

He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.—ST. JOHN 14:21.



And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.—GALATIANS 6:9.

Bible School In Alabama

By HENRY BEER

Ben Heiniger, Henry Beer, Kathryn Ann Getz, and Lois Marie Beer left LaCrosse, Indiana, on July 22. We reached Hillsboro, Alabama, Tuesday noon, July 23. That afternoon was spent contacting church leaders of the Old Methodist Chalybeate Springs Church for our place of assembly where we could hold a Bible school. As public school was then in session we visited each room with a welcome to all to attend our Bible school. We told them the time, which was from four to six o'clock, the place, and cordially invited them, their parents, and neighbors to study with us about the Bible.

At 3:30 Wednesday, July 24, Ben's car and the Alabama car were beginning to collect the aged folks to our place of assembly. Prayerfully we began our services with singing at the old and somewhat run down church. How heartily everyone sang praises to Him! When all were in a worshipful mood we had prayer together. Then Lois took the 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 year olds to one end of the church where they could study privately. Kathryn taught the 9, 10, 11, and 12 year olds in another corner. Ben Heiniger and Henry Beer taught the 12 year olds up to the 70 year olds.

We took with us Bibles, Illustrated Life of Jesus pamphlets, three illustrated workbooks, pencils, scissors, and crayolas.

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The Importance of Human Thought

By EMIL SCHUBERT

To me, in fact, it is not a little thing, following the request for offering a writing to our Silver Lining, and consequently I am finding myself in need of the Reader's patience, making an attempt for expressing my in-

ner feeling and thought concerning a matter, to mortal man more or less yet shrouded in mystery.

It seems, that throughout centuries past as well as in our present days, the human heart and mind were and yet are rather diligent in the search for that power, which is responsible for the existing marvels and wonders of an immeasurable universe, of which mother earth is but a tiny fraction. The Psalmist David, who did live about 1050 years before Christ, beholding the beauty and greatness of Creation, in Psalm 92 paid homage to its Creator, in whom we are privileged to worship God, our Maker and Father, which is in heaven. That this living God is a God of infinite love and mercy, most impressively has been revealed to man by Christ, of whom John testified, "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father) full of grace and truth." St. John 1:14.

TREASURED VERSES

PSALM 124

If it had not been the LORD who was on our side, now may Israel say;

If it had not been the LORD who was on our side, when men rose up against us:

Then they had swallowed us up quick, when their wrath was kindled against us:

Then the waters had overwhelmed us, the stream had gone over our soul:

Then the proud waters had gone over our soul.

Blessed be the LORD, who hath not given us as a prey to their teeth.

Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are escaped.

Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

In simple faith to embrace this truth and the teaching of Him, who said, "I am the way, and the truth and the life," indeed requires grace from above, as thereby we are entering spiritual (unseen) territory. The question of the "Fall of Man" and the "Return to God" being considered by human knowledge and interpretation, appears somewhat complicated and difficult to understand, while Christ's message and friendly invitation, however, even by the so-called unlearned may be comprehended and understood.

Recognizing the great harm inflicted to man by the separation from God, caused by unbelief and sin, a penitent "Return to God the Father,"

indeed is a blessed undertaking. Although man has more than one reason to say, "I am no more worthy to be called thy son," in Christ Jesus a reconciliation has been brought about and in Him finding access to the great and open Fatherheart of God, the human heart may cry, "Abba, Father."

Beholding the unfolding of God's infinite love in the coming and in the death of Jesus Christ and God's glory and unlimited power in Christ's resurrection and ascension, one feels induced, with the Psalmist to inquire, "What is man, that thou art mindful of him, and the son of man, that thou visitest him?" We cannot otherwise, but with awe viewing God's wonderful physical creation, but what and how will it be when time ceases and it will be brought to pass the saying that is written, "Death is swallowed up in victory." Taking into consideration the unexcelled glory and bliss, unfolding itself in our God's realm of light, it surely must be worthwhile following Christ in the regeneration and such not only halfway, but in making and abiding with a firm change of heart and mind.

It was the light from above, that caused Paul of old to see, think and act differently and by the very same light yet today man may be led out of darkness and sin, providing those words are heeded, "Today, if ye will hear his voice, harden not your heart." Looking down the corridor of times past, we indeed have plenty opportunities for observing the truth of the following words, "For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass." I Peter 1, Verse 24. May God help many yet to draw a wise conclusion from such words and facts, for whatsoever man soweth, he will reap. This truth has to be applied in material as well as in spiritual sense, in both instances meeting with an immutable God-law. How to come in contact with the blessings of the same, so clearly and beautifully has been described in our Lord's outstanding Sermon on the Mount. It seems to me in said sermon the key for entering into an everlasting partnership with the blessing in God, our Maker and Father in Jesus Christ, to man has been offered and what could

we wish more for than that this key would serve its purpose.

As man by his Maker has been endowed with the gift of free will and choosing, we ourselves have to decide in choosing the good and refusing the evil or reverse. That the human will all too often is not in harmony with God's divine will, in our own personal life becomes evident, and even Jesus Christ in Gethsemane as the son of man, decided to forego his will saying, "Father if thou be willing, remove this cup from me, nevertheless not my will, but thine be done." Did it ever occur to the reader, how insistent human inclination can become in order to satisfy the human will, how darkened in such an hour of decision human mind can become? Oh, how well and needful therefore it is that in our life of thoughts we are undergoing a daily sanctification, for what man thinks he is, but the word of God is quick to discern the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4, Verse 12.

A little child, undefiled by carnal and unclean thoughts, by Christ was placed before his disciples saying, "Except ye turn, and become as little children, ye shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven." In the thoughts of men's hearts the fall of man began Gen. 3, Verse 6, and in the thoughts of men's hearts the return to God, the Father begins. Luke 15, Verse 18. And this truth is supported by the teaching of Christ who said, "The Kingdom of God is within you."

It is not my intent neither is it my wish venturing out unto a field, where it may become needful applying human imagination, thereby facing the possibility of missing reality and truth. Jesus said, "And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free"; namely free from the bondage of corruption, into the glorious liberty of the children of God. This liberty raises man high above the mire of sin and ungodliness unto a level from where the noble things and godliness begin to draw attraction. Christ, in this respect, was a living and rather inspiring testimony, and following Christ who knows how many a human heart and mind became thus uplifted, that the carnal and earthly did lose its deceiving lure, while heaven-

ly thoughts and things were offering light, strength and comfort in days of trial and temptation.

Giving this matter a sincere thought should a believing heart not feel induced for entertaining the wish and plea as so touchingly expressed in the following hymn?

"O Master, let me walk with Thee
In lowly path of service free
Tell me Thy secret, help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care."

As Peter of old in the tempest upon the sea of Galilee by Christ's hand was led to safety and quietude so our God, yet today, can and will guide His trusting son and daughter out of the tempest of this present world and time into a haven of peace and rest, into solitude and quietness, where the human heart and mind in one accord will blend with the heart and mind of Him, through whom the depth of the sea as well as the elevation of the mountains have been established and by whose love and compassion we became reconciled with our life's Creator.

True, only in part we are able to think, speak or write about this Mystery of Godliness, however, in the hope for things to come, in patience we are waiting for that word of prophecy coming true: "But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away." I Corinthians 13, Verse 10.

Coming to the heritage of the saints in the light may be our goal, for it is worth-while striving for. Pretense, however, is not helpful for attaining that goal. If man's thought, speech and actions do not prove the truth of being a sincere and good Christian, then hypocrisy is displayed.

The great Teacher, Jesus Christ, indeed knew, what He was saying, "Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man, but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man." Thoughts of malice, hatred, envy, jealousy, intolerance and bitterness would not arise from a heart, being a temple of the living and holy God; neither does it justify and excuse man, blaming Satan for one's failing (although he is the spirit of evil), for there is a grace sufficient for choosing the good and rejecting the evil.

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BIBLE SCHOOL IN ALABAMA*(Continued from page 1)*

The adult classes used the Life of Jesus pamphlets which had His life chronologically arranged and illustrated. This pamphlet also gave the text to each picture which was used as a guide to the lesson read from the Scripture.

Kathryn Ann used for her class of Juniors a pamphlet with stories, blanks to fill in, and important memory verses of New Testament Scripture.

The four and five year olds used a simple primary workbook which taught them the Lord's Prayer. Each page was illustrated. This gave the children an opportunity for creative work, not only coloring but we made paper coin purses. Each coin was an important Scripture verse.

The six, seven, and eight year olds were taught from a workbook based on Old Testament Scripture.

We did not have any idea how many eager or curious hearts; God would bless us with at our first Bible School meeting, but at the close of our first day's session we had registered 27 children and adults. We thanked God for everyone who had met with us that evening as all were exceptionally attentive and seemed to be absorbing our teaching.

The next morning was spent calling on our brethren. Many said they could come to Bible school if we would change the time from 4 to 6, until 6 and end at 8 o'clock. We were glad to change the time as we wanted to accommodate all who were interested. The change of time proved profitable as the following night 42 hearts were moved to join with us in song, prayer, and study. Friday night we had 56 attentive hearers and Saturday night 53. Sunday morning services and lunch were held at the home of Brother Henry Stricklin. The afternoon was spent at the Chalybeate Church where we had held our Bible school. Again that day we began with song and prayer. The children and their teachers were seated in the cross benches. In unison the children repeated and answered Scripture verses, Psalms and questions which

they had learned in the four days of Bible school. Also in the time we taught the children short choruses and organized a children's choir. Lois led the children in singing these short choruses at our Sunday afternoon services. Forty-three children and parents gathered with us that day in our last meeting at the Hillsboro Community. Everyone was very grateful to us for coming to them and holding these Bible meetings. A neighbor man stood and before all expressed his heartfelt thanks to us for our interest in them and hoped a similar school could be arranged for next year.

On July 29 we met with Sister Lois Goode and her community at the Lentzville School. Here again we began our meeting with singing and prayer. In this two-room grade school house we again divided the various ages making three separate classes. Parents, and friends joined in the class of fifth and sixth graders who were taught by the brothers. The sisters, each having a class, taught the children the four days that we were at that school. Our meetings at

Hymn for the Month**THE GOLDEN HARVEST**

Seeds of goodness we are sowing
In the hearts of man today,
Bless it, Lord, that it may prosper,
And bear fruit for harvest day.

Children come the grain to gather,
While the morning sun doth shine;
And 'ere long, beloved brethren,
It will be your harvest time.

Now the field is ripe for harvest;
Let us then all garner in;
For if we should stand here idle,
Who would bring the sheaves of grain?

He who gathers not at harvest,
Will a beggar be at last.
Therefore rise today and labor,
Gath'ring golden sheaves with haste!

CHORUS—

Hasten gladly to the labor,
Consecrate to God your heart.
Say this day unto your Savior,
"Lord, I'll gladly do my part."

Lentzville were held at the close of school from three o'clock until four-thirty. Attendance there mounted from 37 on Monday to 40 on Thursday, our closing day. We did not have a special closing program or service at the Lentzville community as we wanted to leave on Friday, August 2, for home.

A Bible was given to one person in each family as a reward for their courteous attention and attendance. We also had the receiver's name printed on the Bible in gold.

Through the four days of Bible school that we held at Hillsboro and the Lentzville community we could see a desire and a hunger for the true unadulterated gospel of our Lord. The Alabama brethren and friends have confidence in us and we owe them more time, and more teaching as they truly desire to have the Light.

Alabama

Beautiful Alabama is blessed
With all of the favors that nature possesses,
The hue of its sky is the truest of blue
The landscape the fairest the world ever knew.

Of its beauty we would sing, O beautiful land
Its presents we know have the touch of God's hand,
With its land full of promise as the rainbow bends o'er
Its nature holds its place now and will forever more.

Beautiful Alabama, we will sing,
Sing for the joy the thoughts of it bring,
Its sons and daughters are the future of the land
Upholding God's banner they ever will stand.

By the help of our Shepherd though
He lives far away
Who taught us to watch, to sing, and to pray;
By following His foot-steps we walk hand in hand
And sing the praises of a beautiful land—Alabama.

—W. H. STRICKLIN.

NEWS

Pulaski, Iowa

Visitors at our church on Sunday, July 18th, were Rev. Joe Banwart, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Banwart of West Bend, Iowa, Paul and Lois Kuper-schmid, Edward Alt, Robert Belsley, Theodore Hopstetter, and Edna Moser of Cissna Park, Ill.

On Sunday, August 25th, Rev. and Mrs. Ben Weigand and daughters, Leona and Edith from Taylor, Mo., Mr. and Mrs. Felix Wuthrich and children from Morton, and Wilma Belsley, Verna Gingrich, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Beer and family of Cissna Park, Ill., spent the day with us.

Keith, Kenneth and Paul Stevig have been visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Stevig.

Our minister, Albert Wuthrich, is on his way to the south to meet Rev. Andrew Nussbaum, who are planning to visit our churches there.

T-5 Russell Wuthrich, son of Rev. and Mrs. Albert Wuthrich, has been moved to a new address,

T-5 Russell Wuthrich, 37806641
Armed Forces Induction Station
Municipal Auditorium
New Orleans 16, Louisiana

Pvt. John E. Miller, son of Mrs. Hattie Miller, is stationed in China now. His new address is as follows:

Pvt. John E. Miller
Co. E 2nd Bat. 5th Marines
c-o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, California

Bluffton, Indiana

Elder and Mrs. Sam Aeschliman, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Hurt, Mrs. Martha Liechty, and Mrs. Lena Stucky visited the churches at New Martinsville, West Virginia, Wayne County, and Mansfield, O., over the Labor Day week-end.

On Sunday, August 25, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Frank, Mr. and Mrs. John Frank, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Heinold, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Braker of LaCrosse, Indiana, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hoerr of Michigan City, Indiana, visited friends and relatives at Bluffton.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Levy were honored at a reception August 24, in the home of the bridegroom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Levy. The couple plan to live in Anderson, Ind. The

bride was formerly Mildred Graff of Milford, Ind., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Graff.

The engagement of Miss Lela Moser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Moser, and Mr. Robert Meyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Meyer, was announced on August 18th. They plan to be married in October.

Mr. and Mrs. Sib Ringger are parents of a baby girl, Carol Jean, born August 10.

We extend our sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Moser who have recently lost their two-month-old son, Lynn Douglas.

Chicago, Illinois

On Sunday, August 11, Rev. Robert Haas and others of Elgin visited us.

James Winzeler recently spent a week with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Eli Winzeler. While home on furlough, he also visited members of his family in Francesville and Leo.

Croghan, New York

Elder and Mrs. Philip Beyer were in Rockville, Connecticut, Sunday, July 28.

On August 1, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Feldman and sons, Lyman and Fred, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Lehman, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Lehman, and daughters, Velda May and Carolyn, and son, Donald, and Mrs. John Wiedman all of Fairbury, Ill., were visitors here.

Rev. and Mrs. Henry Sabo and children, Ray and Ruth, from Mansfield, O., spent the week-end of August 11, at Croghan and Naumburg.

Rev. and Mrs. Henry Beer from Milford, Ind., and Mr. and Mrs. John Baumgartner from Bluffton, Indiana, visited this community August 14 and 15. Rev. Henry Beer held the services.

The Sunbeam Sunday School Class held their monthly meeting at Mr. and Mrs. John K. Virklers with a weiner bake following.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lehman have moved in their home which was recently purchased in Croghan.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schneider, and daughter, Lois and son, Roy, from Rockville, Connecticut, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Leon Virkler.

Elgin, Illinois

Elders Jacob and Wm. Stettner visit-

ed in the Minnesota and Iowa churches.

Carl and Anna Baer are visiting relatives in California.

Albert Schambach and Dorothy Anliker were married August 25 in Elgin. Relatives from Fairbury, Ill., Francesville, Ind., and Lamont, Kansas, attended the wedding. The couple will leave for New York to visit David Schambach, brother of the groom. Louis and Mary Schambach will go with them.

David, Betty and Elmer Steffen attended the wedding of Robert Schrock and Edith Hodel at Roanoke, Ill., on August 25.

Joel Gudemans, Albert Wewetzers, Joe Schmidgals, Ernie and Lizzie Lindoerfer, and Jonathan Steffens spent Sunday, August 18, at Tremont, Ill. They had supper at Levi Souders. Mrs. Souder was the former Clara Lindoerfer of Elgin.

Fairbury, Illinois

Two of the three churches here were privileged last Sunday, August 18, to hear Rev. Philip Gutwein, Jr., of Francesville, Ind.

We were sorry to hear of the death of our friend, Albert Schlatter, whose burial took place August 11.

Francesville, Indiana

Adam Gutwein was selected as our new minister. We all wish him many blessings.

Pvt. Paul Messer, Jr., is now located in Denver, Colorado.

The engagement of Katherine Von Tobel and Melvin Huber of Forrest, Ill., was announced August 4.

Rev. Conrad Gutwein and his wife have returned from Tulare, Calif., where they have spent the last few months caring for their daughter and husband, Andrew and Helen Hild, who were injured in an automobile accident. He is still in a cast but returned to his home where his wife is now able to care for him.

We enjoyed having a large group from the Bremen Church visit us August 11. In the evening some from Milford were also present. Both contributed to our monthly program, which we greatly appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gutwein and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Von Tobel, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Von Tobel, Jr., are visiting relatives

and friends in the West and plan to go to California and Oregon.

Leo, Indiana

On Sunday, August 18, a group of young people from Bremen, Indiana, visited with friends at Leo and had dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Klopfenstein.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Reineck and daughter, Marjorie Ann, Mrs. Jacob Frautschi and daughters, Mary and Emily, visited at the home of Albert Frautschi on August 10.

We are glad to welcome Richard Lantz back to our Sunday School after spending over three years in the service.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin are the proud parents of a baby girl.

The Ben Getz and Elias Souder families and Gaylord Widner arrived home safely reporting a very interesting and enjoyable trip, especially the week-end at Los Angeles, Calif., visiting with old and new friends.

Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Pfister were among the dinner guests at the home of Aaron Schwartz on August 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Orel Steiner and son, John, and Mr. and Mrs. Ortie Rocke of Oakville, Iowa, were dinner guests at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Schlatter and Mr. and Mrs. Philip Schlatter.

On August 4 the David Levy family were dinner guests at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Joel Souder of Grabill.

Miss Sarah Schwartz returned to her home in Toledo after a period of convalescing at the home of friends and relatives in and around Grabill. We are glad to report she is feeling much better.

Misses Dorthea Conrad, Martha Moser, Laura Gerber, Katherine Norr, and Denelda Dotterer returned home after a two-weeks' vacation through Canada and the New England States. The girls reported a very enjoyable trip.

Misses Deloris Widner, Janell Hooper and Catherine Schlatter took a two-weeks' vacation cruise from Detroit, Michigan, through the Islands of Lake Huron to Mackinac, Harbor Spring, to Midland, Ontario, and back to Detroit. A delightful trip was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Lillian Berry, Mrs. Jinnie

Walters and Misses Marie and Norma Jean Beery from Rittman, Ohio, were dinner guests August 26 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Conrad and family. These guests were returning home from Eureka, Illinois, where they had attended the Golden Wedding Anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Caesar Klauss.

Mansfield, Ohio

Rev. Lawrence and Rev. Jesse Emch of Girard, Ohio, visited our church Sunday, August 11, and conducted the services.

Rev. and Mrs. Sabo, and son, Raymond, and daughter, Ruth, spent a few weeks visiting the churches of Croghan and Casterland, New York, Union City, New Jersey and Rockville, Connecticut.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Taube and several of their children visited with Mrs. Taube's parents, Rudolf Isley.

Miss Johanna Gottas died very unexpectedly August 4. Funeral services were held August 16. Rev. Robert Haas of Elgin and Rev. Rudolph Graf of Akron conducted the services. Evening services were held by Rev. Haas.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schneider of Remington, Ind., and Miss Theresa Schneider of Los Angeles, California, spent a few days visiting relatives.

Mrs. Ramos Schlatter and Mrs. Sam Steiner of Grabill, Indiana, visited relatives.

Milford, Indiana

We enjoyed the Bremen Brethren worshipping with us while their church is being redecoreated.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Levy are residing at Anderson, Indiana, since their marriage which was solemnized Saturday, August 17. Mrs. Levy was the former Miss Mildred Graff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Graff, of Milford.

The hymn book "Songs and Hymns of Zion" is again available.

Morton, Illinois

Mr. and Mrs. Joe A. Getz, Mr. and Mrs. Joe C. Zimmerman, and Mr. and Mrs. John Sauder of Roanoke spent Sunday, August 11, at Sabetha, Kans.

The sad news reached us the first of the month of the sudden death of Clyde Kaufman, son of Albert Kaufman, of Cissna Park. With his brother and several friends they were va-

cationing in Northern Minn., where he met his tragic death. His body was brought to Cissna Park where funeral services were largely attended by many friends from Illinois and Indiana. The services were held August 4 at the Cissna Apostolic Christian Church.

Oakville, Iowa

A group of young folks accompanied by parents and Sunday School teachers spent Sunday, July 28, at the Pulaski, Iowa, Church. A number of Taylor, Missouri, folks were present also. Every one enjoyed the outdoor singing and buffet supper at the Albert Wuthrich home.

Rev. Philip Gutwein and Rev. Andrew Nussbaum held services in Oakville, July 23 and in Burlington on the following night.

Miss Hazel Weigand of Oakville and Mr. Walter Geyer of Peoria were united in marriage on Sunday, Aug. 18, by Elder Noah Schrock. Rev. Albert Fisher of Chicago and visitors from Peoria, Roanoke, and Goodfield were also present.

Peoria, Illinois

Chris Schafer has been a patient at the St. Frances Hospital for the past few weeks. We hope that it will not be too long before he is up again.

Emma Beckley, a dear sister, who has been at home at Peoria for a number of years has moved away which is much to our loss. She has moved to Remington, Indiana, to live with her father.

Wilbur Hoerr of Peoria who is now working in Chicago was home the other week-end.

Rev. Theo Beer of Milford, Indiana, visited his daughter, Mrs. Robert Hoerr.

Hazel Weigand and Walter Gier were united in marriage on the 18th of August at Oakville, Iowa. Both of them have been working in Peoria and will make their home here.

Rev. and Mrs. Michael Weyeneth and Elder Emil Schubert and wife were guests at the George Seidel Home at Princeville, Illinois, Sunday, August 11, 1946.

Peoria has a Bible Class started. We hope its attendance will continue to grow.

Frances Meirs and his wife are
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SALVATION

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"For I through the Law am DEAD TO THE LAW, that I might LIVE UNTO GOD." (Galatians 2:19.)

Most any of us can say with the Apostle Paul in Romans 6:2 a hearty "God forbid" to his question: How shall we that are DEAD TO SIN, LIVE any longer THEREIN? But are we ready to follow the same logic and have the same hearty "God forbid" to this question also: How shall we that are DEAD TO THE LAW, LIVE any longer THEREUNDER? knowing that the Law is holy and just and good and even spiritual. We abhor sin which is the sting of death, and can we then look to the Law, which IS THE STRENGTH OF SIN, as friendly and helpful to us in the matter saving from sin? Can the same LAW which gives strength to SIN and DEATH, also give RIGHTEOUSNESS and LIFE, except in the realm of absolute Justice and Sinless Perfection? Can the same instrumentality, by the decree of which we are DEAD in trespasses and sins, now also justify us and give us LIFE?

"GOD FORBID: for if there had been a law given which could have given LIFE, verily RIGHTEOUSNESS should have been by the Law." (Galatians 3:21). "For by the works of the law shall NO FLESH be justified." (Galatians 2:16). And again: "for if RIGHTEOUSNESS come by the Law, then Christ is dead in vain." (Galatians 2:21)

By nature and "IN ADAM" I am under the Law and I have the most profound respect for its majesty, for it will stand without the loss of a tittle or jot, till heaven and earth have passed away, but the Law for me, its transgressor, has no respect whatever. All it gives to me is a "black robe" in which to die and be buried, in hopeless damnation. For the "white robe" of RIGHTEOUSNESS, spotlessly clean, in which I can answer and meet God in a good conscience, I must needs look elsewhere, even to the CROSS, and the BLOOD of the cross that can wash away my sins. And consider this, kind reader: In order to neutralize

sin, in our behalf, God had to deal NOT ONLY with SIN, to do away with it at the Cross, but He had to deal also with THE LAW, which is the STRENGTH OF SIN, to neutralize it and to take it out of the way. How? By nailing it likewise to His Cross; blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was AGAINST US, which was CONTRARY TO US. (Colossians 2:14). God, that He may freely be FOR US, had to, as it were, blot out and take out of the way ALL that WAS AGAINST US, even His JUST and holy Law.

But not before it was fulfilled—For like "hand and glove," the LAW and SIN worked together though from opposite directions, until its sentence of DEATH, imposed on the basis of absolute JUSTICE, was carried out at the Cross, where I through the Law, have DIED TO SIN and TO THE LAW, BOTH, in the person of my Lord and Saviour. Sin's dominion and the Law's jurisdiction could go as far as the Cross to witness that death. Here is, however, the end of their reign for everyone that believeth. They can proceed no further! For here Christ by the GRACE OF GOD did taste death for every man and GRACE came here into BEING and a "much more abounding" dominion of GRACE, to reign through righteousness unto ETERNAL LIFE by Jesus Christ our Lord.

The CROSS then marks the boundary LINE between TWO realms, territories, or dominions: the Natural or Carnal "IN ADAM" on the one side and the Spiritual and heavenly "IN CHRIST" on the other side. In the first, the territory of ADAM, SIN and DEATH REIGN and the *Law of Sin and Death* has dominion as the official statute. In the second, the territory of CHRIST, GRACE REIGNS through RIGHTEOUSNESS unto LIFE, and the *Law of the Spirit of Life* has dominion here as the official Statute. Each Law has its RIGHTEOUSNESS: the one by WORKS, the other by FAITH. The jurisdiction of each Law is confined strictly to its OWN territory, with NO overlapping. "The

Law of the Spirit of Life," "IN CHRIST JESUS" hath made me (with HEAVENLY citizenship) FREE from the *Law of Sin and Death*, which operates exclusively "IN ADAM" 's territory and up to the "Death Line" of the Cross and the Tomb, but NOT a step beyond. Note the Yugoslavs zeal against a violation of their territory, even by a friend; and the Law is not our friend—it is AGAINST US.

So then having been "CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST," I AM DEAD not only to SIN but I AM ALSO DEAD TO THE LAW (of sin and death). Being dead to Sin, God forbid that we shall CONTINUE in Sin,—and likewise: being dead to the Law, God forbid that we shall CONTINUE to be UNDER the Law,—where Sin has dominion: for we are NOT UNDER the Law, but UNDER Grace, where GRACE has dominion. (Romans 6:14.) And we cannot be UNDER BOTH at the same time.

"Now if we be DEAD WITH CHRIST (BOTH to Sin and the Law),—we believe that we shall also LIVE WITH HIM." (verse 8); we were RAISED UP TOGETHER WITH HIM. We have passed from Death into Life; the "Death Line" became for us who BELIEVE, the "Life Line," as we have stepped over this boundary. To smuggle the LAW across this boundary into the domain of GRACE, is FORBIDDEN! Again let us note: the reason that we must "reckon" ourselves to be DEAD indeed to SIN is that we might be ALIVE UNTO GOD; in like manner, we must "reckon" ourselves to be DEAD indeed to the LAW, that we might LIVE UNTO GOD. Clearly then to be able to be "ALIVE UNTO GOD" and to "LIVE UNTO GOD" we must be DEAD not only to SIN but to the LAW as well. Risen with Christ, we live in the Newness of our RESURRECTION LIFE, in the which we have, by the reckoning of our faith, severed every relationship and allegiance with the OLD dominion of Sin and the bondage of the Law, from which only DEATH could make us FREE. (Romans 6:7 and Galatians 5:1.) We should "stand fast therefore in the LIBERTY wherewith Christ hath

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NEWS

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now living in Peoria. Frances was recently discharged from the service.

Remington, Indiana

We had as visitors on Sunday, Aug. 4th, Rev. Geo. Sinn and wife and several others of Latty, Ohio, and the Carl Zeltwanger family of Bremen, Indiana.

Several from here attended the large funeral of Clyde Kaufman at Cissna Park on Sunday, August 4. The family has our sympathy.

On the evening of Tuesday, August 6, Rev. Fred Grimm, and wife of Taylor, Mo., and Rev. Albert Wuthrich and wife of Pulaski, Io., visited us. Several from Francesville and Wolcott also were present. We enjoyed their visit very much. The next day some folks from here accompanied them to Francesville for afternoon services and then to La Crosse for evening services. Many blessings were enjoyed during their visit.

The Primary Sunday School Class enjoyed a picnic at the home of their teacher on Thursday, August 15. The afternoon was spent in playing games, singing, and listening to stories read by their teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Scharlach and daughter, Doris, left on Saturday morning, August 24, for Rochester, Minn. Ruben will enter the Mayo Clinic there for his rheumatic condition. At this time they report a good trip and en route they enjoyed the lovely scenery at Wisconsin Dells.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Nussbaum and son, Jackie, are spending a ten-day visit with our members in Alabama.

Roanoke, Illinois

The Lord's Supper was held at Roanoke, August 18. Elder Philip Aeschliman of Cissna Park assisted Elder David Mangold.

A bride of August 13 was Mildred Rocke, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Joe Rocke of Roanoke. She was married to Loren Schlipf, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Schlipf, of Gridley.

Mr. and Mrs. El Schumacher and family of Bremen, Indiana, visited friends and relatives in and around Eureka the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Caesar Klauss of Eureka celebrated their Golden Wed-

ding Anniversary with a dinner followed by a reception for approximately three hundred guests who extended their congratulations and good wishes.

Taylor, Missouri

Misses Rachael and Ann Haerr of Peoria spent the week-end of August 25 in this vicinity with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Yackley are proud parents of a son, LeRoy John.

Raymond Haerr has returned from a week's vacation with his grandparents, Rev. and Mrs. Carl Rassi.

On August 18, Misses Mildred and Margaret Friederich had as dinner guests the Misses Mary, Martha, and Emily Tanner of Goodfield, Ill.

Toledo, Ohio

On August 4, Misses Leah, Rose, Adele, and Persida Conrad of Grabill, Ind., visited relatives in Toledo. When they returned, Emily Frautschi went with them to spend a week on the Conrad Farm recuperating from her recent operation.

On the week-end of August 11, Mrs. Jacob Frautschi and daughter, Mary, and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Reineck and daughter, Marjorie Ann, visited friends and relatives in Grabill and Fort Wayne, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Maibach, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Ming of Detroit, Mich., visited friends in Toledo on August 11. Mrs. Ming was formerly Rose Wingeier.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Frautschi and daughters, Mary and Emily, and Miriam Miller visited the Monroe County church on August 18.

On August 23 a number of friends from Mansfield, O., stopped in Toledo on their way to Bay City, Michigan. They had dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Schlatter. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wysong and two of their children, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Souder and son, Larry, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beer, Mr. Joel Beer and son, Ben, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Oesch, and Mr. Pheister.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bowers are the proud parents of a son, David Allan, who was born August 25. Mrs. Bowers was formerly Thelma Stevens.

On August 25, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rehklau and family, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller, Miss Rose Rager, and

Miss Carrie Miller visited friends and relatives in Latty, Ohio.

We are glad to report that Miss Kathryn Rager is getting along just fine from her recent operation. Her father, Rev. Fred Rager, of Latty, O., stayed with relatives in Toledo for a couple of weeks during Kathryn's illness.

Pvt. Edward Stevens is home on a two-week furlough. He has just completed three months at school at the Ordnance Depot in Atlanta, Georgia, and is now to report at Seattle, Wash., for reassignment.

SALVATION*(Continued from page 6)*

made us FREE, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage," lest we fall from GRACE and Christ become of NO effect unto us.

To be FREE from SIN, we must be DEAD to SIN. Likewise:

To be FREE from the LAW, we must be DEAD to the LAW.

"Crucified with Christ," I am DEAD TO and FREE from Both.

*(To be continued)***HOW TO KILL A CHURCH**

The snappy LeTourneau Industries house organ, **NOW**, prints the following points on how a preacher can kill a church:

Ignore the flock except at the hour of service.

Only devote time to those belonging to your denomination.

Scold the faithful for the coldness of the absentees.

Don't say or do something good for another denomination.

Don't fill the pulpit regularly.

Don't have a suitable substitute when you must be absent.

Don't support or attend Sunday School.

If you attend, always be late.

Don't organize the Young People.

Don't visit the ill and needy.

Don't visit those who are well.

Don't have a friendly and appealing disposition.

Don't use words easy to be understood in delivering your messages; use all the high-sounding words possible.

Don't be content with your present pastorate, but be continually on the lookout for a bigger and better one.

Our Home Fires Blaze Again

A bright, cracking fire in the hearth warms not only the body, but also the heart; but take the fuel away and see what happens. The fire fades and slowly, but surely, glows into ashes. The room darkens. Then add a fresh, new log. Sparks pop in all directions, and the dancing flame again lights the room with a yellow brilliance seemingly greater than ever before.

Welcome home, Service Men, welcome home!

Words cannot express our gratitude to our Heavenly Father and our Saviour to whom we have gone many times in prayer asking for your safe return. Even in the terror of the night many fathers, mothers and wives sought refuge in the Lord for the safety of their sons and husbands. We were as a ship which was forced to anchor in a dense fog. We had to wait for Him to lead us through. You will never know the emptiness in our hearts, our homes, our Sunday School and our church while you were gone. The flame had died to the point where it took special efforts to keep the Home Fires Burning.

Not only day or one night passed but what our thoughts were with you. With sweat on our brows, we prayed for your safety. No mail arrived that was not expected by us. We expected a letter with each mail delivery. Just one line stating only that you were well would turn nights of terror and anxiety to nights of sweet repose.

Finally the war was ended; again it seemed an endless length of time until you could come home to a home that was rent asunder by your leaving—a home that God has ordained should be a foretaste of Heaven. Now, at last, your names will no longer appear in the *Silver Lining* as those in the service of our country. God be praised for hearing and answering our prayers!

Since you have arrived home we have heard you say that things have changed. That is true; things *have* changed at home. All of us probably look at life from a different angle than we did before the war. This is to be expected. There is only one home that does not change.

We wish to sincerely thank you, for you have bravely helped us. We put our confidence in you and put forth special efforts to carry on while you were absent. Some of us are getting along in life physically, as we say; we find ourselves slipping while time is swiftly passing by. But by your return we again have the vacant chair filled and a firm arm on which to lean. You, who have left your homes and family ties and faced a new world, with new experiences can be a wonderful help to us spiritually and physically.

But all is not joyous. God has granted most of us the privilege to welcome our boys back home. Once again after years of anxiety, we can embrace you in our arms; but it greatly saddens our hearts as we glance over the pages of the *Silver Lining* and behold that one of our comrades has fallen in battle. He shall not return to us, yet we shall remember him as a true and loyal soldier who gave his all for us. It comforts us to know that he will no more face the terrible horrors of war, which all of us know he dreaded. Though he cannot be with us bodily, we are looking forward to that great day when God will bring Justice to all.

May our comrade's sacrifice not be in vain. May his sacrifice still claim sheaves for the Master's use. If you have not given your all to God's Son, by doing so now He will kindle within your heart a flame which will lead you to a land where you will lose no buddies—to a land as pure as your mother's love.

THE IMPORTANCE OF HUMAN THOUGHT

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The goal of our fellowship of faith and a true brotherhood for this life is in mutual understanding to walk the path of life in love, peace and harmony, enjoying an inner hope, that our departure out of this world and time in reality will not spell death, but life with undisturbed rest and peace in the presence of Him, who said, "Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

To Him be honor and glory now and forever.

To Obtain Peace

O Jesus, gentle and humble of heart, hear me!
 From the desire of being esteemed
 From the desire of being loved
 From the desire of being sought
 From the desire of praise
 From the desire of preference
 From the desire of influence
 From the desire of approval
 From the desire of authority
 From the fear of humiliation
 From the fear of being despised
 From the fear of repulse
 From the fear of ridicule
 From the fear of injury
 From the fear of suspicion
 Deliver me, Jesus.

That others may be loved more than myself
 That others may be more highly esteemed
 That others may grow and increase in honor,
 and I decrease
 That others may be employed, and I set aside
 That others may be preferred in all
 Grant me the utmost holiness of which I am
 capable
 Then let others be holier than myself
 Jesus grant me to desire it!

—MRS. ELIAS REINECK
 Bluffton, Indiana

ADDRESSES OF OUR BOYS IN THE SERVICE

Killed in Action: Eugene F. Bahr.

Honorably Discharged:

Joseph Bahr	Wm. Klopfenstein
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