to the Father. Thus making way for the Holy Spirit to come dwell among men and in the hearts and lives of all who would invite Him. God made it possible that man would no longer live in sin but could live a victorious life above and without sin in this present world.

God Commands Holiness. I Peter 1:16 "Because it is written be ye holy; for I am holy." It should be the desire of every believer to be holy. By reading the scriptures we know that God does command us to be holy, but this commandment is a joy to those who desire the complete will of God for his life.

A holy heart will produce the perfection required by God for man. We may not always be perfect in our words or actions, but we can always have a perfect heart toward God and man.

Brengel tells us in his book entitled 'Helps to Holiness,' "When God searches for a man to work in His vineyard, He does not ask, 'Has he great natural abilities? Is he thoroughly educated? Is he a fine singer? Is he eloquent in prayer? Can he talk much? But rather, He asks, 'Is his heart perfect toward Me? Is he holy? Does he love much? Is he willing to walk by faith, and not by sight?' For us to be the man or woman that God can use effectively, we must be perfect toward God in all that we do.

Brengel gives us the words to the following song: "A humble, lowly, contrite heart,

Believing, true and clean  
A heart in every thought renewed  
And full of love divine  
Perfect and right and pure and good,

A copy, Lord, of Thine."

Praise God for an experience that can keep us in this present day and age when there seems to be turmoil on every hand. We cannot afford to go one day without the

Holy Spirit in our hearts for without Him we can do nothing. Without Him our life would be in vain. Without Him Heaven would be so far off, but with the blessed presence of the Holy Spirit in our life we have a little bit of heaven here to go to heaven in, THANK GOD.

—William R. Tillis,  
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## "The Fall"

Gen. 3:1-19

### INTRODUCTION

The order of these three questions, 1st. "Where Art Thou, 2nd Who told Thee that thou was naked, and 3rd. What is this that thou hast done?" An eloquent preacher said a few years ago, "That man's only fall was a fall upward."

It is in such Flashy, Flippancy, Fancy Fable language that Modern infidelity clothes itself with its robe of unscriptural teachings. Regardless of the modern teachings of our last days man is a fallen Being, and all Human History proves it so as well as the infallible Word of God.

FIRST: Look At the Circumstances of the Fall — (Serpentstances)

A. There was an animal used by a higher agency in this war that was then being staged against God, and Heaven.

1. There was a superior intelligence at work in this temptation, one who knew God, and had a knowledge of the Divine Command, one who was able to reason with Craft and Cunning, and knew about good and evil, and could outwit Eve.

There is no open reference to Satanic agency; but there was a malignant cunning displayed which plainly points to him and his "devices."

B. This may be plainly gathered from the scriptures. Rev. 12:9. He is, "That old serpent, called the devil, and satan, which deceiveth the whole world."

C. 2 Cor. 11:3. "But, I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve in his craftiness, your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity and the Purity that is toward Christ."

There can be no question that

the temptation in the garden by satan is the underlying thought of these passages of Scripture.

### SECOND: Look At the Craftiness of Satan

A. The subtlety of the devil is apparent in the whole process of the fall, which has cast a black shadow over the entire Human Race, which entailed Sufferings, Sorrows, Separations, and Sickness which we shall combat until Jesus Christ shall come and set up a "New Kingdom," where there shall be no more sorrow, nor sin.

Eve was tempted when alone and Her downfall would be easier and his victory sooner in his accomplishment.

B. A subtle suggestion is made against the fairness of the restriction placed upon them by God, and suspicion was placed on the Truthfulness of God, as the penalty of sin was flatly denied, "Ye shall not surely die." Then Eve was assured that there was great advantage in knowing "good and evil," and through the awakened desire for a new experience she fell, and carried Her Husband with Her into disobedience. It was the saddest knowledge ever gained.

While I was conducting a revival in Tuscon, Ariz. I met a young Man the age of 16 who had devout Christian Parents, but had gone the way of the unbelievers. He said to me, "How do you know that Jesus was Born of a Virgin? I said, because the Holy Word of God declares it to be so. Then He said, "How do you know the Bible is so? Then I said unto Him, and How do you know it is not so. He was listening to Men of Higher learnings, but ignorant to the True Way of Life.

The Bible says, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding." Prov. 9:10.

The History of fallen Man is the History of inquiry. Down through the ages He has been on a great quest, the sum of which is to know not God, but to see and prove He does not exist, but "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God." Psal. 14:1.

### OUR THIRD and Last Thought of This Subject is the Cost of the Fall.

A. Death: Death had been announced to them as the penalty of disobedience, "The Soul that sinneth, it shall die." Ezek. 18:4, 20. Sin is fatal gangrene, the consuming leprosy of the Moral Universe.

B. Physical Death, Spiritual death, and last Eternal death. Apparently there was a provision for perpetual life, as the heritage of Man, or the exemption from death as we know it by sickness, pangs, and dread before the fall, but through the first sin came the expulsion from the "Tree of Life," and the sad penalty of physical death. Broken fellowship, fear, and alienation from God.

C. There comes also that Spiritual death. The Bible speaks of a Moral death of being, "Dead in trespasses and sins." (Eph. 2:1) Which consists in a separation of the soul from Communion with God, and is manifested by the corrupt dispositions and habits and carnal tendencies of the soul, as utter aversion to spiritual and heavenly things.

All who have not been made alive by Regeneration are now regarded as "Dead in trespasses and sins."

D. There is still the third degree of the results of the fall that is called "Eternal Death."

Eternal death is the final consequences of sin.

Eternal death means the eternal separation from God into complete,

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## The Abiding Newness of the Religion of Jesus Christ

(Continued)

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But now leaving the direct scriptural application, let's consider this subject in the broader topical sense. When this message was given me, I did have time to finish the development of the outline, so our material from this point will reflect this curtailment.

Observe with me first, there is an abiding newness in;

### I. THE EVANGELICAL CHARACTER OF ITS MESSAGE

The Gospel is literally, "good news". News, if it is news at all is always fresh and new. If it is old, it is not "news". When the Gospel is preached with the Holy Ghost sent down from Heaven, it becomes new to every man's awakened awareness of personal sinfulness. And all other things being equal, it beats preaching politics and Communism at every turn.

We justly criticize present day religious liberals for their involvement in politics, and their leftward, collectivist inclination... But we should be careful in opposing this that we don't become political preachers ourselves, giving those who hear us the ulcerating emptiness of anti-communism in the place of the bread and wine of the Gospel! If our ministry is characterized by such an emphasis we are apt to produce corkscrew Christians who see Communists behind every bush, but who cannot see the drift from the evangelic spirit of our forebearers, or sense the dangers of Phariseism. If there is any hope in this hour of confusing and ominous transition, it is not in quasi-religious political harangues.

I would like to see a revival in which preachers would take off the seven-league boots of non-scriptural political harangues, with which they stride roughshod into people's emotions, and put on their feet the "preparation of the Gospel of peace". I would that we could once more realize the power and effect-

iveness of the Sword of the Spirit (which is the Word of God and wield it against ancient, enemies, the Devil, Sin, and Carnality! I know that such preaching does not provide a short cut to religious excitement as the communist issue does, but the excitement and interest it produces, when faithfully and prayerfully employed, is a healthy, helpful one. This sophisticated, bewildered, jaded generation with its rehash of old sins under new garb is dying for the abiding newness of the religion of Jesus Christ... May God help us to communicate to them!

There is also an abiding newness in;

### II. THE CREATIVE GENIUS OF ITS SPIRIT

I know I run the risk of raising eyebrows when I say this, but some of you already have yours as high as they will go... Every great revival has had its own peculiar character. God never does things exactly alike. We may be sure that if we see a major revival in our day it will involve some **new** things in Zion! Some old crusty ecclesiastics will have to say: "I never saw it on this wise."

About 150 years ago when the American frontier was as far east as Kentucky, the McGee brothers, one a Methodist and the other a Presbyterian, made their way toward a settlement on the Red River in Kentucky where a sacramental service was appointed in the little Presbyterian church. The Methodist brother did the preaching, and so mightily did the Fire of the Spirit burn, that it became impossible to close the service. As the news spread, frontiersmen and their families made their way to the scene of the meeting, until the little church could not begin to hold the crowd. No one had ever heard of a Campmeeting, but necessity directed them to adjourn the services to a neighboring grove. Crowds as large as ten-thousand were in attendance, as the Spirit swept through the congregation felling stout men like balsam before the hurricane. Thus Campmeetings were born... Campmeetings, a new thing in Zion... And the denomination that was host to the first one couldn't go along with the newness. They fought campmeetings, split over the matter, and lost golden opportunity while the Methodists

realized that here was the fire of the Spirit, and did not quench it! Campmeetings, and the revival the Cane Ridge campmeeting heralded were without doubt the salvation of the American frontier, and in consequence the salvation of the nation.

There is an individual and collective creativity about the work of the Spirit, a creativity that produced Hester Anne Rogers, Mother Cobb, The Happy Alleganian, and a host of other unique and blessed characters. It is a creativity that lends an abiding newness, an eternal relevance to the religion of Jesus Christ! The fire of the Holy Ghost is able to burn up the stubble of sin, the hay of skepticism, and the wood of worldliness in our day! Hallelujah!

Then, there is an abiding newness in;

### III. THE TIMELESS ETHICS OF ITS PRACTICE...

We are so geared to the temporal moral drift, that anything morally timeless and unchanging is new to us in any age. And every age needs an awakening morally that produces a consciousness of Christianity's timeless ethics...

A genuine Spirit—quicken revival, far from producing a laxity in the ethics and piety of the church, will bring a keener separation from the world, a higher level of godliness. Her disciplinary standards will be relevant to our day and to the matter of holy living. Her piety will be genuine and not superficial. Her interests will be holy and healthy. Her faith will fight and not flag! The newness of God's abiding law will challenge decadent collectivist norms, until citadels of moral error come crashing to the ground.

Finally, there is an abiding newness in;

### IV. THE CLIMATIC HOPE OF ITS FULFILLMENT

The Old Testament spans centuries of anticipation of the anthropic sufferings... The Old Testament saints, "received not the promise: God having provided some better things for us, that they without us should not be made perfect" (Heb. 11:40)

Upon us, the ends of the age are come... Now that Divine struggle of Redemption is over... Our expectation is not one of humiliation

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## Our Losses

### OBITUARY

WILLIAM F. GILBERT

Beavertown Church

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away, Blessed be the name of the Lord." This must be the hearts cry of the Beavertown God's Missionary Church. Over Thirty two years ago in a Tent Meeting conducted by the local church God gave the Beavertown church a True saint of God. On Monday night November 29th 1965 God suddenly called Bro. William F. Gilbert home to his reward. Dying behind the steering wheel of his car with his good wife at his side, our loss became heaven's gain. Bro. Gilbert's thirty two years of faithfulness to Christ and church can not go without special notice. During these years he served on the official board of the church, and as Sunday school Treasurer. His faithfulness to the church was not only in the spot light of public office, but he walked four miles one way many times to clean the church and do the janitor work. His special seat in the church was on the right hand side, the very front bench. He "Amened" every pastor and evangelist along. He testified every service he had opportunity. He was in revival meeting on Sunday night Nov. 28th and gave a good praise for his Lord. He will be missed, his seat empty, but heaven is richer by his passing.

William F. Gilbert was born at Beaver — Springs Penna. on January 28th 1886. He leaves his good wife, one step son, three brothers and two sisters, and a host of friends. Funeral services were conducted at the God's Missionary Church Beavertown R. D. with his Pastor, Rev. John F. White in charge, Rev. G. I. Straub assisted and the Rine-Brininger Trio sang. The following poem was written by his pastor as a tribute to Bro. Gilbert's faithfulness to God and church. This poem was read at the funeral service. Beavertown Church has not just lost a church member, but a true saint of God. The pastor of this church always had a backer in this brother. He lived and died in the Faith.

## "Well Done"

"Well Done, my faithful servant."  
Blessed words of God's dear Son.  
As he greets each child of grace  
When their work on earth is done.

"Your troubles, now are over,  
Your tears for-ever dry.  
No sickness shall befall you,  
You never-more shall die.

Join your friends and loved ones,  
Who for your coming now await.  
For yours is the heavenly kingdom.  
Enter now, the Pearly Gate.

On earth you have been faithful  
You bravely fought the fight.  
Through burdens, toils and anguish,  
You never failed to do the right.

You're safe at last, the journey's done,  
Secured by my blood and grace.  
Beyond all fear, sorrow and doubt,  
You behold me, face to face.

Many earthly years are left behind,  
In my home, no one grows old.  
Parting words are never spoken,  
As you walk the streets of Gold.

Each labor, toil and burden,  
You bore on earth for me.  
Will for-ever be rewarded,  
Throughout, all eternity.

Well done, my faithful servant,  
Great joy for you doth await.  
Make a glorious entrance...  
Step inside, the Pearly Gate."

Rev. John F. White

## Dedication of New Church Furniture

Dedication services were held in the Shamokin Church November 14 at 2:30 p.m.

Rev. George I. Straub was the special speaker and the Matthew Sisters of Harvey's Lake were the special singers. The church was filled to capacity and a good spirit prevailed throughout the day.

The new church furniture which has just recently been installed has been placed in the church by members and friends as memorials to loved ones.

A new organ tone cabinet was added to the organ and presented by the Youth Group.

The home adjacent to the church property was just recently purchased by the church and will serve

as quarters for evangelists and missionaries. It will also be used for class meetings and the ladies missionary society. An afternoon Bible Club will be formed shortly for boys and girls of school age. These activities will be held in the parish house. We have been blessed with the presence of the Lord upon our services and pray that the good spirit will continue to be felt in our midst.

—E. L. D.

## A Note Of Thanks

Sister H. L. Runkle and Family wish to thank everyone for their kindness and sympathy during the recent illness and death of Evangelist H. L. Runkle.

## SEA BREEZE CAMPMEETING

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and others

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Bring bedding and pillows if possible.

Pray with us for a mighty outpouring of God's Spirit.

## "Fence or Ambulance"

"'Twas a dangerous cliff, as they freely confessed,  
Though to walk near its crest was so pleasant;  
But over its terrible edge there had slipped  
A duke, and full many a peasant;  
So the people said something would have to be done,  
But their projects did not all tally.  
Some said, 'Put a fence at the edge of the cliff,'  
Some, 'An ambulance down in the valley.'  
But the cry for the ambulance carried the day,  
For it spread through the neighboring city;  
A fence may be useful or not, it is true,  
But each heart became brimful of pity

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A brief skeleton of the message preached on "Light" at the Penns Creek Camp, July 1965, by Evangelist Stanley Kendall.

## "Light"

Read St. John 12:35 to 46.

"Light" the rule by which the guilt of sin is estimated.

The great issues of the day are social, political, and religious, but the greatest issue is this; Is the Bible God's infallible word of truth, the true light for this dark, sin cursed world? God answers this and says it is final; add not to, nor take away from the divinely inspired Word of God.

Light is God's view point on any matter. Light can be rejected, but remember, man chooses darkness because his deeds are EVIL. Cain rejected the light of his brother Abel's accepted, blood sacrifice, and cried out in the anguish of his soul, "My punishment is greater than I can bear". The Antideluvians rejected light under the preaching of Noah and perished in the mighty flood. Israel refused the light of God's law and the ministry of the Prophets of old until the wrath of God was poured out in Judgment upon them. Light rejected will become darkness as the drawing of the shades shuts out the light rays from your room.

Light is not to be stared at, but to walk in; I John 1:7 "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." To stare at light, is to put out ones sight. Just lay down at noon and look staringly at the sun and see what it does to your vision. This blind church crowd of today, that have looked, questioned, and made fun of God's light on the Bible standards of dress, diversions, and separation from the world, calling them non-essentials, and old traditions of the church, until now they see nothing wrong in anything that has a little flavor of religious life, and professes outward respectability. They are blinded by staring at the light, until all is blurred, and they say, "I can't see anything wrong in this." God give us a real pity, and burden for this willfully blind crowd.

Any one form of sin is fatal to the soul. The Bible says in James 2:10, "He that keepeth the whole

law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all." This thought is further expressed in St. Luke 16:10, "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much." Sin is a transgression of the law, but sin is also the neglect of known duty to God. Isaiah said, they have eyes to see but they see not.

In the beginning God said, "Let there be light and there was light". (Gen. 1:3) John the beloved says of Jesus, "In Him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehendeth it not." (St. John 1:1-5) "He was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world." (St. John 1:9) You are sure to get the truth from the Bible. Jesus Christ, the true Light, is the Incarnate Truth, for the Word became life and pitched his tent among us. (St. John 1:14 & 1 John 1:1-3)

God's Word is Light (Psalm 119:105 & 130) "They word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." "The entrance of thy words giveth light." God's works are light; (St. John 15:24) "If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father."

God's will is Light; (II Peter 3:9) "The Lord is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." (I Thess. 4a) "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification."

Man needs this light to penetrate his own darkened heart and reveal all sinfulness. Man must feel himself a sinner before he will become a penitent seeker for mercy and grace from God. Consider David when Nathan said, "thou art the man". Hear his penitent pleading for mercy in Psalm 51.

Guilt is ascribed to the intention or motive. Think of a child facing his parents and saying, "honestly I didn't know it was wrong, or I didn't mean to disobey, and the punishment is lessened, but the truth is established, and obedience to the light they have received is required from then on. Once the light has been revealed, one cannot keep on sinning and plead innocent before God.

Sin is infinite because it is a willful transgression of God's infin-

ite law. All willful sin deserves endless punishment. Yet the light one has received will no doubt determine the degree of punishment. The Bible seems to reveal the fact that there will probably be degrees of glory in Heaven and degrees of punishment in hell. Great light then great guilt!

God gives light on tithing, praying, dress, pleasure, separation from the world, righteous and holy living, marriage, divorce and remarriage, parenthood, duties of husband to wife and wife to husband, and children to parents. Thank God for the Bible, you had better study it more. It is God's book to man, that he might know the truth of mortal life, his immortal spirit, a Heaven to gain and a Hell to shun, for he is sure to spend eternity in one of those two places. Don't charge the heathen too much for their awful sins, they are in darkness, but judge yourself as God will judge you by the light that you have received.

## Live Christ

John Oxenham

Live Christ—and though the way may be

In this world's sight adversity,  
He who doth heed thy every need  
Shall give thy soul prosperity.

Live Christ!—and though the road may be

The narrow street of poverty,  
He had not where to lay His head,  
Yet lived in largest liberty.

Live Christ!—and though the road may be

The straight way of humility,  
He who first trod that way of God  
Will clothe thee with His dignity.

Live Christ!—and though thy life may be

In much a valedictory,  
The heavy cross brings seeming loss,

But wins the crown of victory.  
Live Christ!—and all thy life shall be

A highway of delivery—  
A royal road of goodly deeds,  
Gold-paved with sweetest charity.

Live Christ!—and all thy life shall be

A sweet uplifting ministry.  
A sowing of the fair white seeds  
That fruit through all eternity.

—Signs of Times



## I Needed the Quiet

Alice Hansche Mortenson

I needed the quiet so He drew me  
aside,  
Into the shadows where we could  
confide.

Away from the bustle where all the  
day long  
I hurried and worried when active  
and strong.

I needed the quiet tho at first I  
rebelled  
But gently, so gently, my cross He  
upheld

And whispered so sweetly of spirit-  
ual things  
Tho weakened in body, my spirit  
took wings

To heights never dreamed of when  
active and gay.  
He loved me so greatly He drew me  
away.

I needed the quiet. No prison my  
bed,  
But a beautiful valley of blessings  
instead—

A place to grow richer in Jesus to  
hide.

I needed the quiet so He drew me  
aside.

## The Bow in the Cloud

"The bow shall be seen in the  
cloud." —Gen. 9:14.

Have you looked for the bow in  
your present storm cloud? It is  
there in all its radiant and colorful  
beauty just as surely as the bow  
is in the clouds of atmospheric  
storms. Sometimes, too often per-  
haps, when the metaphorical light-  
ning flashes, the thunder rolls, and  
the rain pours down upon the af-  
flicted soul, one is too occupied  
with the storm to think to look up  
and discover the bow. But it is  
there, be sure of that, for God  
would not do more for the physical  
world than He would for the spirit-  
ual. No, a thousand times no. If we  
fail to see the bow it is not because  
God has failed or neglected to put  
it in the cloud, but because either  
we fail to look for it, or we are too  
blinded to recognize it in the dark-  
ness. What is the nature of your  
present storm? Look up for the  
promised bow.

—Pameii  
—God's Revivalist

## In Answer to Prayer

A dying minister said: "I feel  
happy and assured of my salva-  
tion, as a poor, lost sinner, saved  
through a Saviour's precious, aton-  
ing blood." But there seemed to be  
something weighing upon his mind.

One inquired, "My dear brother,  
is there anything that is now a  
cause of anxiety to you?"

The dying man drew from under  
his pillow a piece of paper, on which  
were written the names of twenty-  
five unconverted, leading men of  
his parish, and with tears he said:  
"Yes, there is one cause of anxiety,  
and here it is: It is the salvation  
of these twenty-five men. I have  
prayed much for these men, name  
by name. If I could know that these  
men would be converted, I could  
then say, 'Lord, now let thy ser-  
vant depart in peace, for mine eyes  
have seen thy salvation.'" With  
this great burden he died.

Some time after his death, at an  
ecclesiastical gathering, his suc-  
cessor was inquired of about these  
men. With much feeling he replied,  
"Brethren, every one of these  
twenty-five men has been convert-  
ed in answer to the prayer of our  
sainted brother."

"The effectual fervent prayer of  
a righteous man availeth much"  
(James 5:16). —Selected.

Spiritual gifts are as natural to  
the spiritual body as natural gifts  
are to the natural body. —A. F.  
Gray. —The Free Methodist

The story is told of a certain  
preacher who rejected the holiness  
message and insisted that entire  
sanctification was only to be ex-  
perienced in the article of death.  
He was so unfortunate as to have a  
wife who believed in, and longed  
for the experience.

In time, the wife fell seriously  
sick and yearned to know the real-  
ity of the fulness of the blessing  
and to know that the work was  
done! Her husband, thinking now  
that the hour of death had arrived,  
prayed earnestly for her sanctifi-  
cation! To her delight and his  
astonishment, God sanctified her  
wholly and witnessed to her heart  
that the work was done! The  
preacher was elated as she wept for  
joy and praised the Lord. He  
KNEW now that his theory was  
correct. But his problem was that

God also healed her and she lived!  
Now, what should he do? You  
guessed it! He acknowledged the  
truth and sought the experience  
for himself!!

—The Bible Holiness Trumpet

## Some Views

by Evangelist Wilfrid Moutoux

We humans are much like the  
pendulum on the clock swinging  
from one extreme position to an-  
other. As Christians we must avoid  
the harsh and critical position of  
the isolationist on the one hand,  
and on the other hand be careful  
we do not adopt the soft and com-  
promising approach.

Today there is a new neutralism  
in evangelical circles. This path of  
appeasement robs the church of  
courage and vitality to, "Cry out",  
against sin and compromise.

The church must always main-  
tain a fence of separation over  
which men may climb and be safe.  
When the fence is gone all is lost.

We need to be holy without being  
harsh. We must love the souls of  
men without condoning their sins.  
God help we evangelicals to mark  
out a clear scriptural path for all to  
follow if they will.

## Things Just Don't Happen

Things just don't happen to us who  
love God;

They're planned by His own dear  
hand.

Then molded, and shaped, and  
timed by His clock,

Things just don't happen; they're  
planned.

We just don't guess on the issues  
of life;

We Christians just rest in the  
Lord.

We are directed by His sovereign  
will,

In the light of His Holy Word.

We who love Jesus are walking by  
faith,

Not seeing one step that's ahead,  
Not doubting one moment what  
our lot might be,

But looking to Jesus instead.

We praise our dear Savior for lov-  
ing us so,

For planning each care of our life;  
Then giving us faith to trust Him  
for all

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## A PAGE FOR YOUTH

### A Strange "History"

For Boys and Girls

I'm just a friendly cigarette, don't be afraid of me!

Why, all the advertisers say I'm harmless as can be!

They tell you that I'm your "best friend," (I like that cunning lie!)

And say, you'll "walk a mile" because I "satisfy."

So come on, girlie, be a sport! Why longer hesitate?

With me between your pretty lips you'll be quite up-to-date.

You may not like me right at first, but very soon I'll bet,

You'll find you just can't get along without a cigarette!

You've smoked one package, so I know I've nothing now to fear; When once I get a grip on girls, they're mine for life, my dear.

Your freedom you began to lose the very day we met,

When I convinced you it was smart to smoke a cigarette!

The color's fading from your cheeks! Your finger-tips are stained!

And now you'd like to give me up. But Sister, you are chained!

You even took a drink last night! I thought you would ere long.

For those whom I enslave soon lose their sense of right and wrong.

Year after year I've fettered you and led you blindly on

Till now you're just a bunch of nerves with looks and health both gone.

You're pale and thin, and have a cough—the doctors say "T.B."

They say you can't expect to live much longer, thanks to me!

But it's too late to worry now; when you became my slave

You should have known the chances were you'd fill an early grave.

And now that I have done my part to send your soul to hell,

I'll leave you with my partner, Death—he'll come for you, farewell!

—Elizabeth Hassell.

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—The Dry Legion

### If You Would Be A Leader

1. Be Spiritual. Everyone can recognize those "who have been with Jesus." Much time spent in reading the Word, in praying, visitation, winning souls to Christ plus a testimony that is up to date will recommend one to any pastor or organization. These things will more than make up for the lack of many other qualities which seem so essential to leadership. But, if somehow you are still not given the office you would like to have, show the Christlike spirit in praying for those who are in office and co-operating to the best of your ability to make the work go on for God.

2. Be Stable. Are you one of those who, when given a job to do, can be depended upon? Does the youth president wonder when it's your time to lead if you'll be there and, if so, will you be on time or have a program prepared? Maybe you are not given a place of leadership because you've been too much like the weather this year—unpredictable.

3. Be Subject. Are you willing to take advice as well as to give it? Your pastor is the spiritual shepherd of the church, and his advice and judgment are well worth heeding. Then, if we are to be a part of any organization, we are expected to abide by its rules and regulations. As young people it behooves us to respect the opinions of the older saints of God who have been "in the way" for a longer time than we have and to regard highly their opinions.

4. Be Sensible. Spiritual people are going to steer clear of bobby-soxers and those who use the slang of Hollywood and the world when it comes to choosing leaders. We need to let the Holy Spirit check our conversation in life and word. Let's be careful, young people, in choosing our companions, our reading material, our radio programs, and the places of amusement which we visit. They greatly determine the kind of person we become.

5. Be Sweet. We all like to be in the company of someone who is always cheerful and happy. Of course everyone has his own prob-

lems—young people, too. Big, important ones. There's getting an education, money, deciding on a vocation, a life's partner, etc.; but everyone wants someone in his group who can be happy in spite of it. Then, too, no one wants a long-faced religion.

6. Be Still. This is a day when young people have an opportunity to express themselves, but there are times when they need to be still. Especially is this true in church and during the services. Too much and too loud talking in church and whispering during the services won't qualify you for leadership in the minds of your pastor and other members in your church group. —The Crusader.

### Goal Posts for Youth

A university professor, talking to a group of his students, exhorted them to be men and play well the game of life. One of them made answer: "But—how are we going to play the game well when we do not know where the goal posts are?" That young man expressed the confusion in which many of our modern youth find themselves.

The university professors are often no help. One of these was dreamily talking to his class about the future, the great scientific and social progress in the years ahead, etc., etc. The students were going along with him. One of them asked, "And will everybody be happy then, professor?" With honesty he replied, "No, people will not be happy then. I can see no happiness in prospect."

He was right. Life has no meaning, and so no abiding happiness or satisfaction, outside of Christ.

Many people, shall we say most, who strive for earthly good which they think would bring happiness are disillusioned somewhere along the line. The wealth for which they hoped they did not get or quickly lost it after the getting. The position or honor or fame went to another. The mate chosen for life proves to be a disappointment.

Some do get the wealth and the fame and are happily married. But these things in themselves do not satisfy.

Take Calvin Coolidge. He was never wealthy, but had all that any man needs. He had the highest

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# Missionary Message

## Home Missionary News Item

Some months ago Brother Straub, our General Superintendent, was led of the Lord to reopen the old "Seven Stars Community Church" near Warriors Mark, Penna. Brother Straub has served the church as supply pastor, along with his Conference duties, and truly we can say the Lord has blessed his faithful labours. Some outstanding services have been added to the history of the old Church and best of all, some new names have been written down in the Lamb's Book of Life.

We are happy to announce that Brother Edgar C. Moore has joined our ranks as a minister of the Gospel and on October 27th., 1965 he and his family moved to Port Matilda, Penna., and have assumed the pastoral duties of the "Seven Stars Community Church". Let us all unite in prayer for our dear Brother and his family as they labour in this new field of service.

Brother Moore wishes to thank the Dept. of Home Missions and all who have helped in the process of their moving and getting set up at their new location. He reports that they are very happy, and the dear Brethren and Sisters have been wonderful to them. It was with heartfelt gratitude that he expressed his appreciation for a bountiful "Harvest Home" which the church gave them on November 7th.

May the Lord bountifully bless the faithful saints at the "Seven Stars Community Church".

—The Editor

## The Motive for Missionary Work

The Apostle Paul towers above all early church leaders as the outstanding missionary of his day—In writing to the early Church at Corinth he declared in 2 Cor. 5:14, "the love of Christ constraineth

us..." or we would say today "**compelleth** us." There are various reasons for missionary work, but Paul reaches the **highest motive** when he asserts it is the "love of Christ." This "love of Christ" is the very heart of missionary work.

Every student of church history knows that the Church of Jesus Christ has made incredible progress when her chief aim has been the salvation of precious souls. It was true in Paul's day though imperialism and idolatry covered the face of the earth as the waters cover the sea. But men filled with the "love of Christ" went everywhere preaching the forgiveness of sins through the merits of the shed blood of Jesus Christ, the crucified and risen Saviour. This love compelled them to go. How could they keep silent when it burned in their hearts with unspeakable glory, beauty and power?

Their hearts were thrilled at the prospects of taking this glorious gospel to the heathen multitudes of their time. The religions and countless gods of that age did not bring peace to the heart, forgiveness to the soul and joy to the life. Christ did! And blessed be God, He still does! It is also just as true that the religions and idols of heathenism today have no more power to have than when Paul wrote those mortal words, "the love of Christ constraineth us." There are more people today without God's salvation than when the apostles and disciples placed their all on the altar for sacrifice and service that a lost world might know the blessings of heart-felt salvation.

It is the plan of Satan to alter our motives for missionary work to some type of humanistic approach. I had only been saved a few months when I heard a missionary from the Orient relate how a young man had been sent to their field who proudly brandished his revolver with the remark that if any pagan got rough with him he was prepared to defend himself most creditably. Just as soon as

the service was dismissed I went to the missionary speaker and asked, "How could anyone be so void of the true gospel message?" The missionary replied, "It all depends upon where such candidates are from: some conferences stress the spiritual while others do not." I walked away dazed! I realized for the first time as a young convert that one can even be a missionary with a misplaced humanist approach to the spiritual needs of lost souls. Paul cried, "the love of Christ constraineth us." Only as we are guided by this motive of love shall we win many souls for our blessed Lord.

There is another way Satan side-tracks the church: let us call it doctrinal polemics, or disputing about areas of truth rather than winning a lost world for Jesus Christ. The longer I evangelize in North Africa the more sickened at heart I become for it was argument and disputing by the Christian Church over baptism that lost to God's kingdom this great part of the continent. God gave the primitive Christian Church after Pentecost priority to the whole field of North Africa. History records that for over a century or so great progress was made in the evangelization of this part of the world. Then Satan instigated bitter disputings over the scriptural type of water baptism. While the church wrangled about baptism the hordes of Mohammed swept in and conquered North Africa. This powerful foe of the church of Christ has predominated now through the centuries. One has only to live and labor here to feel its tremendous power and its deathless determination to crush the Christian Church. Oh, the fearful and ruinous price the church has paid when wrong motives set the guide-lines for her labors, practices and progress.

Today there are missionary groups operating in most parts of the world. It cannot be denied that much fruitlessness is due to

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## "The Fall"

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and absolute alienation that will be eternally.

Here you see the final cost of sin, with its eternal consequences. The terrible results of sin.

"Turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?" Ezek. 33:11

For what we lost in Adam we gained through Christ having nailed it to the Cross. Who became the Second Adam. For in the first Adam we all die, but in the Second Adam we can all be made alive.

—Amen

Rev. Roy Bellomy will be the Evangelist at the Spring Garden, God's Missionary Church of Allenwood, Pennsylvania, beginning January 26th and continuing through February 6th, 1966.

## The Abiding Newness of the Religion of Jesus Christ

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and rejection but one of omnipotent triumph. For two-thousand years the newness of the imminent hope of the rapture has warmed the hearts of believers. The rapture will signal the beginning of the Day of Christ! Satan will have had his day as far as the church is concerned! Ere long he will be cast down from his place of authority in the heavenlies... Ere long the Lion of the Tribe of Judah will destroy Satan's protegee the Anti-Christ, with the brightness of his coming. And what a coming that will be! The thought of it beggars description... Every cloud will be a vehicle of burnished glory... The sun and all the heavenly orbs will flash their concentrated splendor before Him and pale... and fade into insignificance. The bosom of Mother earth will heave... Creation will give its last convulsive sigh. The Mount of Olives will split and form a plain for his feet.

Since the death of Christ, everything is new in the moral order... There remaineth no more sacrifice for sins... And "unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation"!

## "Fence or Ambulance"

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For those who slipped over the dangerous cliff;

And the dwellers in highway and alley

Gave pounds or gave pence, not to put up a fence,

But an ambulance down in the valley.

'For the cliff is all right if you're careful,' they said,

'And if folks ever slip and are dropping,

It isn't the slipping that hurts them so much

As the shock down below when they're stopping.'

So day after day as those mishaps occurred,

Quick forth would these rescuers sally,

To pick up the victim who fell off the cliff,

With the ambulance down in the valley.

Better guide well the young than reclaim them when old,

For the voice of true wisdom is calling,

To rescue the fallen is good, but 'tis best

To defend childhood's feet from the falling;

So we'll tell them of Jesus, His grace and His power

To redeem them from sin and from folly;

Thus we'll have more of fence

'round the top of the cliff,

Less of ambulance down in the valley."

—Selected



## Things Just Don't Happen

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The blessings as well as the strife. Things just don't happen to us who love God,

To us that have taken our stand; No matter the lot, course, or the praise,

Things don't just happen; they're planned.

## Goal Posts for Youth

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position and highest honors that his nation could afford. He had the good conscience which came from the respectable administration of his high office. Everywhere people were applauding or waiting to applaud. He and his wife were devoted to each other. But blood poison came to a son—then death. So a man so favored is not immune from bereavement. By and by he said that the "glamor" of the Presidency was gone. With Starling he planned to get into old clothes—the kind most of us can have—and go on a long hunting and fishing and camping trip. Away from the happenings of state and wealth and away from the admiration of the crowds.

This about Coolidge is only saying that the "good" he had was not completely satisfying.

There are new philosophies and ideologies which some offer to youth as the goal posts of life.

But whatever good or evil they have in them, they have the supreme defect that they do not meet a man's heart needs. Their help is all for the exterior of man. And none of them knows the way through the valley of death, and none of them offers what is necessary beyond the valley—a supreme defect surely.

But Jesus of Nazareth offered direction for life! His invitation was, "Come unto me." His direction was then to go out at His bidding and in His company. For all of life here He offered and offers—peace, soul rest, usefulness, hope.

Also He claimed to know, claims to know, all about the life beyond the valley. He said: "In my Father's house are many mansions. I go to prepare a place for you."

Such assurance and such promises! Was He a fraud? Or a wild man?

Millions say not. Millions have actually come to Him. Millions have found in Him all that He promised. They believe in the life beyond the "valley"—the "river," or whatever you may call the narrow place or experience which lies between the smaller life that is here and the infinitely greater and infinitely longer life that is over there.

Goal posts?! They should be set so that they reflect the light of the "better country."



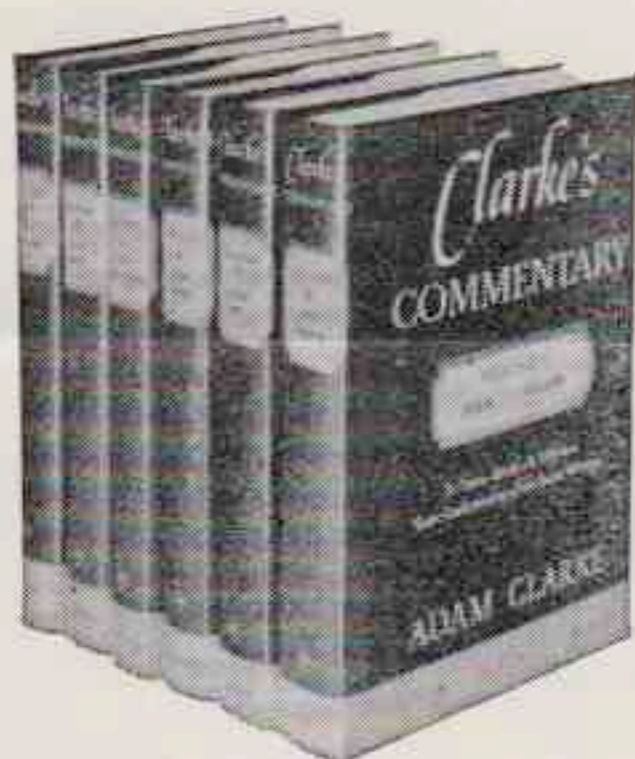
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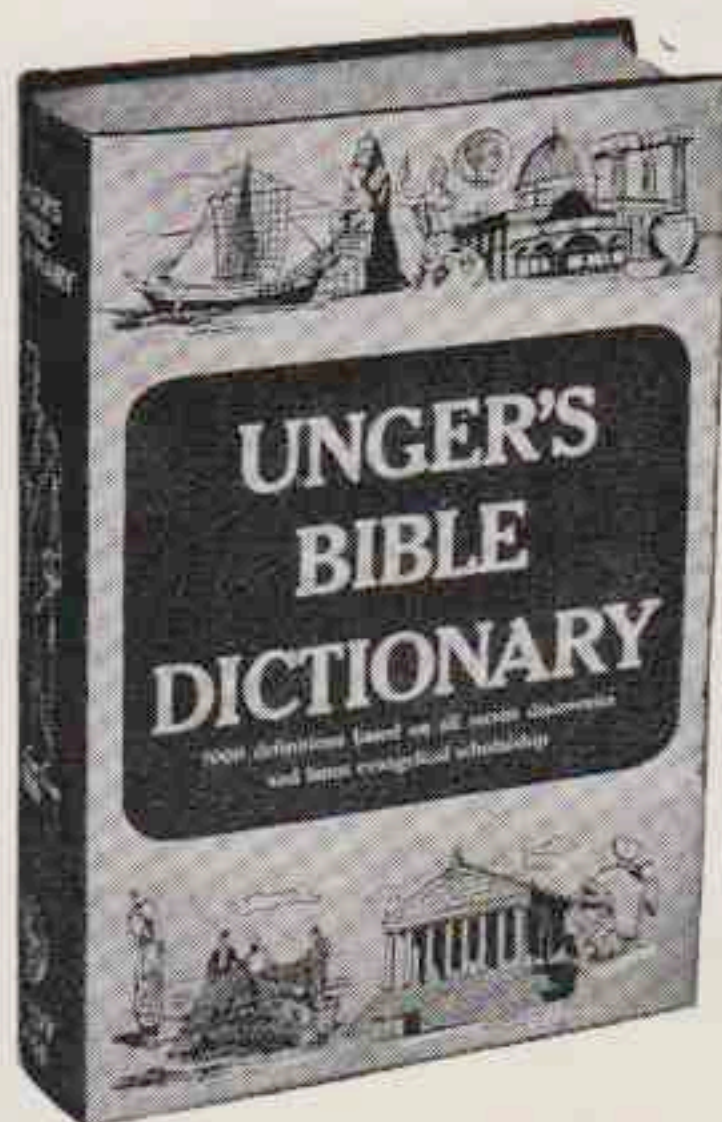


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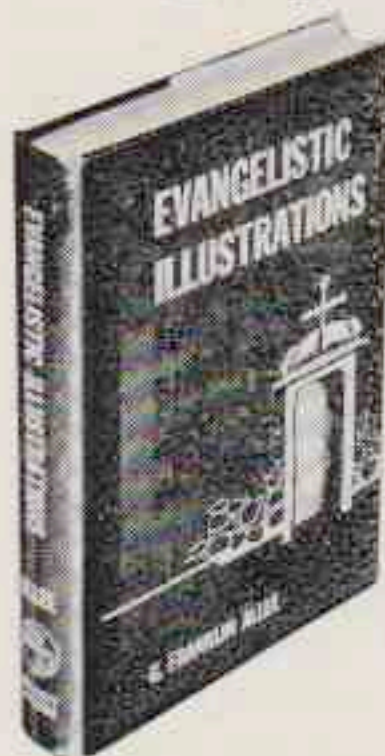
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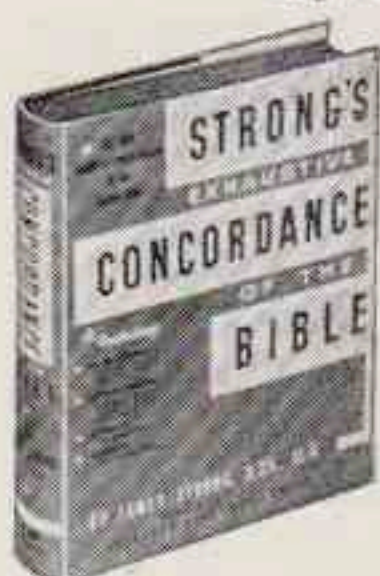
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## The Motive for Missionary Work

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wrong motives, a misplaced emphasis. Perhaps it is to train the hand, educate the mind, alleviate the suffering, erase the poverty or civilize the heathen. These objectives are most worthy, but these things can be accomplished with a humanistic approach and a trained personnel. But beloved, **this is not enough!** Missionaries are needed who are motivated by the greatest principle set forth by a holy God, "the love of Christ." How different the picture would be today if the leaders of the many emerging nations were truly "born again."

How I thank God for the privilege of evangelizing with Evangelistic Faith Missions in Africa in 1961, 1963 and then again in 1964 where the emphasis has been: first, the **heart**, then trusting God for "the other things." This is the real motive for missionary work—and anything short of this is indicative of that lack of "love of Christ." An individual, denomination or missionary society should be guided by the highest motive to be found for missions: "the love of Christ constraineth us." This love compelled Paul to take the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ to the world in his generation. It will do the same today. God bless you as you pray and give for the salvation of lost humanity.

—❖❖❖—  
"Thankfulness is the soil in which joy thrives."

—❖❖❖—  
"A grateful mind is a great mind."

—❖❖❖—  
"The devil fears a thankful mind."



## A Tale of Mercy Rejected

I am quoting two verses of scripture found in Exodus, the first is in chapter 8, verse 32, "And Pharaoh hardened his heart" and chapter 9 verse 12, "And the Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh." Now these two statements would sound contradictory if you look at them superficially, but it must not have seemed so to the writer who wrote both of these as he had witnessed the thing himself. Moses was the writer. The first text is very easily understood. Pharaoh hardened his heart. This can be said of all who were in sin very long. We, too, one time raised our puny arms in defiance against God's law and love until sin had calloused our hearts.

The second text which states that the Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh puzzles and shocks us, but if we study this we will soon see revealed to us that there is no contradiction here. Some would have us believe that Pharaoh was destined to do what he did but that is not true. The means that God uses to bring us to Himself, when rejected, are the means of hardening the heart; for he that shuts out love, in turn, shall be shut out by love.

Pharaoh's case was typical of millions who have rejected God's love such as Esau, Saul, and scores today are in the same case. It is happening round about us yet today as men harden their hearts against God rejecting the overtures of God's mercy. Man may harden his heart against God. Pharaoh said, "I have sinned against the Lord." He was not ignorant concerning what he was doing. He realized the fact that he was sinning and yet he went right on in his own rebellious ways. After five plagues have finally been sent upon Egypt to bring him under subjection to God's will, we then notice in God's word where it said that God hardened Pharaoh's heart. Surely God had given him a lot of opportunities before that time, but opportunities which had been trampled under his feet and had been rejected by Pharaoh. Notice the limit of divine mercy. We are not shut out by an act of God, but by our own choice,

our own action, our own rebellion.

Man chooses the way of sin by his own volition, by his own act. What part has God in hardening the hearts of men? Notice the process when an actual law is broken. This process takes place: There is first of all the law of habit, foundations of character are built upon the law of habit. It crystalizes people either in righteousness or in sin. Never let a man be bold enough to say, "Thus and no farther shall my passion stray." The first crime compels us on to more. When you begin you say, "I will not open my heart." And when sin is finished you say, "I can not open my heart."

We read of the Pharisees, at first they would not believe and later on they could not believe.

They had exercised their unbelief to that degree that unbelief laid claim to their lives. Unbelief caused them to continue on in unbelief, until unbelief seemed to be the only act they could commit against Jesus Christ. Yes, the process is gracious as well as judicial.

Man is hardened by what should have softened by the very act of God which should have brought them to a place of repentance they are hardened, abused mercy finally turns to wrath. God would spare Egypt; that was His desire. He sent the plagues upon it in His mercy for God afflicts many times in mercy, but mercy, my friend, is not weakness. The process of hardening illustrates the power of God. God wins the victory; He always does.

When there came the time of ultimate judgment on Pharaoh it was fully realized then that God was victorious in the battle. Oh yes, my friend, God won the victory and He always will. Man shall not be able to continue on forever in his rebellion against God.

Sinner friend, as you read just now it is a dangerous road that you walk; it is a dangerous process that you follow, for every day that is passed on in sin and rejection again God is hardening your heart making it just a little more difficult for you to come to God. The process of hardening is not done all at once, it is gradual. Day by day the sordid work of sin goes on. The soul deepens in dishonesty and the heart is soon steel-ed against God. Oh, my friend, when we think of how character is

formed by the acts which become habits in our life and determine our character, youthful purity should be guarded or soon the heart can be hardened. Willful sin becomes a compelling force, lust is mightier than all man's determination. We can lose our spiritual faculties until spiritual blindness takes place and there becomes that fatal injury to the soul until man drifts on away and farther away from God's mercy and God's grace.

Oh, my friend, if you have a spiritual need this is the hour, this is the time, this is the opportune moment for you to seek and find Jesus Christ as your Saviour. He is near at hand, He wants to meet your need, He wants to meet you just now.

—Rev. Victor Glenn



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Signed, Rev. Truman Wise