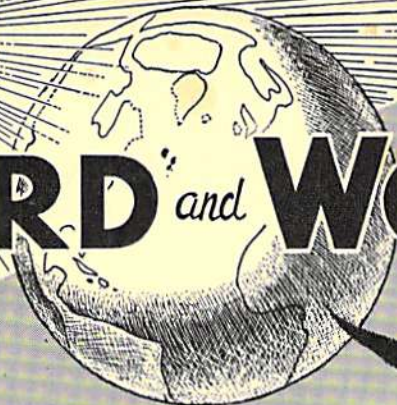


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# Talking Things Over

G. R. L.



Some years ago I canvassed approximately 100 church members in good standing with a church of Christ, asking them two questions. My first question was, "Do you have hope of eternal life?" Except for one, all answered in the affirmative—although some seemed a little uncertain. The one who said, "No," also added, "I don't *hope* for eternal life, because I *have* eternal life right now." And he was able to cite the appropriate scriptures.

The second question was, "Upon what do you base your hope?" Less than ten people related their "hope" to "Jesus Christ our hope" (1 Tim. 1:1). Even of those who reported that they were trusting in the Lord Jesus, there were some who weren't too sure that they had the right answer. Very few knew the Way and *knew* that they knew Him. Most were hoping ("wishing" would be more accurate) on the basis of church membership, good works, "doing the best they could," etc. And yet that congregation had not lacked in good sound Bible teaching. How could there be such abysmal ignorance of the most fundamental fact of the gospel?

## "BE READY ALWAYS"

The command of the Lord, through Peter, is "Be ready always to give answer to every man that asketh you a reason concerning the hope that is in you" (1 Pet. 3:15). Why are we so unready? This is a question that has deeply disturbed me. Inquiring of brethren in various congregations around, I find the condition to be general. When, in a Sunday school class or other small informal meeting, there is call for Christians to give a testimony for the Lord, the response is almost nil. When Christians will not speak of their faith to each other, certainly they are not likely "to give answer to every man that asketh" in the course of their daily lives.

## THE MISSING KEY

In the book of Acts (8:4) we read that "they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word." We know the results. And we know that these "preachers" were not specially trained nor professionally schooled. They were ordinary people who were willing to tell what Jesus Christ meant to them. *Personal witness* was the key to the spread of the gospel in the first century. Even the apostles were primarily witnesses—not preachers or teachers or theologians (Acts 1:8). More than once we have record of Paul's giving testimony to his own experience of conversion.

There can be no doubt about the effectiveness of the personal testimonial. Thousands of dollars are paid to put on your television screen a picture of some unidentified housewife—an expert in nothing—who says, “Fab really did give me a whiter wash!” Result? The cost is soon repaid by housewives who rush out to try it for themselves. The personal testimonial cannot be refuted. When you argue about doctrine with a person, even if you win the argument, you lose the man. When you say, “Jesus Christ changed my life,” he has no answer.

Today there are in use a multitude of schemes for reaching the community with the gospel. They are effective to a small degree, but usually it is a tiny fraction of any congregation that gets involved. I believe that the key to community outreach is the personal witness of every believer, in his usual, every-day situation. This key is missing. Christians are not ready to speak for their Lord when the opportunity presents itself.

#### HOW TO GET READY

In less than two minutes, you can read aloud Paul’s personal testimony before Agrippa (Acts 26). With just a little effort, you can compose your own testimony following Paul’s pattern. The essentials may be summed up in three words: Before, During, and After. What were you before you met the Lord? This is the starting point. Whether you were pious or a profligate, you were lost, dead in trespasses and sins. “For there is no difference, for all have sinned. . .” It is not necessary to relate the gory details of your behavior, but you certainly should be clear on the hopelessness of your condition without Christ.

Secondly, answer the question, “What happened to you?” We have all been saved by the same wonderful Savior, but He didn’t deal with any two of us in exactly the same way. What circumstances did He use to bring you to Himself? This in itself is thrilling—how He knew to apply just the right kind of pressure at the right time. A word of caution here: Be on your guard against taking part of the credit for yourself. “Salvation belongeth to Jehovah.” “Let Him that glorieth glory in the Lord.”

Now to the “after” part. What difference is there between what you are now and what you were? Do you see tangible evidence of being a new creature? Have the old things really passed away from your life and all things become new? Then tell it! (If your life hasn’t changed, then you haven’t really met the Lord. When He takes over, He changes you.)

If you are to go all the way with Paul, one thing more should be added: The offer. Ask the Lord for boldness to add, “I wish you could experience for yourself the wonderful things that the Lord Jesus has done for me. And He will, if you just ask Him to.” Of course, you don’t need to use these words—Paul didn’t (Acts 26:29).

It might be helpful to you to write out your testimony so you can go over it and make it more presentable to your friends. In any case, *do* take time to think it through in your own mind. Pretend that

you are telling it to a friend, and consider what should be left out or included. Try to think of appropriate verses of Scripture that you might use to "back up" your own experience. Be careful that what you say *does* conform to the truth of God's word. A good way to begin is to practice on a Christian friend. You'll be surprised what a blessing it will be to him (or her) to hear of the Lord's dealings with you—even though you may feel that it was poorly told. And you'll be even more surprised at what a blessing it is to *you* when you struggle through the first few attempts to tell it to an unbeliever.

"It is more blessed to give than to receive," said the Lord Jesus. If you receive a blessing in receiving the Word from the pulpit, you'll be blessed a thousand times more by sharing it with someone else. Try it and see.

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## Inspiration From Nepal

Phil Elkins

A few days ago I met a very Christ-like man. The place—Kathmandu, Nepal. The man—Prem Pradhan. Just a little over a year ago, he completed a 4½-year jail sentence. The crime—immersing nine people into the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, on Nov. 21, 1959. He testified to me that he was guilty of baptizing these people but that he felt no guilt, only gratitude for the opportunity to serve "my Lord."

While serving his sentence, he was moved to seven different prisons. The government kept moving him because his fellow prisoners continued to give their allegiance to Christ.

Since being released from prison, he has continued to teach Christ, but before immersing anyone, he explains to him the government law, which states that anyone who changes his religion is subject to one year's imprisonment. The law further states that the one who is responsible for this person's changing his religion is subject to six years' imprisonment. Prem explains to the potential Christian, "I am ready to go to prison again for baptizing you, if you are willing to go to prison for becoming a Christian."

Prem Pradhan is an interesting individual for several other reasons. He refuses to wear any title such as reverend or pastor. He claims the only ordination he has came from God and not from man. He says that people should be Christians rather than Protestants or Catholics. He feels the church should follow the New Testament example of communing together every Sunday. He has been pressured to join different denominations, but he feels it would be wrong for him to do so. He prefers to have only the Bible as his "pattern and law." He believes Jesus is the Head of the church. He follows no creed book, and at the same time prays that the believers here in Nepal will avoid the doctrinal quarrels of other countries. He practices immersion for believers.

On Tuesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Prem and others gather to worship. They also come together once a month to spend a full night in prayer.

This Nepalese man tells his people, "I have only one thing—the Lord Jesus. This I offer to you." He exhorts new converts not to do as others have done, i.e., to seek jobs with some mission in order to avoid family persecution. He feels it is best to take the persecution and make it a testimony for Christ.

Since leaving prison he has given Bibles to the king and all of his family. He says he is also trying to follow the advice he received from the king's younger brother, who said, "You can assist Nepal in granting freedom of religion if you can get Christians to live free from foreign control." Prem tries to follow such advice by getting his fellow believers to send him on his preaching tours. After he preaches in one place, he asks "the brethren to provide me with the necessities for the journey to the next preaching point."

This man asked for and needs our prayers. He needs teaching concerning a number of things. But he doesn't need to be hampered by our dominance and money. We have destroyed the influence of many such men by our good intentions. Let us not hurt this energetic worker for the Lord. —In *Firm Foundation*



## Jesus is Lord: So What?

Alex V. Wilson

We have seen that Jesus is Lord. The apostles proclaimed that fact; the disciples confessed it. Jesus is Lord *now!* He is not waiting around idly and impatiently until Satan's lame-duck session runs out. Of course it's true that in a very real way Satan is the prince and god of this world (John 14:30, 2 Cor. 4:4, etc.). And it's true that Christ shall reign *openly*—with glory, power, and judgment—only after He returns. Waiting for that day, we continue to pray, "Thy kingdom come." And yet, while realizing these facts, let us understand and remember and apply the balancing truth: Jesus is Lord now.

But what does this mean? In what way is He the Lord? Over what is He the Lord? And what difference does it make to us? We may think of at least three aspects of His Lordship.

### *Lord of Death*

Paul wrote that Jesus Christ "abolished death" (2 Tim. 1:10). But Christians still die. The verb "abolished" can be translated "broke the power of." Paul explains it elsewhere by saying that

the sting has been removed from death. And so in most places where the New Testament mentions the death of Christians, it says they "fell asleep." Like sleeping people, they are inactive and beyond the reach of communication with others here below, yet their souls are "with Christ, which is far better" (Phil. 1:23). And their final resurrection and glorification are guaranteed by Christ's.

But He not only breaks the power of death's effect. He also controls its timing. The risen Lord told the seer John, "I am . . . the living one; I died, and behold I am alive for evermore, and I have the keys of Death" (Rev. 1:18). What a triumphant funeral text. Jesus is Lord of death. Not a single person enters its realm unless Christ Himself puts in the key and turns it to unlock the door. What may seem to us to be a senseless, purposeless tragedy is not that at all, viewed in its broader perspective. We may not understand it at all now. But we can rely upon Christ's own claim: He has the keys; He is the all-loving, all-wise controller of death.

What a difference it makes to believe this. All nonChristians face death with perplexity and doubt. Most face it with overwhelming fear and agony. Some—who believe it leads only to permanent nonexistence—face it with stoical indifference, as an escape from a meaningless life. Quite a few people in Christ's time took this latter attitude. Gravestones dating from that period have been found with the following inscription:

I was not;  
I became;  
I am not;  
I care not.

What a contrast is the Christian's attitude. Some time ago at a Christian camp in the Philippines, a thirteen-year-old boy was drowned while swimming. The camp staff feared reprisals—maybe a lawsuit—from the family. But the parents were Christians and so was the boy. Outside their home they displayed a large textcard: "Jesus said, 'I am the Resurrection and the Life. . .'" Services were held at the home, the church, and the cemetery. All three stressed Christ as the conqueror of death and the hope of His people. Most remarkable of all in this Catholic land where family members often wear black for months (sometimes for a full year) after a death, at that boy's funeral his family dressed in white! Didn't they love and miss him? Was there no loneliness and grief? Yes, of course. But because they knew that Christ is the Lord of death, there was no sting.

### *Lord of History*

To believe that Jesus is Lord means to realize that He is sovereign over human nations and their affairs. It means that history is His-story, that it has purpose and predetermined goals. Again, it requires faith to believe this. History books, class lectures, and *Time* magazine's contents all indicate the opposite: history often



seems as chaotic and aimless as modern art. Tragedy seems to stalk the human race like a determined bloodhound.

And yet a closer look at history, taken from the perspective of faith, reveals hints and traces here and there of a plan being worked out. Meticulous preparations are made, a Visit takes place, the news gets around, people are not the same.

And if we really believe the Bible, then doubts must be suspended. For instance, in a gripping vision Christ is portrayed holding a 7-sealed scroll (Rev. 5:6). As He in heaven breaks the seals one at a time, events take place on earth as a result. Wars break out, famines strike, persecutions burst forth upon Christ's people and martyrdoms occur. Clearly its meaning is this: Christ is the sovereign Lord of history. Nothing takes place unless His hand allows it. His foreordained program is unfolding. Even the calamities and disasters are under His control.

As Christ beholds the confusion and turmoil of mankind, He does not develop ulcers or a migraine headache. He needs no tranquilizer. Satan does not put any quick ones over on Him or catch Him napping. He is the Lord of history.

The reason for the early Christians' joy and enthusiasm, courage and excitement, was their solid conviction, "Our Christ Jesus is Lord of all." Today such faith and optimism seem to belong only to the Communists. How they exhort and stir one another up! What confidence and enthusiasm many of them have! Why? Because they feel that they are "riding the wave of the future." They feel certain of victory because of their trust in the unchanging processes of history. To them, history is marching steadily toward a goal, a plan (which is strange, because there is no Planner behind it!). And so they eagerly look forward to a new age, a transformed world, a glorious society, a perfected humanity. Oh, that our faith in Christ were as great as their faith in the forces of history!

May we make Peter Marshall's prayer our own: "God, give us the faith to believe in the ultimate triumph of righteousness. We pray for the bifocals of faith, that see the despair and need of the hour, but also see, farther on, the patience of our God working out His plan in the world He has made."

#### *Lord of Individuals*

Christ does not lose sight of the individual in the crowd. At a large university or factory, we may feel we are just a number, not a person at all. Not so in God's family. To change the metaphor, in Christ's army the Commanding General keeps in personal touch with each buck private! To change the metaphor again, and use the words of Isaac Watts:

I love my Shepherd's voice:  
His watchful eye shall keep  
My wand'ring soul among  
The thousands of His sheep.

Thus in His Lordship, Christ is concerned with each individual, with you and me. He demands that we surrender to His authority. But let's view it positively, from the standpoint of privilege. He offers us the opportunity of having our lives controlled by the all-loving and wise and mighty Creator, rather than by our weak, sinful, silly selves.

Jesus is Lord now of individuals, but only by their choice. He knocks at our door, but He won't kick it down. Sometimes it appears foolish to surrender to this Lord. There seems so little to gain, so much to lose. But of course if He is true, not a liar—if His claims and promises are "for real"—then it is folly and ruin if we do *not* surrender. How foolish it must have appeared for the jailor in Philippi to surrender to this Jesus he had so recently heard about. "Believe on the LORD Jesus and you will be saved," Paul had said; he could have added, "Of course if you do believe, you might end up a jailbird like me instead of a jailor like you! You may get thrown in here with Silas and me tomorrow." Yet is it not worth having a Lord who gives His servants such joy even in jail? Who was really freer, Paul or the jailor? And such freedom comes only to those who willingly surrender their all.

Jesus is Lord, said the early Christians. What did that word mean in those days? What connotations did it have? *Religiously* it was the name used by the Old Testament and the Jews for God, Jehovah, the Most High. To transfer that title to the former carpenter-preacher was a daring thing for any Jew to do. To say Jesus is Lord clearly meant the same as to say Jesus is God. *Politically*, the term Lord was taken as a title by some of the Caesars, especially those who sought divine honors. Domitian (who was probably emperor when John wrote the book of Revelation) used to begin his letters to the provincial governors with the phrase, "Your Lord and God orders you to . . ." As Caesar-worship spread, many Christians were forced to choose between saying "Caesar is Lord" or "Jesus is Lord." To say the latter sometimes meant execution, as emperors became increasingly hostile toward the followers of this King Jesus they heard about. *Socially*, the term lord was the common term for a slave's master. The slave was the lord's property, to be treated however he wished. The lord had power of life and death over the slave; the latter had no rights at all. How pregnant with meaning was the apostle's common expression, "Paul, a slave of Jesus Christ . . ."

And so when *we* say Jesus is Lord, it should mean much to us. It should mean, Thou art God; I am Thy worshipper. Thou art King; I am Thy loyal subject. Thou art Master; I am Thy loving slave.

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"What have you done in your church in the past six months that could not have been done if the Holy Spirit were absent?"



# Truth Advance Section

Stanford Chambers

## Questions Asked Of Us

Are they correct who say that the Scriptures forecast a chaotic state before the end in which anarchy will be universal? If so, what are Christians to do about it?

"It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps." Despite man's ambition and blind optimism, for he disbelieves the prophet, there will come the clear demonstration and proof of the statement. Man is shown reaching his extremity on every line and civilization's collapse is the result. The red horse of the Apocalypse comes forth and "men slay one another." Nebuchadnezzar's image of civil government shows a defective footing; "its feet are part iron and part clay." Iron and clay do not weld; they disintegrate. There is the key to the chaos that befalls. Disunity undermines law and order and anarchy prevails. Leadership is the dire lack, and when the fact comes to be realized, there develops the demand for a leader, which paves the way for the manifestation of "the lawless one," "the man of sin," Antichrist. Unregenerate humanity cannot save itself from anarchy and its attendant chaos, and universal dictatorship comes as the natural, final resort. The fatal smiting is upon the feet. The image topples, is broken, ground to dust and utterly disappears. The final stroke is shown falling upon the dictator and the whole antichrist system. See Rev. 19:11-20. Rev. 11:15 follows. Exit Antichrist, enter King of Kings!

Take a new look at James 5:1-8, and note how the economy is to wind up. Just now Committees—how many?—are striving to discover the causes back of riots now epidemic in U.S.A. James exposes the tap-root in his short paragraph. The fell stroke falls upon those classed as rich. Not every man of means is guilty of keeping back the wages of his employe, but if he is known to be rich he will suffer the treatment meted out to the class. Rioters in their hot-headedness do not attempt to discriminate. The rich are nourishing their "hearts for a day of slaughter." A brother Foster in Mississippi took me out to his hog-pen to show me his fattening hogs, "to be butchered tomorrow." There they were, sleek and fat, greedily going for the feed thrown to them. "Nourishing . . . for the day of slaughter" tomorrow! As individuals, so likewise nations. U.S.A., the wealthiest nation the world has ever seen, is the object of the nations' envy. Will America repent? Is America

expected to take seriously such a word of the Lord as given in 2 Chron. 7:14? Where is the nation that will? The biggest prayer meeting ever known on earth is yet to be (Rev. 6:12-17), and every one in that prayer meeting will pray (no one afraid of being called an alarmist). In James' language they will "weep and howl" for the miseries falling upon them, for "the great day of their (His) wrath is come, and who shall be able to stand?" The wails will come not only from the rich by ill-gotten gain, but by those "who would be rich" and through envy become slaughterers of the objects of their murderous hatred!

What can Christians do about this? Nothing until they pray as per 1 Tim. 2:1-6. When will they pray?

The ecumenical movement seems to be going over; what in the light of prophecy is to be expected on this line?

The goal of the movement is "one church." That effected will be a world church. The Bible of course knows but one church, the one body of Christ. The goal of the ecumenical movement is a super-religious body composed of the various religious bodies federated into one. Any Bible reader should know that that is not the N.T. image of the body of Christ. But a world church is in the N.T. forecast without a doubt. Get it in the 17th of Revelation. Woman as a symbol represents a religious system. and such is the scarlet woman there. She exercises world-wide rule by the aid of the political power, the scarlet-colored beast. She is red because of the blood she has shed as per verse 6. The beast is red for the same reason. The two are allies, it is to be noted. The woman "sitteth upon many waters" (v. 9). These "waters" are "peoples and multitudes and nations and tongues" (v. 15). Her profession is a false profession, for she is disloyal to Him she professes to serve and to be in union with. This unfaithfulness is labeled fornication; it is spiritual fornication, and she is the harlot church and the "mother of harlots"—of harlot churches. The religious bodies joining in federation with her are her daughters. The beast world state capitalizes on the harlot church's power over the many waters on which she sits, and the woman utilizes the political power as long as the beast tolerates her, which is until her crisis is reached as in verse 16. God's elect coming under the regime of the end time will know what persecution is. Note the boycott strategy of Rev. 13:16, 17. It will be boycott even unto death. But "blessed are the dead who die in the Lord" (14:13), while cursed are they who under pressure of the boycotters let their Lord down and receive the mark of the beast. See 14:9-12 and be impressed.

Now that Jerusalem is in the hands of Jews, are we to consider "the times of the Gentiles" ended? We need to "discern the signs of the times."

The Jews' possession of Jerusalem as just now may be only temporary. Israel may be a bit premature. Wait and see. Israel in unbelief assuming possession of the land given faithful Abraham is not in God's order and cannot count on His blessing, and in fact is not even professing to turn to Him in trust. But "pray for the peace of Jerusalem." That is unmistakably in God's plan and pur-

pose. While it is ours to "Watch," as our Savior repeatedly admonishes, we have His prayer request to heed. Besides this one in Ps. 122:6, we are requested to pray, "make supplication that ye may prevail to escape all these things that shall come to pass and to stand before the Son of man" (Lk. 21:36). Many professed Christians plainly disobey this command. They do not believe escape is provided. They do not believe Rev. 3:10. They do not look up as told in Lk. 21:25.

The statement appeared a while back that "Jesus was never jovial." Are we to think of Him as morose, critical, austere or moody? For aren't we to be like Him?

Our Savior was none of these. He was kind, sympathetic, ever seeking to bless, ready to forgive. Repeatedly he grieved, and sometimes so much so that He wept. When in mercy He warned of the inevitable judgment to fall upon the Messiah-rejecting "holy city," He wept. When you reprove and sternly warn those going wrong, if you do it with tears in your eyes, you are not unlike Him. He was not blind, but neither was He a fault-finder. On the other hand, it is true that no record shows Him as jovial. He was here among men to save the lost. "The whole world" lay "in the evil one." He was not out to make men laugh. He said, "Blessed are they that mourn"; He never said, "Blessed are they who laugh." Doubtless He often smiled His love, He did not "crack jokes" nor laugh if others "cracked jokes in His presence. Life was too serious and His time too precious. He never spoke a parable even or gave an illustration for its own sake. His preaching never provoked a roar of laughter. Whose example is being followed when a preacher starts out with an anecdote to set his audience laughing? A serious (not morose nor long-faced) gospel preacher went to hear a fellow-preacher in a gospel meeting. He was disappointed in that for the entire session the audience was kept in a continuous uproar of laughter. Obviously the preacher had studied how to be pleasing to his hearers. And did they enjoy it! After the service the two preachers met. "Brother R., you are quite an entertainer, but don't you think you'd better preach the gospel?" "Yes, Brother W., I tried that, and found it didn't work." What is your demand as to preaching? What is your goal as a preacher? A man has little business preaching who does not "preach the word."

Wuest in his commentary on Galatians, when he reaches 3:26,27, says the reference is not to water baptism, "for water baptism never put a believing sinner into Christ. . ."

Well, this scholarly commentator and translator here disregards a fixed language rule and has the apostle switching without warning from the usual use and meaning of a term to another. The baptism of the Great Commission was the universal practice among Christians, and when the term was used it meant just that. If the baptism of the Holy Spirit is meant the context plainly shows it to be that. If the baptism of suffering is meant it says so. Without such explanation, baptism meant the baptism commanded in the Great Commission.. To be sure, water baptism apart from faith centered in

Christ never put any sinner into Christ, but the Galatians passage has faith and baptism tied together. In Acts 8:16 we read, "baptized into the name of Christ," also in Acts 19:5, and to be baptized into (*eis*) the name of Christ is to be baptized into Him, for His name stands for who He is; it stands for Him personally. To be baptized into the name of Christ is to be baptized into Christ. Wuest believes baptism in Acts 8:16 & in 19:5 is water baptism. The process is that of a live faith carrying right on in obedience in burial and resurrection, the Lord Jesus accompanying the believing sinner in having his "heart sprinkled from an evil conscience" . . . his "body washed in pure water," in compliance with His Own Great Commission.



## Identity

J. H. McCaleb

The problem of the long-haired, bearded and somewhat dirty reactionary youth has found a certain kind of fulfillment in the armed forces. According to the record most of these draftees soon become an integral part of the military society. A certain general has included in a current review these introductory remarks: "Most of the beatniks we get have never been subordinated to anything bigger than themselves, evidently. They have known no group loyalty. Many are just searching for identity."

One can sympathize genuinely with this craving for identity. The desire for recognition as an integral part of society lies deep in the hearts of all men. One may give up because of the sheer weight of living, but the wish, feeble though it may be, still utters its fervent cry.

Outstanding achievement is not the lot of the many. Furthermore, unostentatious reliability and honest effort often go unappreciated. Human nature, being as selfish as it is, one seems to be so wrapped up in his own private interests that it is difficult to become aware of the countless others who seek recognition.

There is only one genuine identity, and that particular type is possible only through identification with Jesus Christ our Lord. "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus." In the Lord one truly has value as an individual who is recognized by God Himself. As one works in the Kingdom of God, men generally become aware of him, too. When one is God's man, he has gained that dignity which alone can provide happiness and contentment, and total fulfillment.

# Precious Reprints

## When Pride Steals In

R. H. Boll — 1939

Pride comes in privately and unperceived. No sooner have we been delivered from iniquity or ignorance, no sooner have we won a victory or done some good deed, but our elation unwatched becomes self-complacency and that in turn quickly blossoms out into pride—together with feelings of superiority and a tendency to hold others in contempt. That *especially* in spiritual matters. We find some truth, or get some insight into God's word, and straightway we despise those who have not understood and seen what we have learned..

What we don't say we are likely to think; and what we would not allow ourselves to think, we *feel*—namely that *we* are the people, and that those who do not know what we know and cannot see what we see, belong to a lower level. The bad thing about that is that it cuts us off from God. Despite our exalted emotions to the contrary, He has left us as He left Samson when his hair was cut off. For God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. He does not utterly forsake us, but we are in for chastisement and bad experience. We shall do well to pray that He chasten us before it happens that we may be kept from slipping into that evil slough.

### THE THORN IN THE FLESH

Not anyone, not even an apostle, not even Paul himself, was ever safe from the blight of self-exaltation. The fact that he *knew* better did not secure him from pride. Yea, come to think it over, what an extraordinary person was he! Was there another man in all the world whom God so picked out, to whom Christ in person appeared and talked from heaven, to whom so specially was the grace given to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and who labored so abundantly and successfully for his Lord? And who else was ever caught up into the third heaven, into the Paradise of God, and permitted to hear words unlawful to utter?

And now hear his comment on the matter: "And by reason of the exceeding greatness of the revelation, *that I should not be exalted overmuch*, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, *that I should not be exalted overmuch.*" And that, too, was a thing from which he could not get deliverance. Though accustomed to being heard when he prayed, he asked three times that this thing might depart from him. And the only answer he got was a gracious reassurance from the Lord: "My grace is sufficient for thee, for my power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Cor. 12:7-9). A Paul proud, vain, conceited? Forbid it Lord! But even he was liable to such a failure and God had to take steps to prevent it. How weak are even the best of us! How weak are we

all "There is in every man a Pharisee and a Pope," said one. And John Newton said, "I am not nearly so much afraid of the pope of Rome as I am of pope Newton."

#### KNOWLEDGE PUFFETH UP

"We know that we all have knowledge," wrote Paul to the Corinthians, who were keenly aware of all they had learned, and their high privilege and liberty in Christ. Very well, brethren, said Paul, I am glad you know so much and have been exalted into such happy freedom. But get this too: "Knowledge puffeth up, but love buildeth up. If any man thinketh that he knoweth anything, he knoweth not yet as he ought to know; but if any man loveth God the same is known by him" (1 Cor. 8:1-3).

If you have learned anything—if the truth you have acquired does not make you kinder, humbler, more considerate of others, more gentle toward the ignorant and erring, more willing to serve and wash feet, your knowledge is futile and vain. The Lord wouldn't give you a straw for it all. But if it has made you more lowly and loving and ready to bear and to suffer, that you might help those who have lagged far behind, and to sacrifice yourself that others may be saved, then you really have something. For we that are strong must bear the infirmities of the weak and not please ourselves. For even Christ pleased not Himself, but, as it is written, "The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell upon me" (Rom. 15:1, 2).

#### "BY THE GRACE OF GOD I AM WHAT I AM"

Now let no one depreciate knowledge. It is essential and precious, and to despise it is to turn one's back on God's light. Learn earnestly, diligently; yea, with all thy getting get understanding. Buy the truth and sell it not. But hold it to its true purpose, which is not self-satisfaction, still less self-glorification, but the glory of God and the blessing of others. And the same is true of every virtue and grace that may be ours. It was not given to you for yourself, but for the good of your less fortunate brother or friend or neighbor. For after all, all we have is just a gift bestowed, a stewardship entrusted. "For what hast thou that thou didst not receive? And if thou didst receive it, why dost thou boast as though thou hadst not received it?"

When you read in the papers of men and women that sin and fall into earthly and eternal ruin—have you ever asked yourself what you might have been under equal circumstances? Not that circumstances are everything; yet we owe our all to the restraining and directing influences which God provided for us "before our infant hearts conceived from whom those blessings flowed." As John Newton said again, when he saw a man being carried to the gallows in the hangman's cart, "Yonder goes John Newton, but for the grace of God." If to any the saddest word is "It might have been"—to the Christian it is the gladdest. And in that day when God will show us all the secrets we shall see some things that we had not understood before, and which will fill our hearts with humblest gratitude through all eternity.





## *A Christian Views The News*

Ernest E. Lyon

CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. SCHWARZ. For a good many years Dr. Fred Schwarz, president of the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade (P. O. Box 890, 124 E. First St., Long Beach, California 90801), has been stating that the communist formula for taking over this country is to surround us and demoralize us so that we will surrender. My congratulations head this paragraph because of the proof that is coming in fast to show that he is right. He is not enjoying the proof, of course, but the demoralization of this country is going on at a fast rate; and Cuba, the efforts to separate parts of Canada to allow their takeover there, and the continued left leaning of Mexico should show something of the efforts to surround us. The most obvious example of demoralization, of course, is the rioting that is springing up over the country. It is generally called race rioting and the excuse given is the supposed ill-treatment of the Negroes. But much of the direction of the rioting and much of the destructive work done on the rioting is done by white revolutionaries trained for the job. An observer in Detroit, for example, said that the rioting there went on schedule thus: First there came gangs smashing windows; these were followed by a few to start the looting of the stores whose windows were smashed and the inciting of residents to loot with them (thus giving the appearance of a spontaneous uprising for purposes of looting the "white oppressors"); when this was nearly completed came those with the incendiary bombs to burn (and Negro establishments and homes were not exempted from the burning); as police came to quell the rioting and as fire trucks came to put out the fires, the fourth group, the snipers were already stationed in strategic places to do their work. Men with two-way radios were observed near the fire trucks giving instructions to others in remote places to start fires there. I wasn't there, but this has been the general style of the well-planned riots and I presume that the observer was right. This at least is exactly as the leaders among the Communists have been training their helpers.

WHO IS ANTI-SEMITIC NOW? A number of years ago a very respectable Jewish organization named B'nai B'rith organized a group called the Anti-Defamation League for the worthwhile purpose of researching the problems of those who spread rumors about others, especially minority groups such as the Jews. Unfortunately the organization got out of control of B'nai B'rith and into the control of a small group of left-wing men who used the group to label

every conservative group anti-democratic and anti-Semitic. For example, the John Birch Society was labeled anti-Semitic in spite of the fact that one of the founders of that society was a Jew and also there are a number of chapters that are entirely Jewish in membership. To such groups as this the Arab-Israeli war must present a problem. All the Arab nations were supplied with material and trained for the war by communist countries, so much so that many labeled Russia as the main enemy of Israel in the war. I don't get mailings from the ADL, but I wonder if this has caused a change of heart. Incidentally, in reporting this I am not supporting either side of the war or any group defended or attacked by the ADL. I am simply reporting.

**FORESHADOWING THE MARK OF THE BEAST?** A book entitled *Quotations from Chairman Mao Tse-tung* is temporarily outselling the Bible, I am told. The reason is that if you don't have a copy of the book in your home when the Red Guard knocks on your door in Red China you are likely to be vandalized, beaten, mocked in the streets, and maybe killed. The book looks like a red prayer book with red ribbon marker and is available in English in some bookstores in this country for \$1.00. The Voice of Americanism (P. O. Box 90, Glendale, California 91209) printed their own copies and labeled them as dangerous communist propaganda and gave them out as one of their bonus book to contributors during August. Satan is getting in some practice before the beast is put in power!

**STRANGE, ISN'T IT?** Twenty years after the Nazis ceased to exist as a world-power, the atrocities they committed (plus some they did not commit) are still big news in the papers and magazines, yet several newsmen have told the conservative columnist Robert Morris that atrocities by the Communists (several times as many as the Nazis ever thought of) are no longer news—even though they are still being committed every day and the executions number probably over 100 million by now.

**CHARGES OF POLICE BRUTALITY** are coming constantly from the followers of Castro, Kosygin, Mao Tse-Tung, Marx, and Lenin. This is a part of the communist effort to demoralize the country. If they can get citizens in general to distrust the police they can quickly take away the will to resist a takeover. There undoubtedly have been some actual cases of police brutality. But for every such case there are hundreds of cases of police being brutally treated, and hundreds of cases of the police working patiently and efficiently to protect the rights of all under great pressures. We owe a great deal to our underpaid police in Louisville, and I am sure that is true in much of the country.

**ANOTHER CONTRADICTION.** Our representatives in the United Nations Organization have joined with other countries in condemning Rhodesia because of alleged ignoring of their doctrine of "one-man-one-vote," yet many black men are voting in Rhodesia

and there are some in the Rhodesian Parliament and there is no protest over Cuba, where the rule is "one-man-no-vote" as in all Communist countries.

MOSCOW'S 50-YEAR MARCH TO FAILURE is the title of an article by Lawrence Sullivan in CHRISTIAN ECONOMICS of August 1, 1967. His article is too short to list all of the Communist failures, but you could put their successes (other than in fooling the people of the world) into a paragraph and still exaggerate! Incidentally, in the Soviet Union 4½ times as many farmers as we have produce one-third as much meat as ours do, in spite of the fact that we are down in meat production.

UNDERSTAND THE COMMUNIST LANGUAGE. Here are a few of their real definitions that they hide. Remember these when you read their propaganda:

AGGRESSION—any firm action to prevent or defeat Communist expansion.

COLONIALISM—possessing territory that the Reds want.

ANTI-COLONIALISM—the Communists' program for gaining control of territories presently associated with the free world.

OPPRESSED PEOPLES—those living in countries the Reds wish to seize.

PEACE—non-opposition to Communism.

PEACE-LOVING—supporting Communism.

We will continue this list next month. Continue to pray for our country. Come, Lord Jesus.

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## What is a "Church of Christ Member"?

Tom C. Brown

A statement that we very often hear is, "I am a member of the church of Christ." Preachers talk about church "members," and we hear them encourage people to "become members of the church." Where do we get our authority for saying, "I am a member of the church of Christ"?

Our response goes something like this. The Bible teaches there is one body (Eph. 4:4). The body is the church (Eph. 1:21-23). We are members of the body (1 Cor. 12:12,13). Therefore, we are members of the church. The reasoning sounds pretty good, but for two important points. First, we have mixed metaphors. Secondly, we do not mean what the apostle Paul meant when he used the expression "members of the body."

It can hardly be denied that when we use the above expressions we do so in an institutional sense. We are members of the institution known to the world as the church of Christ. We use it in the same way that we would tell someone, "I am a member of the Rotary," or "I am a member of the P. T. A." We do not use it in the way meant by Paul when he taught we are members of the body of Christ. We

have taken a non-institutional idea and have forced it into institutional dress.

We face the task of rethinking our understanding of the church as the body of Christ. We must come to grips with the question, "What does it mean to be the church?" The very meaning of the phrase "the body of Christ" is that the church exists in an inseparable relationship to Christ. We now have the same relationship to the Lord which the physical body of Christ once bore to the Lord during his earthly ministry.

The phrase "the body of Christ" should not set us to thinking of an organization, or institution, but of a single human body. We should not think in terms of organization, but in terms of anatomy. We are Christ's eyes and mouth and hands and feet. Just as He once lived in an inseparable relationship to His physical body, so He now exists in this world "in" us. The ministry he once carried on in His physical body, He now carries on in and through us.

What is the church? The church is the people of God, the saved of earth, those who participate in the ministry of Christ in the world. This participation in the ministry of Christ is what makes us who we are, His church, His people, His body. It is here, in what Christ has done and is doing for us, and in us, that we find our self-identity. Apart from our sharing in his mission as His body, we have no existence as the church.

Too much of our thinking about the church has been institutionally oriented. Our conception is not that of a people who are being used by Christ in His mission to the world, but it is that of a religious organization—the two primary and related functions of this organization being to fulfill the religious needs of its "members" and to satisfy the legal demands of an arbitrary God relative to worship. Thus, while commitment and dedication and sacrifice are of essential importance for the man who would share in Christ's mission in the world, commitment is minimized in the institutional church. The only loyalty required there is loyalty to the organization itself.

We have, in the past, objected very strongly to the expression "join the church," but isn't that what we have done in so many instances? We have not really responded to the sacrifice of Christ by giving ourselves in total commitment to Him to be used by Him as He would.

I do not object so much to the use of the statement, "I am a member of the church of Christ," but I do object very strongly to the prevailing institutional concept. We cannot deny that our approach has been institutionalized, and faithfulness to God and His word demands that we have courage enough to face this, expose this, and change it. The kingdom concept preached by our Lord and his apostles was not that of an earthly institution or organization, but rather the rule of God in the hearts of men, and the true commitment of their lives in His service to the world.

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# Missionary Messenger

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## OUR FRONT COVER PICTURE

Thomas Hartle  
Cape Province, South Africa August 11.

Instead of my sending you a picture of the Bridgetown building in the various stages of progress, as I have repeatedly done, I shall, the Lord willing, rather send "the final and interesting picture of its opening" when the grand opening and first service is held there. And without hesitation, in all good faith I can acclaim to the Glory of God, that it is going to be the largest colored congregation in the Peninsula, in that township of Bonteheuvel.

Further interesting news is that for the last three weeks I have been conducting a series of film strip gospel lessons, for patients in one of our local chest hospitals about ten miles from my home. Sincere and enthusiastic interest has been shown by the patients which attendance numbered 34. In their own words, "When are you coming again?" Praise the Lord for these thirsting souls, who are enjoying the truth as it is in Christ Jesus. Next Wednesday, August 16, will complete this series of lessons, and we pray that its culmination might "redound to the glory of God, in that some dear souls shall respond to the call of the Master, in obedience to the gospel. Before I introduced these lessons, I was conducting regular services each Wednesday afternoons, and hope to continue them.

The picture is of myself at the projector, presenting one of the filmstrip lessons at the City hospital, and shows some of the patients. The lady on the left of me is the one I mentioned who is so keenly interested. Full attendance of the patients was not there on the day that the picture was made.

Betty Allen  
Hong Kong July 25.

Dennis has gone to assist with the vacation Bible school at the school where he teaches. He had planned to show such films as "The God of Creation," but to his surprise, it was announced the first day that the planned films would not be shown. No one had discussed a change of plans with him. There seems to be a member of the staff who is not only not a Christian, but dedicated to sabotaging any effort along spiritual lines. . . . Some of the teachers had planned a retreat out of the city to establish rapport with students who are already believers before the beginning of the new school year. This plan, cleared with the office and worked out in detail, was also vetoed with no explanation. We wonder what we are dealing with.

Sporadic violence continues to occur in unexpected places, but the high tension that existed for a while has relaxed. A school near

us was raided by police last night and quantities of inflammatory posters, cartridge shells, and bottles of liquid (acid?) were seized. The main strongholds of the Communists have not yet been raided. In fact, the China bank has recently put up barbed wire barricades on its roof (afraid of helicopter assault?) and installed four water tanks. The newspaper suggests they are preparing for a siege. Bus service has not returned to normal, but is gradually improving. There is no bus service to our area yet, so we are thankful for our VW.

**Motoyuki Nomura**  
Tokyo, Japan July 19.

A small two room house has been converted into a six room with kitchen, closet, and store room house. It looks pretty from both inside and outside. Children are very happy just like adult members. My mother, a long time widow, gave all of her retiring pension and this way we paid more than  $\frac{1}{3}$  of our debt, 600,000 yen, or US \$1670. I plan to sell the piece of land we had purchased near Hayama to pay the constructor. If we can sell it, then we shall be able to pay him about US \$3000, leaving our debt about \$600 only. I want you to praise the Lord for the fact that my friends in Japan helped me raise more than \$1100 to purchase furnitures.

We have about 60-70 children attending our Sunday School and about 20 high school kids to various classes. We consider our work pretty successful so far. God has been good to us. Our next aim is to penetrate into the hearts of the parents in the community and o increase our high school department. We plan to do door-to-door evangelism during this summer, though people are generally indifferent.

**David Brown**  
Salisbury, Rhodesia July 24.

We have been very busy this past month with the Waterfalls building, and I have neglected my letter writing to do some of the things that had to be done in connection with the building. We poured the concrete for the floor this last Thursday and Friday. There will now be a lull for a few days before activity takes up again. The Lord has truly blest this work. We have seen many answers to prayer also, which have given assurance to us, and caused us to rejoice much in our Lord's working.

How grateful to our Lord we are, for the gracious offer by the Highlands Church to take up our sponsorship! I mailed a letter of reply to Bro. Wilborn in care of the missionary office in the early part of this month. I trust that this reply has been received.

**Alex Wilson**  
Manila, Philippines August 8.

We are overwhelmed and deeply grateful for the sacrificial giving of many brothers and sisters to the building fund here. Detailed reports about the fund and its use will be made at another time. Needless to say, these next few months will be very important. Renovations must be made before we can actually move into the newly acquired property. We need love, wisdom, and patience in getting to know the people of that neighborhood and in reaching

them with the Gospel.

In order to understand and help the Central Bible Institute students more fully, Brother Broaddus now gives an I-Q test each year. Hardly any tests—I-Q, interest, or aptitude—are given in schools here, and very little personal counseling is done. Thus students often major in fields of study for which they are not suited, or enter vocations in which they have little interest and ability. So the tests given at C.B.I. have enabled Brother Broaddus to help students in these areas as well as spiritually. His ministry of counseling is very valuable.

Ruth has begun her Bible club at the nearby high school again this year. The school has about the same classroom space as Portland Christian School in Louisville, but has 2000 students enrolled this year! Students' schedules are often changed around, and the resulting uncertainty often plays havoc with Ruth's plans and preparations for the club. Pray that God will guide her to hungry hearts, in spite of the difficulties.

I'm working again with a group of Christian students at Far Eastern University (enrollment: 40,000). Mainly this work consists of Bible-study groups of 8-12 students, but the other night we had opportunity for widespread sowing of seed. Over 1000 evangelistic tracts, 350 gospels of John, and 100 booklets were distributed to students.

Shichiro Nakahara

Shizuoka City, Japan August 3.

It is time for us to concentrate our every effort and prayer upon the forthcoming Bible Camp, which is to be held in the middle of this month only 3 full days this time. And already over 30 young people are enlisted to attend it. We were afraid at first that we might not be able to get as many as 25 but the Lord has already blessed us in our efforts and prayers over and above. The Lord is always so good to us with His tender mercies and patience toward us. May God be highly praised!

We had had some troubles to get our planning started. We were expecting to run the camp for two weeks with two separate groups of young people, but most of the Junior High students attending our Sunday school said they could not come, for some had to go to school and others had something to do during the camping period. We had our plans made for each group but had to do over again. They all promised to join us in the next camp. This time we have not too many non-Christians and so our program is centered on training and developing the young men and women for service.

We have a good news to share with you today. A middle-aged woman who has been coming to church over 3 yrs. has recently been baptized. It certainly is to us a great joy. She had had some troubles with her family as to being a Christian but she has committed herself and all to the Lord, which has led her to a great victory. She now rejoices in the Lord for salvation so great and wonderful. The Gospel is still the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes. The Holy Spirit convicts men and women

of their sin just as the Word teaches. With God there is nothing impossible is so true with this lady.

**J. Miller Forcade**  
**Kanagawa Ken, Japan August 9.**

My wife has a reservation with Northwestern to return to the U.S. on September 1st and she will arrive in Los Angeles the same day, Lord willing. It does not look now as if it would be so I could leave Japan that soon. We are still trying to get a Christian couple to move into this house to help with the work. All of our efforts have been fruitless so far. Then we must move our things to Haijima, Keimei, before I can be ready to leave. There is a missionary workshop in Korea from September 10-16 which I am thinking of attending.

The two men who were baptized in March have been doing very well helping in this work. They take turns interpreting for me as well as making short talks in Japanese and waiting on the Lord's table. All of this should help them in getting ready to get along without our help. From the first we planned to leave this work with the Japanese but did not expect to be forced to do it so soon. From a study of the book of Acts it seems evident that many had no more opportunity to develop than these have had before being left. Of course some of those in Acts had a Jewish background which gave them at least a reasonable knowledge of the Old Testament.

No definite plans have been made for our future except to go to our daughter's home and rest for awhile. You may reach us at 4832 Casa Loma, Yorba Linda, California 92686. We hope to be available for special calls in the Lord's work whether at home or abroad even though my wife is not able to travel with me for awhile.

**Alice Broadus**  
**Hong Kong July 24.**

We have another teen-age girl to be baptized this week. Her older brother is a Christian and her younger sisters come with her to prayer meetings, but the parents are not believers. The mother is a terrible gambler. They had a nice store but had to give it up and the children have gone out to work. Terrible how sin wrecks homes and children have to suffer. I plan to go to Victor's next month. Since all is so uncertain here I really do not know what to do with my things. I do not intend to come back for a while though I have a visa for only 59 days. Victor says it is hard to get through customs there or I would take all my things there with me. We do not really expect the Reds to take over here right now, but they can make things unpleasant and work hard. We are not so free to go out on the streets and distribution of literature is not allowed, or may be questioned by the police.

Our water is rationed to four hours for every fourth day. Once we missed the fourth day but they gave it to us on the fifth day. David Lee called me from the school this evening and there was quite a commotion. He said neighbors were fighting over water.



We do not realize how precious water is until we are without it for awhile.

Today was my last day for activities in the Hong Kong Christian College for this school year. They also started DVBS today, but we also started today at the rooftop so I will go part time to each place. The rooftop had more children for the first day. Of course students live far away from the other school and transportation is hard so some may not be able to come for that reason.

Seems that darkness covers the whole earth at this time. We thought it was that way when we had to leave Hong Kong in 1940, but so many things have happened since that time that make us feel that the coming of the Lord is so much closer now. Surely the most important thing is to be ready and looking for the coming of our Lord.

**E. A. Rhodes**

**Yokohama, Japan August 14.**

We are both getting along very well I guess for such as those in our condition. I think that Bess is making some improvement in some ways; in others, I don't see any. But I'm not expecting a radical change on account of her age and the lack of the proper food for so many years past. She now has a good appetite and is eating a variety of fresh fruit and vegetables in the raw state, also some dried fruit which has been helping so very much. The Lord is good to us and I feel that He will restore her to a good degree of health. Continue to pray for her, and also for the work as you have in the past.

Have not seen Dr. Forcade recently but we keep up with his plans as he phones us or comes to see us. He, as you know, doesn't want to leave Japan immediately as he has a good work going and wants to see it get on a better working foundation. It seems to be a strain on his wife as she wants to return soon.

**Jack and Rena Chrissop**

**Cape Town, South Africa July 16**

In a few weeks time we plan if the Lord wills to move out to Simonstown, move we have long desired to make and one we have prayed for often. There's work there—the Lord's work I mean—especially among the women, a work that Rena longs to take up but as yet is unable to do so. As you know we both have jobs, as our support is far from sufficient to keep us, but at this we are not complaining. If the Lord desired it to be so then we are happy to abide in His will. Since coming to the Cape we have worked in the vineyard mainly in the evenings and at week-ends, but out at Simonstown there would need to be a change. Rena would need to work during the day, but this would mean her resigning from her position and this we cannot afford. My salary will not cover our individual expenses. We need help that is the purpose of this letter. Would any church or group, brother or sister, help to raise sufficient support for her in this new work?

# NEWS AND NOTES

"They rehearsed all that God had done with them . . ."

**Buhl, Idaho:** I get so much good and enjoyment from reading the W & W that I am enclosing a check for the following five subscriptions. —Mrs. A. L. Deatherage

**Lakeland, Florida:** I am gradually recuperating, but my wife is gradually failing. She is still bedfast and unable to speak. . . I have one-third of our 47th book almost ready for the printer. . . Brother and Sister J. Scott Greer called one day, and Bro. J. Thornton and also George Worley are expected any day. —O. S. Boyer

**Gainesville, Texas:** . . . the W & W is the best religious publication in the U. S. —Roe Miller

## MANILA FUND REPORT

They needed \$50,000. to pay for the property and later found that \$5,000. could be used to advantage in remodeling and repairing. With the money they had in Manila, \$55,011.20 has been provided. We made arrangements with a Louisville bank for a loan of \$12,000 included in the \$55,011.20. I do think it important that we keep those interested, informed about the need for continued giving so that the loan may be repaid within a reasonable time to cut down on the interest. Six percent is being charged on the loan. The gifts may continue to be sent to me and will be deposited in the account of the Church of Christ Manila Fund. —J. K. Scoggan

**Inglewood, California:** Please renew for another year. I enjoy the articles very much. —Mrs. E. F. McCormick

**Salvisa, Kentucky:** The speaker for the morning and evening services is James W. Rowe. Brother Rowe has been preaching for several years in Indiana churches. Incidentally, he is the preacher's son-in-law. We are proud of all six of the Rowes.

This is being prepared Friday night before the fifth Sunday. At this writ-

ing, Asa Baber, minister at Mackville, is in Haggin Memorial Hospital after a heart attack. Please pray for him. —N. Wilson Burks

**Lexington, Kentucky:** It was a great blessing and delightful fellowship to have Bro. Ray Canant and his friend, Don Allen, with us last Lord's Day. The song services were most inspiring under the leadership of Ray as always. All were greatly blessed by the message from Franklin Harris last Sunday night.

The Kentucky Blue Grass Youth Rally at the Salem Church of Christ, Cynthiana, Kentucky, was another inspiring occasion which took place August 26th. Bro. Jerry W. Bruner was the director of the meeting and Bro. Dale Offutt, preacher of the Sellersburg Church of Christ, brought the message. Bro. James Goodwin of Sellersburg, Indiana is the new preacher at the Salem Church.—H. N. Rutherford

## Personal Worker's Clinic

On Sept. 30 there will be a one-day clinic to train every member how to win souls for Christ. Every member of your church should go. It will be at Ky. Ave. Church and will last from 9:30 to 3:30 with an hour and a half for lunch. Plan to be there. —Ernest E. Lyon

**Orell Overman** will be at Sellersburg Sept. 10-22, 7:30 each evening, including Saturday.

## Preacher Available

We were happy to meet brother C. H. Wiley in Harrodsburg Thursday. He and his wife have moved back to Mercer County. The two daughters have married and are in Texas. Bro. Wiley will be available to locate with some small congregation that is unable to provide full support. His address is: Route 2, Harrodsburg, Ky. —N. Wilson Burks



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