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"The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it." Psalms 68:11.

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The Earthquake of Joy and Triumph

by

Rev. Joshua Stauffer

Even as there was an earthquake in the moment of Christ's death that rent the rocks and brought distortions to the topography of the earth, so there also was an earthquake associated with the resurrection of Christ. No details are given in relation to this earthquake, and all that is stated is, "And, behold there was a great earthquake." (Matt. 28:2). In the Bible, earthquakes are mentioned as expressions of God's power, of His presence and His anger. Mt. Sinai shook at the presence of God (Ex. 19:18). Certainly the presence and the power of the Lord were both manifested at the resurrection of the Son of God.

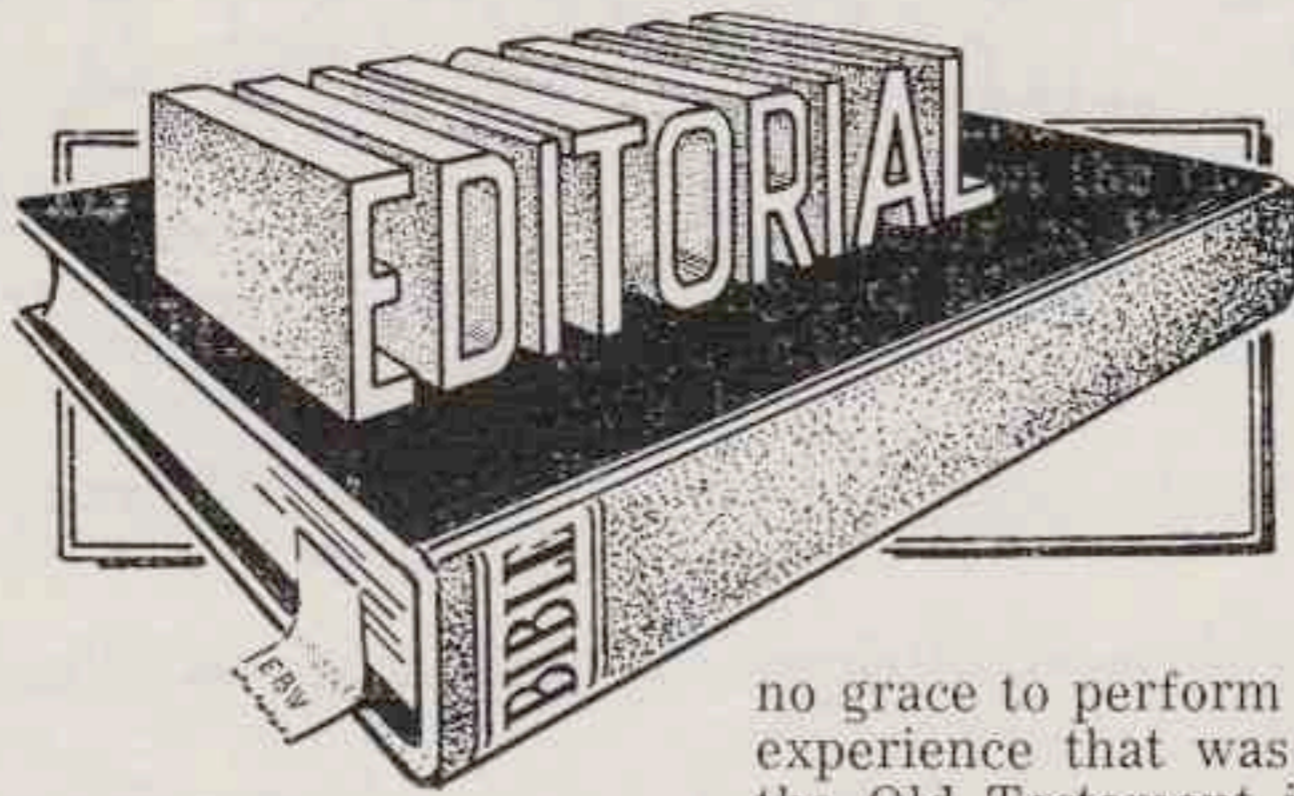
The purpose and the design of this earthquake were entirely different from the one associated with His death. The Creator and Redeemer, having risen from the dead, became a guarantee of the deliverance from the bondage of the curse and the groan occasioned by sin. When Christ arose from the dead, the earth responded in a vibrant and harmonious note that brought to it a great shout of rejoicing so that the earth quaked with delight, or as if the earth chuckled to the extent that the rocks heaved up and down like the muscles in the body contract and relax while laughing. Calling attention again to the quotation of Job, "Speak to the earth and it shall teach thee" (Job 12:8), the fact of

Christ's resurrection was being recorded in the earth. The earth can witness to the fact that Christ as Creator and Redeemer, Who had died, also became alive again. The earth was loosed from the bonds of death; therefore, quaked in exaltation in shaking off the fetters of the grave.

At that very moment a shining angel flashed some light on the guard and frightened them so greatly that they fell and became as dead men. When the guard recovered, they fled from the scene and came into the city and showed the chief priest all the things that were done.

The resurrection of Christ was a signal of His victory, and reveals that He was triumphant over Satan, hades, death and the grave. Could we but know what took place among the departed saints, the heavens, God the Father and all the holy angels, there must have been great rejoicing in the upper, heavenly and invisible world. When the heavens rejoice, the earth may also be glad. The prophet wrote, "Thus saith the Lord of hosts: yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; and I will shake all nations, and the Desire of all nations shall come" (Hag. 2:6, 7). The Desire of all nations (Christ) has come, but He was not accepted by the nation of Israel nor any Gentile nation. The shaking the earth received by Christ's first coming at the time of His death and also at His resurrection is but a specimen of the shaking this earth will receive when He comes the second time. When the deceased saints will be resurrected and the living saints transformed and to-

gether are caught up, this world will receive a terrible shaking. When Christ will set up His kingdom on earth, the voice from heaven shall declare the Sonship and Kingship of Christ, and all kingdoms of this world will become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ, Who shall reign for ever and ever. This world will receive a terrible shaking at Christ's second coming, in which the earthquakes that will be associated with His coming will shake this world such as it never has known before. For a further study in this area, consult the following references: Isaiah 2:19; 13:13; 24:18; Joel 3:16; Heb. 12:26; Rev. 6:13; 11:15; 12:10. Christ could not manifest His full glory and power to Israel in His first coming because of the unbelief of the Jews. They rejected Him. The great mission of His first coming was to die and establish His spiritual kingdom. When He comes the second time, He will enforce His redemptive rights, shoulder the governments and set up the Theocratic kingdom on earth. He is "The Desire of all nations," that is, the Deliverer, and is subconsciously the desire of all nations, which means He will bring all desirable things desired by the nations, such as peace, health, prosperity and joy without sorrow. However, Christ will subdue all nations, judge them, shake Satan and demons out of the heavenlies, and shake all rebels, sin and uncleanness out of the earth. This world is sadly in need for Christ to return and give it a good cleansing to eliminate Satan, demons, evil doctrines and unwholesome governments, and to set up His own glorious kingdom wherein will dwell righteousness and peace.



HOLINESS

Editor's Note: The editorial is written for this issue by Rev. Burton Adiska, an evangelist from the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Buckhannon, W. Va. He is with us at the present time and is doing some fine preaching. We trust that you will enjoy this editorial.

Many volumes, books, papers, articles and pamphlets have been written on the subject of holiness. Most of what is said on the subject is as varied as the volumes themselves. Almost all denominations have set their positions on holiness in print, and then have filtered these articles down to the clergy, and then on down to the local church, and on out through the various branches thereof. Many positions have been taught, and preached but little of true, scriptural holiness has ever been clearly understood by those outside the holiness movement, and I fear that some in the movement itself have not always understood, nor taught it as it should have been taught. Some have demanded in practice what no human being could possibly attain to in this present life, and yet others have lowered the standard of holiness experience to such a level that no human being could even live a consistent justified life while endeavoring to adjust to such teaching. Dr. Ironsides writes a book entitled "Holiness — the true and the false", but he never extricates the person from holiness, or the sanctified items, and furnishings of the ancient temple. The Old Testament sanctification is generally an age long picture of types, and shadows of an evangelical holiness which is presented in the New Testament era. God never intended for His people to flounder in the shadows of ancient holiness teaching which demanded but gave

no grace to perform nor to live the experience that was demanded. In the Old Testament it was holiness demanded all the days of our life, in the New Testament it was holiness lived all the days of our life. Luke 1:75 — "In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life."

As Dr. Ironsides states, there is a true, and a false holiness, however God wants us to get beyond the pot and pan state of holiness, which is all the farther Dr. Ironsides will take us. His position does not attain to a New Testament holiness. It never arises from the dust of antiquity but rather is lost in the glories of a past generation.

The Roman Catholic church stretches out its teaching of holiness to include the ages of purgatorial, refining fires after death. Perhaps someday, sometime, some place, some where within these so called refining fires the sufferer will attain to their position of holiness. Who knows?

And on and on this glorious doctrine of true, scriptural holiness is dissected, bisected, divided, and redivided until there is nothing left to live by. This is a wonderful way to destroy, and distort the doctrine of holiness, and most churches have become very good at it.

On this subject of holiness it first of all may be well to consider:

1. Gods call is to holiness.

1 Thess. 4:7 — "For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness."

God's call will lift any honest, seeking heart out of the ancient past into the glorious sunlight of the New Testament system, where the soul actually becomes cleansed through the precious blood of Christ. This is far more than a positional holiness. God has not called us unto uncleanness but unto holiness.

2. Holiness is a requirement to enter heaven.

Heb. 12:14 — "Follow peace with all men, and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord."

God is holy, heaven is holy, the Bible is holy, and blessed, and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. The Lord will not call us in the rapture unless we are sanctified holy for holiness is a requirement to enter heaven.

3. We are to be holy here on earth while we live.

Luke 1:74-75 — "That he would

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Text — "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Matt. 4:19.

HOLINESS AND ZEAL FOR SOULS

"Jesus walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And He said unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets, and followed Him." Matt. 4:18-20. Now as then when Jesus saves a soul, that soul wants to catch men, wants to see others saved. Holiness increases this desire, and makes it burn with a quenchless flame.

The zeal of other people blazes up, burns low, and often dies out, but the zeal of a man with a clean heart, full of the Holy Ghost, increases year by year. Others run away from the prayer meeting, but he holds on. Others do not grieve if souls are not saved, but he feels that he must see souls saved, or die. Others are zealous for "big goes", tea parties, ice cream suppers, and musical festivals, but nothing pleases him so much as a prayer meeting where souls are crying to God for pardon and cleansing, and others are shouting for joy. "Amen."

And this zeal for the salvation and the sanctification of men leads him to do something to reach them. He lets his light shine. He speaks to people not only from the platform and the pulpit at long range, but button-holes them, and speaks

to them wherever he finds them. Holiness makes it easy for him to do this. He loves to do it. He finds that as he follows the Spirit, the Lord fills his mouth with truth, and gives him something to say.

A number of years ago a young man full of the Holy Ghost stopped a few minutes at a watering trough to give his horse a drink, and at the same time a stranger rode up to water his horse. For about five minutes the young man with a heart overflowing with love told the stranger about Jesus. Then they separated to meet no more in this world; but the stranger was converted to God as the result of that five minutes of faithful, personal dealing, and became a soul saver in Africa. He often wondered who that Heaven-sent young man was who pointed him to Jesus. One day in Africa he received a box of books from America, and on opening a small volume of memoirs, there he saw the face and the name of the man to whom he owed his soul's salvation, and whose cry to God was, "Give me souls, give me souls, O Lord, or I cannot live."

There are two things for us to remember: 1. Most sinners hope that someone will speak to them about their soul. "Why did you not speak to me about my soul?" asked a student of his room-mate. "I thought you would not like it," was the reply. "Why that was the reason that I roomed with you," said he.

A father prayed earnestly in the meeting for the salvation of sinners. After the meeting, he and his boy walked home a mile away. The boy hoped his father would speak to him about Jesus and salvation, for he was under deep conviction, but not a word did the father say. Then the boy said to himself, "Af-

ter all, there is nothing in religion," and he became a reckless unbeliever, all because his father did not speak to him about his soul.

2. When God moves us to speak to people, we may be sure that He has been dealing with their hearts and preparing the way for us. When the Lord sent Philip to speak to the Ethiopian, He had the Ethiopian all ready for Philip's message.

A friend of mine in Cleveland used to meet a certain railroad conductor almost every day. The conductor was a big, splendid fellow, but a sinner. One day my friend felt he ought to speak to that conductor about his soul. He was a small man, and trembled and ran away like Jonah, and for the next three weeks he was disobedient and in great misery. Every day he would meet the conductor, and the Lord would say, "Speak to him about his soul." After three weeks of agony he went out of his office one day, and lo! there was that conductor again. He could stand it no longer, he braced himself, buttoned his coat, and said, "Lord, help me! I will speak to him if he knocks me down." Then he spoke, and to his surprise, and shame, and joy, the big man burst into tears, and said, "I have really been wanting someone to speak to me about my soul for three weeks."

God is faithful; He had been to that man before He sent my friend to him. Poor sinners! They often laugh and make merry when their hearts are well-nigh breaking with sorrow or conviction, and they are only waiting for someone to point them to Jesus to be saved.

Holiness not only makes us eag-

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CHURCH NEWS

ANNOUNCEMENT

Second Annual Youth Conference, God's Missionary Church, Salunga, Penna., Saturday night, May 4th at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, May 5th at 9:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Special singing and sermons for the youth.

EVANGELIST'S SLATE

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April 18-28, Brushton, N. Y. (P. H. of N. Y.)

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BERWICK, PENNA.

There was standing room only at the beginning of the Monthly Crusaders rally at Berwick. A good spirit was felt from the start of the service. Rev. Truman Motter, vice-president was in charge of the service. Rev. Melvin Evans, host pastor, opened the service with a welcome to the Missionary Crusaders and gave greetings to all present. Bro. Marlin Stahl conducted a soul inspiring song service. There were 12 ministers present including: Revs. George Straub, Wm. Rachau, Charles Wolfgang, Melvin Evans, Greg. Evans, Raymond Hoffman, Alvin Shaffer, Truman Motter, John Walter, LaDette Cooley, Russel Herr, the speaker and this reporter.

Bro. David Cooley, from the Spring Garden Church and the Evans Brothers rendered several numbers in song, shouts of praise punctuated these special numbers. Rev. Herr preached from Eze. 22: 30 including some of these remarks: "One tremendous question in this day are we expecting a revival? The diversified teachings of the day are the greatest trouble with our modern youth. We need a one track mind settled on things eternal and finally we need people who are not afraid to get involved." The service was a blessing to all and especially to the three who knelt at the altar.

We wish to thank the folk who have helped in the project for the school. We are sure the Lord will bless those who have sacrificed.

— Herman Noll, Reporter

MILLMONT, PENNA.

Spring Revival — Evangelist, Rev. Donald Hughes, Hobe Sound, Fla. Special music and singing. You will be greatly helped by the messages of this old fashioned preacher of the Word. Plan to attend as many services as possible. Rev. Arthur Thomas, Pastor.

HE IS RISEN

Has He risen for you, beloved?

Has the stone been rolled away
From the tomb so dark and silent,
Where your hopes all buried lay?
Have you seen the angel vision?

Have you heard the glorious word:

"He is not here, He is risen"?

Have you turned to meet your Lord?

Has He risen for you, beloved?

Have you seen His radiant face
As you came from out the shadows
With a weary, lingering pace?
Have you heard His tender accents
As He said: "Why weepest thou?"
Have you hastened to tell others
That your Lord is living now?

Have you risen with Christ, beloved,

O'er the world, and all its sin?
Do you know the mighty power
Of the Christ enthroned within?
Are you living in the fulness
Of His resurrection life?
Are you safe in His pavilion
From all evil and all strife?

Have you risen with Christ, beloved?

Are you witnessing for Him
To the burdened souls about you
Wandering in the paths of sin?
Are you passing on the blessing
Which He gives so rich to you?
Through a life of loving service
Does your light shine clear and true?
— Selected

THE FIRST EASTER MORNING

by

Sarah Lewis

They came in the dawn of the early morning,
Silently up to the place where He lay.
Laden with spice for His body's adorning,
And found that the stone had been rolled away.

"Be not afraid," said the shining vision,
"Nor seek for the living within the tomb,
Rejoice! for today the Lord is risen;
Go, spread the glad tidings, and scatter the gloom."

Still do we come on each glad Easter morning,
Laden with sweetness, as Mary of old,
Lilies so fair for the altar adorning,
With snowy white petals and chalice of gold.

Still are we telling the wondrous story,
Told by the angel that first Easter morn;
Years cannot lessen its grandeur or glory,
Undimmed it shall pass to the nations unborn.

THERE ALWAYS WILL BE GOD

"They" cannot shell His temple,
Nor dynamite His throne!
They cannot bomb His city,
Nor rob Him of His own.

They cannot take Him captive,
Nor strike Him deaf or blind,
Nor starve Him to surrender,
Nor make Him change His mind.

They cannot cause Him panic,
Nor cut off His supplies;
They cannot take His kingdom,
Nor hurt Him with their lies.

Tho' all the world be shattered,
His truth remains the same,
His righteous law's still potent,
And Father's still His name.

Tho' we face war and struggle,
And feel their goad and rod,
We know above confusion,
There Always will be God.

— A. L. Murray

Have Ye Received the Holy Ghost Since Ye Believed

Editor's Note: This article was sent to me by Bro. Leonard Stence, missionary to Peru. I have known Bro. Stence for some time as do a number of our Ministers. He is a fine man, knows the Lord and is doing a wonderful work in Peru. This article is very good. I do hope it is a blessing and help to our readers.

The Apostle Paul was one of the most unique preachers and apostles. Wherever he preached, men were moved to either accept the Gospel or to take negative action and try to kill him. His message was straightforward and to the point. He asked a certain group, — "Have ye received the Holy Ghost?" This was one of his most heart searching messages!

This question, according to the context, was his message at Ephesus. We note that he spoke to the disciples, or brethren there who were already converted. Their answer to this question was, "we have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost."

We live in modern times. Science, Theology and education abound on every side, but it is notable that in our age the people are no cleaner or purer than in Paul's day. This same baptism with the Holy Ghost is needed in this day and age to purify the heart, to give us power over sin and power for service. Many Christians are useless to the Lord for the lack of this "crisis" experience.

This second work of Grace cannot be grown into, talked into, nor studied into, but can only be had by becoming as a little child, as Jesus said. We must receive the Holy Spirit by faith, once we have met the conditions to receive Him.

The various translations from the original Greek indicate that this second work of grace is a definite experience, wrought in the life of the Christian who seeks it. The words "Have ye received" indicate that Paul meant for the brethren to seek it at that very same time. The words "Since ye believed" tell us that they did not get it all at once, in conversion, as

some present day people say.

I have read by more than one writer, that this experience cannot be obtained in this life, that John Wesley never had this experience, and that Paul did not mean what he said. One theologian said, "this second work of grace only means realism, compassion, patience, hope and austerity such as Jesus demonstrated." But we cannot agree with these writers, for Paul himself said to Timothy, "keep thyself pure." (I Tim. 5:22) Peter said, "Seeing ye have purified your souls, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently" (I Peter 1:22). This again speaks of Christians with pure hearts, and not of double mindedness as in others of whom Paul speaks.

We realize that this experience was spoken of by Jesus, obtained by Paul and other of the Apostles, by "clouds of witnesses" in the past ages, and by millions of our own generation, in present day Brethren in many different denominations, perhaps in your own local congregation. The counterfeit, hollow-sounding Christians should not be allowed to defeat you from obtaining this second blessing. Although older "Holiness" churches have left off this teaching on entire sanctification, God continually raises up new groups to carry on the Banner of Holiness, and will do this until the close of this dispensation.

As the double hump of the camel (dromedary) enables it to store up energy for strength to carry it through long journeys across trackless desert sands and heat, so too, this double experience will take you through the many hard places and problems of life, which the ordinary professing Christian is not able to overcome but goes down in defeat and failure. Sitting between these two humps, (two works of Grace) will enable you to overcome the enemy, be ready to face death with joy, and have the assurance of His "crown of righteousness", which the Lord shall give him at that day (II Tim. 4:8). We need to be sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise.

Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed? He is waiting to fill us with the Spirit.

I need to be filled for the home life,

I need it for work outside,

I need to be filled when by speaking,

I witness for Christ my Lord.

I need it, and oh, I may have it!

For by His enabling Power,

The Spirit Whom He has once given

Can fill me this very hour.

Has He filled you, reader?

To Calvary

by
Matthew Biller

I came alone to my Calvary
And the load I bare was too great
for me;

The stones were sharp, and pierced
my feet,

And my temples throbbed with the
withering heat.

But my heart was faint with the
toil of the day.

So I sat down to think of an easier
way;

Loomed sharply before me that tortuous trail —

No use to try; I would only fail.

I turned back in sorrow, clothed in
defeat,

For my load was too heavy; I would
retreat

To easier highways, with scenery
more fair —

Yet a moment I lingered, watching
there;

As I held my gaze on that flinty
side,

A Man came up to be crucified.
He toiled all the way up that painful road,

And the Cross that He bore far surpassed my load.

His brow with thorns was pierced
and torn;

His face had a look of pain, and
was worn;

He stopped for a moment, and
looked on me —

And I followed in rapture to Calvary.

WHAT A BOOK!

The Bible is the only Book by which you may know certainly the future. It is the only Book that satisfactorily answers the questions, Where did I come from? Why am I here? Where am I going?

— Unknown

A PAGE FOR YOUTH

Bruce's Tid-Bit Victory

Bruce and his mother felt very thankful to God for answering prayer. They had asked, if it were His will, that Bruce might have the corner under the street lamp, if Kenney ever made a change — and at last it had been given to him.

As he stood under the white light of the lamp, Bruce was thinking of Kenney. For him, the corner had proved too near to the candy store where the plain bars and suckers at an honest price moved very slowly, while the "chance" boards were kept busy all the time. In the candy store, not more than 10 feet from Bruce's news stand, were at least a dozen of these.

"Don't meddle with them, my boy," his mother had warned him. "You remember how you caught the little mouse last night, Bruce? You placed one of your cheese tid-bits a few feet away from the trap, then another, and another, and at last you laid one right on the little iron spring of the trap. Satan has these little 'dots' and 'lucky' numbers on the candy cards, each calling for a mammoth sucker or a jumbo bar, to lead you into the snare of gambling. Then at the right moment he will spring his trap and he will have you fast."

"I think you are right, Mother," Bruce had answered. "That's exactly how Kenneth lost his corner. He could not keep away from the little store, and pretty soon he was tempted to spend the manager's share of the money as well as his own, thinking of course, he would soon win enough 'lucky' draws to make it up. But it didn't work out as he had thought and they took him to jail. Poor Kenney!"

Cold shivers had run up and down Bruce's backbone as he thought of Kenney locked up in a narrow cell with only bread and water, and then maybe having to go to the Reform School.

"Never touch the first one of the devil's tid-bits, Bruce, and you will never get into this trap. That is what God meant when He said, 'Provide things honest in the sight of all men'. Those chance boards

are not honest; there is a hidden serpent behind them, ready to bite and sting and get you into trouble just as Kenney has found out.

"Maybe if we can keep our twenty-five-cents-a-week plan going long enough, there may be enough left after we get your new trousers for a real honest bar, and you may have it all, my brave little man."

"You mean that I will have one third of it, and you and baby sister the other two-thirds," Bruce had said as he kissed her and baby sister and hurried to the stand. . .

"Journal! Jour-nul! All about the big liner!" Bruce's cheery call and polite "Paper, Mister?" were winning sales for him right along. His left pocket was already getting rather heavy with coins from honest hard work.

"That horseshoe must be bringing you good luck Buddy, I've been waiting here two full minutes for my turn."

Bruce's customer was a business-like man in a broad-rimmed hat, who held a bill in his hand.

"It is not the horseshoe, sir. That only keeps my papers from blowing away. My help comes from the Lord. Mother and I always ask Him to help me sell out early. Here's your Journal, Mister." Bruce quickly counted out the right change.

"Suppose we flip for it," said the customer. "Heads, you give me the paper free. Tails, I pay you this dollar bill for it."

Oh! A whole dollar! Bruce's eyes opened wide. "That could not be any chance-board game nor jumbo-bare trap either. That was really earning money fair and square," the tempter was saying. Had not the man offered to do this himself? Good luck was coming in answer to their prayers!

But just then came Mother's text — "Provide things honest in the sight of all men." That couldn't be honest — the paper wasn't worth a dollar, and yet if the nickel said "tails," the man would have to give a dollar for it. And — what if it should say "heads"? Then Bruce would lose the money for his sale, and he could not afford that.

There wasn't anything honest about this entire affair.

Just then he thought of Kenney. Kenney used to flip nickels. How sad Kenney looked when the two big policemen had loaded him into the patrol wagon and taken him to jail. They did not even give him time to gather up his papers. Kenney had looked as if he wanted to die, but was afraid to meet God. Maybe flipping nickels is what started him wrong.

"No, sir! None of that for me," Bruce decided.

"Here is your paper sir, and here is the change," Bruce said. "I cannot afford to lose either the price of a paper or my soul by doing what I know is not honest."

"Thanks!" smiled the stranger as he tucked his paper under his arm and disappeared in a waiting taxi.

"Journal! Journal!" Bruce was soon busy again, the three cents jingling with a merry sound among the other small coins in his pocket.

Bruce did not know that his customer was the manager of the Daily Journal, nor that a new suit of clothes marked "paid," that was exactly his size, was going to be delivered at his home next day, addressed, "To the Boy Who Would Not Gamble." But he knew that he had escaped the devil's trap by refusing the "tid-bit" he had offered him and he felt very thankful to God for His help and to Mother for her good advice.

While Bruce continued to sell Journals on that corner he had several candy bars, but he always bought the "honest-to-goodness" kind, as he called them, to avoid the devil's "tid-bit" bait.

— Selected

ARITHMETICAL RULES

"We have the wisest teacher,
And he's given us this rule
That helps us in our lessons —
You can use it in your school.
Always add a smile or two
When things are going wrong;
Subtract the frowns that try to
come

When lessons seem too long;
Then multiply your efforts,
When the figures won't come
right;
Divide your pleasures day by day
With every one in sight.
Now, if you always use this rule,
You'll have a happy day,
For lessons are then easy,
And hours fly swift away."

O Lamb of God, I come! I come!"



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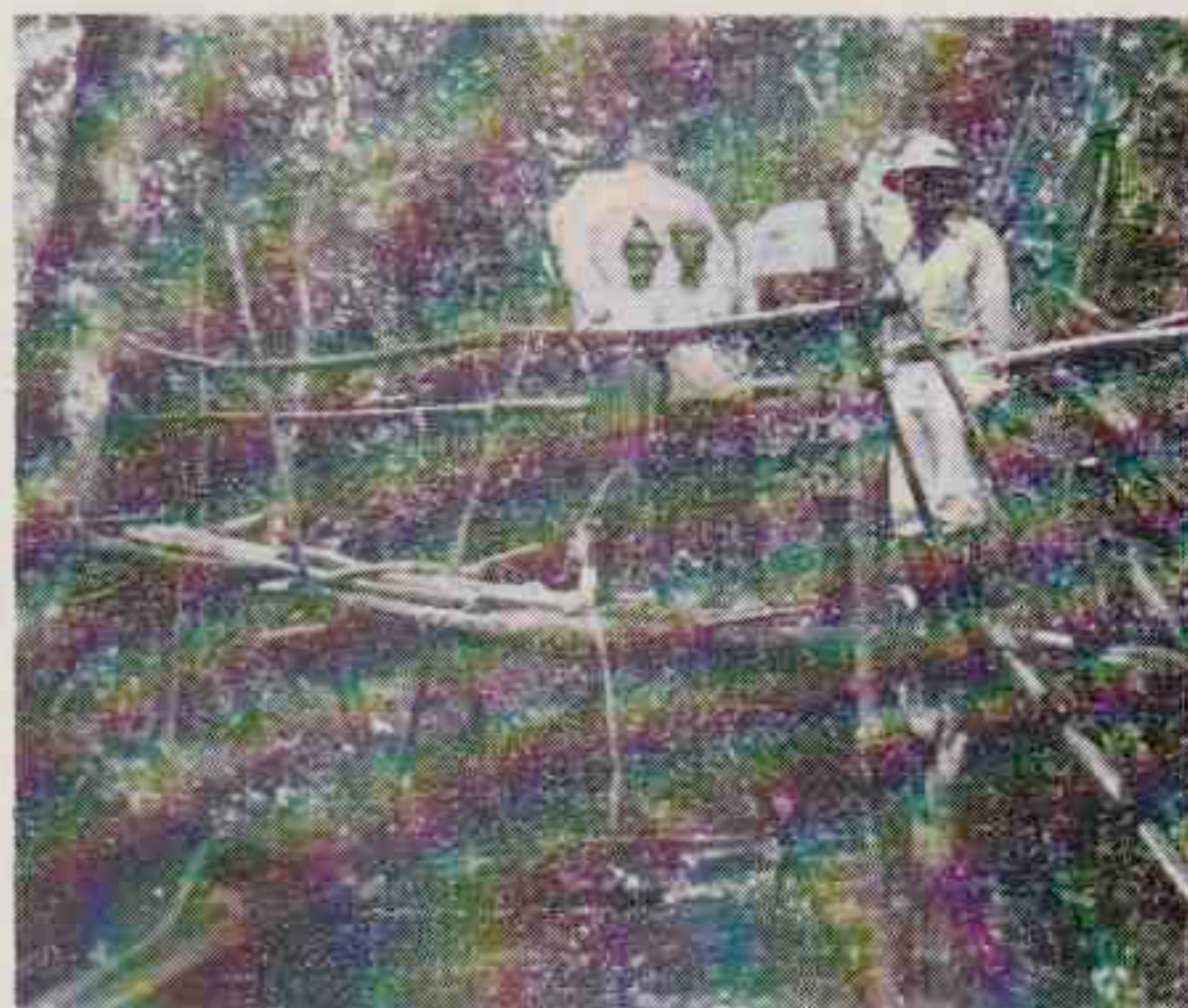


A Trip To A Village Church

by
Bonnie Cleaver

"And the Lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and the hedges and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled." Luke 14:23. Come with us away from the mission station to go out into the deep bush country where souls also need the Saviour. Things are not like they used to be so we will be able to take the jeep part of the way and will not have to be carried in a hammock this trip. God has given us a road that goes part of the way, so we load all the things into the jeep and drive till we come to a little clearing in the bush where we park the jeep, put the loads on our carriers heads and start walking. Traveling through the tall palm trees in the late afternoon can be very pleasant and not too hot and rugged as the people from the village have cleared the path so it is easier to pass through. Here and there we see beautiful red and orange flowers hiding away from civilization where the Creator, Himself planted them. At times we hear the cry, "Drivers"! and then we all look down

and watch carefully where we step, sometimes leaping over a portion of the path so that we do not have the ants crawling all over us. Some of the boys are singing as they carry their loads and we talk and laugh as we go on our way. Passing through the villages we hear greetings of "Make" which means hello in Gola, and we answer them in the dialect. Sometimes as we pass through some of the villages on the way we stop to sit on one of their bamboo benches and eat an orange to quench our thirst. Some of the people gather around us just to look at us and some of them ask for medicine or want to know where we are going. We tell them that we are going to Don Don which is the village where we shall have the baptism. At this village we have a native church where our Liberian evangelist, Rev. James Anderson, has been going to preach the Word over the years. And now new ones have come to believe on Him and want to follow their Lord in baptism. Many of them are young people and for this we are thankful for they are the next church. Always before we have had the baptismal services at the mission by our river which is near there so this is our first time to have one at the village.



After walking about an hour and a half we cross a pole bridge and then come into a clearing where we can see the little mud and stick church that has been rubbed by the women to perfection, and also the mud and stick house that they have built for us to stay in when we come. Across the path at places they have woven palm branch arbors which we pass under and there are palm branches in the windows of the church. After greeting the people we sit down and the chief's wife brings us our food, rice and cassava leaves, with not too much pepper. Hope you don't mind the pepper, we are used to it by now. The food is "sweet" as the Liberians say. When we are finished eating they tell us that our "bath" is ready. Where? Well, underneath the stars, in a shelter made of bamboo sticks and woven mats shaped in a circle, but with the top open to the heavens. There is lots of hot water in the tub and an outside bath is not unpleasant at all. After our bath we go to the church stepping into the inside pushing the mat aside that covers the door. Kerosene lanterns are placed on the table at the front and in the middle of the room. There are only two benches so the rest come with their little stools on their heads which they place on the floor, taking their babies off their backs and putting them on their

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Holiness Teachings

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er for the salvation of sinners, but fills us with unutterable longings for the perfecting of the saints. We want to see "every man perfect in Christ Jesus." I have never known anyone to get the blessing without this desire following.

Oh, how God longs to have a holy people on earth! Will you give yourself to Him, my brother, my sister, to help Him to get such a people? You can be a yoke-fellow with Jesus, a worker with God. If so, begin just now to pray for the one you feel God would have you help to save or sanctify, and if you continue, great will be your reward.

"The Way of Holiness — S. L. Brengle".

A TRIP TO A VILLAGE CHURCH

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knees. The singing has already started, but you will not understand it as it is in the Gola and Kpelle dialects . . . but you can hum along with us and feel the Spirit of the Lord witness to your heart that you are among God's people. We sing a long time because their hearts are joyful because the missionaries have come and in the morning they will be baptised. We pray together and then one of us opens the Word of God and we speak of the "new creature in Christ Jesus" who has had all the old things to pass away and now all things are new, before it is time for baptism. They listen attentively and with spiritual hunger as we give them the bread from heaven. Our own hearts are thrilled and stirred as we look into their faces and realize that we have known for so long and they are only now beginning to know His love. When the preaching is over all who will be baptised in the morning come to pray and then the benediction is given. We go out into the night to the house where we go to bed after speaking to Him, then turn our lantern low and fall off to sleep with the night sounds of Africa ringing in our ears.

In the morning we gather together to dress each one in his or her baptismal robe that has been sent from the dear ones from the church

in America and then single file we walk with singing hearts and voices down the green jungle path to the creek. Rev. Anderson is assisted by our teacher, Samuel Gooding, and one by one they step into the water and are buried with Him in baptism. How wonderful to see these who before had not seen or heard, telling to all who witness their baptism that now they are His! Bless His Holy Name! How faithful He is to draw souls to Himself. At the end of the service we go back to the church and have our morning worship service. There are testimonies and singing and again we proclaim His Word. How happy we are to be there and to share their joy with them. Salvation brings joy everywhere and His presence blesses in the midst of His people, when He turns the darkness into day!

The chief's wife has prepared palm butter and rice for us and we eat it with thanksgiving. Then there is a knock at the door and the chief and his wife enter bringing us a chicken as a gift as we prepare to leave. With all of the loads outside we say goodbye and as the boys pick up each bundle we start back through the bush. It is cooler now and we take our time enjoying the walk, as some of the people from the village "carry us part way" which is the Liberian custom of walking part of way and then saying a second goodbye as they return to the village. On the way back we stop and give some medicine at one of the villages and sit down to rest as the boys climb the orange trees gathering some for us to take home to the mission. While they do this we sample some of the sweet fruit that is so plentiful at this time. Then we walk again with the boys singing and talking to each other about the happenings of the day. God has given us a wonderful trip and our hearts are grateful. We have gone into the highways and the hedges and found souls that want to follow Him. His house must be filled and soon the doors will be closed and then He will come. We want the ones in Africa to be included in the group around the throne.

Missionaries have lonely times and sometimes the trials are heavy, but when we look back on trips like the one we have just taken to Don Don, we forget the tribula-

tions in the joy of knowing that He weeps with us and rejoices with us when souls are brought into the kingdom! Thank you for coming with us, hope you have enjoyed the trip as much as we have. God help you to pray for our people not only in Don Don but in many of the villages, and on the mission, that they may always walk with Him. Pray for us that we might ever lift Him up before them."

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." John 1:12.

In His love,
Bonnie

IT'S BETTER THAN DOING NOTHING

Selected

Recently my Sunday school superintendent and I spent the evening in home visitation. One family on our list had not been to church for a year. After a few moments of conversation we asked the children if they would like to come to Sunday school. With a sudden burst of excitement the little girl said, "Can we, Mommy? It's better than staying home doing nothing!"

A college student recently said, "America is fast becoming a non-religious nation." This is true. Man-made solutions are not producing the hoped-for miracles. We must reach the world with the gospel of Christ. Many cannot visualize themselves as house-to-house evangelists, but "It's better than staying home doing nothing." Winning souls for Christ is everything!

The sinner is seeking answers for his confused life. Fearful Christians, anxious to lead that first soul to Christ, can operate on this policy: "It's better than staying home doing nothing." This could open the door to abundant life, to joyous, fruitful service. Try it.

WHAT A BOOK!

Take all of this Book upon reason that you can, and the balance by faith, and you will live and die a better man. In regard to the Great Book, I have only to say that it is the best book which God has given to men.

— Abraham Lincoln

Holiness

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grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life."

a. Some say that you can't be holy in this life. You can become holy only when you die. The real problem with this thought is that the Bible teaches no such doctrine.

The story is told about a Baptist man who had been taught that you could only become holy just before you died. This man became ill, and was taken to a hospital. At the point of death as he supposed, he sought, and found the experience of holiness, but when the Lord sanctified him He also healed him. The Baptist man decided that the experience was so wonderful that he would just keep it. He lived a good sanctified life for a few years, and then went home to heaven. The Bible, and experience teach that a holy life is to be lived here on earth.

b. Others say — if you were perfect God would immediately take you to heaven, you couldn't live in this world.

But there is no greater need than for perfectly holy people to live here. God needs holy people in this life to help others to become holy. The Lord wants His people to live His life among men. If this is not true — how did Jesus Who was holy, and perfect, live on this earth for some 33 years.

4. True scriptural holiness is a complete cleansing from a sinful nature.

If this is not included in a doctrine of holiness then it is not true scriptural holiness. We do not contend for terms. Some have used such terms as perfect love, perfect faith, the rest of faith, the higher life, christian perfection, holiness, entire sanctification. Whatever term you may wish to use to help define this experience is immaterial, but we do insist in a complete cleansing of a sinful nature. 2 Cor. 7:1 — "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, per-

fecting holiness in the fear of God." Acts 15:9 — "And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.

A relative of mine one time said — it doesn't state where Paul was sanctified. The scripture will decide the issue. Acts 9:17 — "And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost."

5. What is perfection?

This term perfect has been misunderstood by many, and derided by the same number. A perfect green apple will one day make a perfect red apple all things being equal. Wesley said of a new born Christian — a Christian is so far perfect as not to commit sin. In the Philippian letter, chapter 3, Paul speaks of two perfections. One he has attained to, but the other was reserved for him in the future. In verse 12 Paul is speaking of a resurrection perfection — "Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect." But in verse 15 he speaks of a perfection he has attained — "Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded."

In the scheme of redemption there is initial salvation, entire sanctification, and then there is glorification. This eternal salvation or glorification is some time in the future for us. It can not be attained in this life time. Many trips to an altar will not give you the experience of glorification. There is a matter of time involved in this experience. Some things are experienced here, and now, some hereafter.

Matt. 5:48 says, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."

This perfection is not adamic perfection. Neither is it angelic perfection. This perfection is Christian perfection.

6. Infirmities are consistent with holiness.

We must never forget that this treasure is in an earthen vessel.

The treasure is Divine, but the vessel is human. We are as liable to err or make mistakes as we are to breathe. God is infinite but man is only finite. This is one reason why erasers wear out sometimes before pencils do.

a. Lack of knowledge is one infirmity that is consistent with holiness. God is omniscient, we are not. We don't even know what might happen ten minutes from now but God does.

b. Mistakes are consistent with this holiness. Wesley once said, you may occasion to say that someone is better than he really is — this is a manifest mistake but it is consistent with perfect love. Paul said not to think of him more highly than ye ought to think.

c. Lack of judgement is consistent with holiness. We don't always judge people rightly. A child may endeavor to jump a mud puddle with her new Sunday School dress on, and miss because of a lack of judgement, but Jesus said of children "of such is the kingdom of heaven." They belong to Him but their judgement is imperfect, and so is ours.

d. Lack of memory is consistent with holiness. I once missed a chicken dinner while pastoring in Portland, Oregon. We had taken a lady down into California, and on the way back, hundreds of miles away, I happened to think of that chicken dinner. We didn't make it. If the desire to sin is sin, then after we are saved, if we have a desire to please God don't you think He counts that desire right even if a mistake is made? If we suffer as a Christian innocently, and take it cheerfully, we will be rewarded for it.

7. This holiness is an establishing grace.

James 5:8 — "Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh."

The first Thessalonian letter, chapter three says in verse 2 — "to establish you," in verse 10, "and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith" and in verse 13, "to the end he may establish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God." This is a wonderful establishing grace for all Christians.

— Rev. Burton Adiska

PENN VIEWS

by

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"For lo the winter is past . . . the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come. . . ." Whether in Solomon's day or in our day, Spring always is welcomed with opened arms. These are days when the fancies of young people in Penn View Bible Institute gently, or otherwise, turn to thoughts of babbling brooks, green fields, bursting buds and buzzing bees — but only reluctantly to textbooks. However, before vacation actually becomes a reality there are several important events that must occupy our attention here. Before citing these events, perhaps I should give a brief recap of one or two recent highlights.

God has favored us in many ways so that any attempt to praise Him must seem futile indeed. There has been little sickness among our students, and only a very few have been involved in minor injuries. The inconveniences that we have had to bear due to our cramped quarters has only proved the mettle of our students and contributed to proven personalities better qualified to endure hardness should days of greater testings come — and come they will. Hardships, however, are not the only factors that contribute to character building. Diligence and good old teutonic pluck have also entered into the picture along with continued and persistent hungering after the things of God. This latter is all important. In keeping with this idea let me say that our chapel services have on several occasions been times of serious thinking with hands quite often raised for prayer. One very special service will linger long in all our memories. Bro. Paul Pierpoint and his evangelist, Rev. Eugene Gray, visited our chapel and what a day it was. Brother Gray's ministry to our students was especially anointed of the Lord. There were seekings, findings, shoutings, and rejoicings. Several of our students touched God. To Him be the praise. A number of our pastors, especially those who live nearby, have contributed to the spiritual welfare of our students by ministering in our chapel services.

Likewise our pastor-teachers have helped to maintain that spiritual atmosphere that must ever be a vital part of our school life. These and other visiting ministers have helped to make up for the deficiency that we all have felt as a result of the indefinite but imperative postponement of our scheduled school revival. Now that our new and beautiful chapel is in the about-to-be-finished stage, we will look forward to a real regularly-scheduled school revival next fall. Although September 20 (the opening date of our fall revival) may seem far away, it will be here before we realize it. It must be made a recurring matter of prayer.

By way of events closer at hand, let me remind all of our readers that this spring, in God's good pleasure, will bring around our first Commencement season. The week of May 19-24 bids fair to be an important time for all our students and especially so to our 6 high school graduates and to those who will be completing their elementary work.

A brief itemization of the services for this important week follows: The Baccalaureate Service will be held in the new Penn View Chapel on Sunday afternoon, May 19 at 2:00 o'clock. Reverend Truman Wise, pastor of the Lebanon Church, will be giving the Baccalaureate address.

The Graduates Service will be held on Tuesday night, May 21 at 7:30 o'clock. At this service the valedictorians will be giving their addresses.

The Student Service, to be held on Thursday, May 23, at 7:30, will feature selected presentations from every department of the school — Elementary, Secondary, and College departments.

The cap-sheaf of Commencement season will, of course, be the Commencement itself. This will be held on Friday night, May 24 at 8:00 o'clock. Our General Superintendent, Reverend G. I. Straub, will be our Commencement speaker. There will be special music at all of these commencement-week services.

Let me urge one and all to pray about, plan for, and proceed to, these important services that are calculated to provide a fitting climax for the nine months of sacrificial service and cooperation on the part of pedagogues, pupils, parents, and pastors.

AIDS TO PRAYER

1. Read and mark the great prayer chapters of the Bible.
2. List things people prayed for in the Bible.
3. Study biographies of men and women who prayed.
4. Keep a prayer list, and record the answers to your prayers.
5. Note the secrets or principles involved in these answers; certain things or persons involved.
6. Read a chapter a day from a good book on prayer.
7. Seek the Holy Spirit's help.

— Selected

The Other Man In Psalm One

Selected

Cursed is the man whose path is directed by the counsel of the ungodly; who enjoys himself in the frivolities and presence of the sinful; or who joins in the condemnation of the righteous;

For his delight is in his prestige, riches, and sensual pleasures, and his thoughts and efforts will continually be dominated by these, to the exclusion of God and His Law.

He shall be like a Christmas tree stuck into the sand which bringeth forth no fruit — only shiny leaves that shall soon wither and die, and be whisked away by the winds of time and adversity.

He shall not stand with the rejoicing saints in the judgment, but will cringe, prostrate from fear, his selfish life condemning him in the presence of the Omniscient Judge Who cannot be deceived by flowery professions.

His sentence: the pangs and torments of hell, and separation from God forever — and ever — and ever!

Revelation

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The heavens declare the glory of God;
The cross revealeth His grace.
The firmament showeth His handiwork —
But Calvary unveils His face.

WHAT IS WORLDLINESS?

From Church Herald and
Holiness Banner

Ever since I can remember, there has been one word in our beloved Zion that I felt needed to be defined. This word, almost entirely peculiar to church parlance, is "worldly" or "worldliness." Even the Bible writers had many things to say about worldliness: "Love not the world," (I John 2:15); "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God," (James 4:4).

Looking back across my own ministry for over 20 years, I think I see a trend away from preaching against worldliness, which characterized the preaching of a generation ago. The word "worldliness" seems to have almost gone out of use. Very many of our people are anxious to avoid what is morally wrong, but they appear to have ceased to be anxious to avoid worldliness.

Some may say that the early leaders of our Zion went too far in their plainness and simplicity, in their self-denial and withdrawal from the world. Perhaps some of them did; but if they did, it is also true that too many of the second and third generation are going altogether too far in the other direction, until we have become so involved in the complexities of life that we have no time for God and our souls. The love of gadgets, the trend of many in leadership toward selling real estate or insurance, taking active part in "get-rich-quick" schemes, spending excessive amounts of time in what they call hobbies — and I could go on and name a score of other things — is just plain, old-fashioned worldliness, whether it be found in ministers or laymen.

God's people, from the days of righteous Abel, have been holy, different from sinners, undefiled in motives. "Love not the world," and,

"Be ye separate," are God's commands that still come ringing down through the centuries. Men have differed widely on the meaning of these commands as they touched the fringes of life; but all through the years the holy men and women have been impelled by an inner urge to be Godlike, to be separate from and antagonistic to every form of belief or practice that would rob God of His glory.

The only church that will meet the need of the world is the church that is different from the world. There are those in all groups who say: "If we would only soften the message and lower the standards, we could appeal to vast numbers of folk who today are alienated by our message and method." This is false reasoning. Whenever any church begins to adapt itself to the world, that church soon becomes like the world, and the individual who adapts himself to the world is soon absorbed by the world. The church will win the world only as it remains different from the world — set apart unto Christ.

One has said, "We can measure our spiritual decay and defeat by our success in our adaptation to the world." Conformity to worldly customs and practices is seen in seeking friendship with those who hate Christ; surrendering distinctive Christian principles and conforming to a godless age in ethical practice, in social customs, and in sensuous and immodest dress. This is a danger point that needs to be guarded with great care.

Unworldliness requires simplicity and modesty, an abstinence from ostentation and luxury in methods of living. To lay down rules as to what is permissible and what is forbidden in matters of this kind is most difficult. Unworldliness does not consist in the most rigid observance of external rules of conduct, but in the spirit and habit of living created by the vision of God, by constant fellowship with Him, by personal and vivid experiences of the greatness of our Christ, and a settled purpose to do the will of God always, in all things, at all costs, by the power of the indwelling Spirit.

Worldliness is more than the way we dress. This may be one sign of worldliness, to be sure, but not the only one.

To conduct our business affairs with so much zeal that there is little time or attention given to the kingdom of God — that is worldly.

To be more concerned with the furnishings in the home than the culture of the soul — that is worldly.

To be enthusiastic about picnics and hunting or fishing, and not enthusiastic about the things of God — that is worldly.

To be known as having a big appetite for chicken dinners and little appetite for the Word of God — that is worldly.

To talk much about politics, finance, sports, automobiles, but little of God, and about the things of God — that is worldly.

To enjoy the social meetings but to consider the prayer meeting a drudgery to be avoided if possible — that is worldly.

These things are doors through which swarm all manner of evil. Paul calls them the desires of the flesh and mind. "Be not conformed to this world." The only alternative is, "Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind." Unless day by day the spirit is renewed by fresh visitations from God, the soul will by an almost imperceptible process be pressed into the world's mold. Be transformed by the Divine companionship.

The Christ-life is simple. We have but one thing to do. We have but one Person to please. Has your life been thus simplified? The Great Physician is near. He may diagnose your case accurately and thoroughly now, if you only ask Him. He has the exact remedy that will cure your spirit of its love and desire for the world, and implant in you a heavenly courage to be Godlike in all the outgoings of your life. "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" (Acts 19:2). This is the only cure for the worldly minded.

A Boy and A Monkey

A young cigarette smoker watching the monkeys in a menagerie, said to the keeper, "Would it do any harm to offer one of them a cigarette?"

"Not a bit," replied the keeper. "He wouldn't touch it. A monkey is not as big a fool as he looks."

— Selected