



## PROMISES

By Ramas Schlatter

One of the most comforting verses in the Bible, to me, is found in Luke 12:32. "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

First of all every Christian's desire is to enter into God's great kingdom, where we expect to enjoy comforts never realized on this earth. We know that to reach this kingdom we must travel on the path which Christ made when he was on this earth.

The most outstanding obstacle on this path is the cross we must carry. We are so often tempted to look upon it with fear, realizing the great pain our Lord suffered upon it. Yet the Lord promised He would help us to carry the cross. Then why should we not trust Him, since He so victoriously carried His cross.

In St. Matthew 16:24 and 25 we read: "Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any **man** come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it."

Let us observe the Lord hanging on the cross where He gave His life while the whole earth was in darkness. His followers were giving up in despair, feeling all was lost. No doubt the conflicting emotions they had were indeed baffling. Just when things looked blackest — lo — on the third day He arose from the grave.

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## WHY WORRY?

By Paul J. Von Tobel, Jr.

If we have the Lord Jesus on our side WHY WORRY? We have several teachings in the word of God regarding worry, anxiety, and cares. To

### TREASURED VERSES

*And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any.*

*Came behind him, and touched the border of his garment: and immediately her issue of blood stanchèd.*

*And Jesus said, Who touched me? when all denied. Peter and they that were with him said, Master, the multitude thronged thee and press thee, and sayeth thou, Who touched me?*

*And Jesus said, Somebody hath touched me: for I perceive that virtue is gone out of me. And when the woman saw that she was not hid, she came trembling, and falling down before him, she declared unto him before all the people for which cause she had touched him, and how she was healed immediately.*

*And he said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace.*

—ST. LUKE 8:43-48.

those that are in the family of God, worry should be a very small part of their life. "And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature

one cubit?" Luke 12:25. Corroding solicitude will not bring you the least of the things you fret about, though it may double the evil of wanting them. We of the family of God are admonished to cast all our cares upon Him, for He careth for you. I Peter 5:7. This is where our faith comes in, we must without the least doubt believe these inspired words of God. What a wonderful privilege this is to cast our burdens, worries, and anxieties upon Him who is able to bear them. "For He" is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us." Ephesians 3:20.

We are not to worry over anything. The Apostle Paul instructs us in one of his letters to the Philippians, chapter four and verse six: "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." In these instructions we find the word everything; this means all, not just part of them or most of them but ALL. It is very important that we let ALL our cares and worries be known unto God, for we know that He demands justice and also deals with us justly. Here again our faith must take a great part. We must have complete confidence in His judgment, and know that He is always right.

Worry puts us in the doubting Thomas class, because it implies that

we do not have the trust and confidence in the many teachings of our Lord and Savior and the inspired word of God. Oh, how it must grieve our dear Lord when we doubt His ability to love and care for His own.

The Apostle Paul also tells us in I Corinthians 7:32, that he would have us free from cares. What a glorious reason it is that he wants us free from these temporal and wordly cares. So that we can have more time to attend upon the Lord. We especially in this land of ours have great privileges that are denied children of God in so many countries. How utterly do we, dear ones, fail to take advantage of them. We who it would seem would have so few cares and worries in this land of plenty seem to be more than ever burdened with these things that distract from God.

Worry is often brought on by physical suffering and weakness. Here again we must refer to one of the teachings and instructions of the beloved Apostle Paul. In writing to the Corinthians he tells how he besought the Lord thrice that the "thorn in the flesh" that was given to him might depart from him. The Lord answered him and said, "My grace is sufficient for thee." If we could only come to the realization that this teaching is also for us today and that His hand has never shortened and HIS GRACE is still sufficient for us today. We can feel that God had a wonderful purpose in not wanting the nature or extent of this thorn in Paul's flesh revealed. So that today we cannot say this affliction is not for me because it is not the same as Paul's. But every affliction or weakness, whether physical or otherwise, should be the thorn in our flesh and should make us strong in our weakness, for Christ's sake.

Whatever the cause or reason for our worries or anxieties, we must remember that God never promised that His children would be free from trial. In John 16:33, He tells us that in the world we shall have tribulation. "That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ." I Peter 1:7. If it were

not for these things would we realize our need of Him? It also tends to bring us much closer to Him, for in times of great distress and troubles He is our only comfort and consoler. Paul said, "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God." Romans 8:28.

In closing just a thought to the ones that are yet on the outside of God's family, and cannot call unto God as their heavenly Father. Your lives may well be full of cares, anxieties, and worries; for this world is full of them and you have no one to cast them upon that is able to bear them. Our dear Lord and Savior beckons to each and every one of you. For He says, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matt. 11:28 "For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Matt. 11:30.

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victor over the last enemy, death! — proving conclusively that by losing this earthly life He is able to give us life eternal.

This is the season when again we will sow our grain. We must first put the seed in the prepared soil, losing it, as it were, for a period of time, so that God can raise it again in the form of a new plant to reproduce again. So we know if we sow not we reap no harvest.

Likewise in the spiritual life we must give our life in service to God and our fellowmen, and only thus can we expect to reap life eternal. Although with the best of intentions we find ourselves so busy trying to provide for this life on earth that we often are overtaken in fear that we have neglected that which is most important.

But God gives us new seasons, year after year, that we might sow seeds for a new harvest. I believe He provides a new season that we might sow spiritual seed for that eternal harvest.

Thus as the disciples took new courage and went forth sowing God's word, let us come forth, trusting in His promises, and again take new courage knowing that God never forsakes those who trust and serve Him.

### A TIMELY MESSAGE

Reader, your time on earth is short. Each closing year, each setting sun, each tick of yonder clock, indicates the shortening of your days; and swiftly, silently, but surely, you are hastening on to ETERNITY and the JUDGMENT.

The day, the hour, the instant will soon come when your life on earth will end, and you begin your song in heaven, or your wail in hell.

TODAY your hands are busy at work, your eyes beholding, your mind is thinking; you are planning for the future. TOMORROW, all is still; the folded arm, the closed eye, remain; but you are gone — Others were once busy as you are; healthy as you are; thoughtless as you are; they are gone — gone to ETERNITY. The merry voice, the painted clown, the talented artist whose presence made the theatre and the pantomime an attraction for you, are gone; they are removed far from the region of fiction to that of reality — the reality of ETERNITY. The voice of the shrewd merchant, so familiar to you, is hushed; he buys and sells no more — he also has entered ETERNITY.

Reader, your own turn to enter ETERNITY will soon come. Ask yourself honestly, Am I prepared for ETERNITY? Give your conscience time to answer; listen, it speaks to you; drown not its voice, lest it speak to you no more.

Heb. 9:27: "It is appointed unto man once to die, but **after this** the judgment."

John 3:36. "He that believeth on the Son HATH Everlasting Life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life, but the WRATH of God abideth on him." (God has done all that is in his power to do, have you?)

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life."

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How God rejoices over a soul, which, surrounded on all sides by suffering and misery, does that upon earth which the angels do in Heaven; namely loves, adores and praises God!—*Tersteegen*.

# Letter from Austria

Neumarkt-Kallham in Austria,  
November 15th, 1946

Translated letter written from above  
Displaced - Persons - Camp.  
Dear Uncle John, Aunt Mina  
and Cousins!

Everything that may serve you for this earthly life as well as eternally may be granted you of the Lord out of his infinite love and mercy. This is my heart felt wish and greeting to you in the hope that this letter will reach you and find you all well and in the best of health.

At least I succeeded in obtaining an address in Mansfield through which I hope to establish communication with you and to tell you briefly of our situation. Perhaps it is already known to you that all Germans in Jugoslavia were thrown into concentration camps without discrimination whether or not anyone was politically active or not. And so captains of Titos, partisan-party did not halt before believers, in spite of the fact that these believers did not even join the German - Dulturbund and remained in every respect neutral, also during the war. This is not strange, since Tito became an ardent follower of Stalin. If Stalin for the time being tolerates Religion. I do not believe the Stalin-Saul became a Stalin-Paul, but rather that his present attitude is only a political checker-move. But that the Germans even went farther and persecuted the Jews, who still are God's people should become our doom. So, all we Germans have to atone for it but worst of all the Jugoslavian-Germans could not flee in time.

With the prisoners is also Uncle Ludwig. He was taken to Rudolphsgnad (Banat) in December 1945. Young Bewi was taken away already in the summer of 1945 to a destination unknown, however, this much is known that he is in slave-Labor in Russia. Aunt Bewi could not endure it when they took away her daughter and was taken "home" soon afterwards to the Father above where there is no more pain nor sorrow. I thought that you already had connection with Uncle Ludwig until he asked for your address a short while ago

from us few from the Banat who in the last moments could flee to Austria.

My father died last winter on January 30th, 1946 of hunger in camp Rudolphsgnad. The same happened to my sister Bewi, leaving behind 3 children of which the oldest is 13. Of course all children were thrown into the same camp with their mother. Daily ration per head: 5 ounces cornmeal in a trough and a thin water-soup. Nothing else! My brother Ludwig was also transported to Russia January 1, 1946. To this day no token of his being alive. Of my other brothers and sisters I know nothing definite as they are scattered in all directions of the wind and only a short time ago it was possible to establish connection through Serbian members who smuggle mail in and out of the Serbian camps. Such an open letter I received from my sister Mina, who is also in camp with three

children. Her biggest worry is the coming winter. Last winter daily over 100 persons were taken from the Serbain camp as dead and buried in a big hole. No coffins and without clothing. However, those that are in the faith hold fast to their Lord and remain true unto death. My sister-in-law (Matthias' wife) in one of her last letters from the camp writes with a faith and trust that reminds one of the early Christian persecution.

The larger part of the members in Austria are from Jugoslavia, Croatia, and Jugoslavian state of Batschka. From the Banat Jugoslavia hardly anybody got away. Altogether approximately 300 persons. Every Sunday there is Church. Swiss brethren, among them Br. Kambly was here twice and served us with gifts both after body and soul. These were blessed hours. There were also baptisms, sorry I was not yet among them. However, I hope with the grace of God, his great grace and mercy to be able to establish the covenant of peace so that I soon can sing: "To me free grace has been accorded—" (Zionsharp 220). Indeed, I can already praise the Lord for his wonderful love! I am thankful unto the Lord that for me things went as they did. Had I remained at home, I do not know if I would have found the Lord with all my earthly ambitions. That our father cared little for the business you had already observed on your visit in 1928. With him farming was the more important. However, when father transferred the business to me, I immediately expanded and modernized. Business increased by leaps. My last inventory was 3.6 Dinar (Note: Webster's dictionary states a dinar is about \$0.02). But I have to confess that I did not always deal rightly as I had seen and learned if from my father, I forgot God and my salvation and all else. I had only one goal and one thought: "How can I enlarge my possessions?" . . . But that I was happy in this condition I cannot assert. Of peace of the heart there was no trace and all that is vain my heart loved, how should it be possible to

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## Hymn of the Month

Composed by Brother Geistlich  
Melody 73 or 171 Zions Harp

Translated into the English Language by  
Bro. Ernest Graf Sr.

My parting hour is nearing swiftly,  
As many friends have gone before.  
Soon shall the thorny path be finished  
Which leads to rest on yonder shore.

My angel oft-times comes and whispers  
That my allotted days are few:  
That I must haste with prayer and watch-  
ing  
If yonder goal I wish to view.

And should the night of death approaching  
Awake fear or dearth in me.  
I'll trust and look to him with courage,  
Who promised me the victory.

O Jesus, Lord of my salvation,  
Let death not find me unprepared!  
But lead me by thy hand of mercy  
Where peace and rest to me are shared.

O Thou, who over death hast triumphed,  
Give me the Vict'ry over death!  
When helplessly I sink, give power  
To hold Thee fast in my last breath.

Thus gently rests thy weary Pilgrim,  
From every burden, toil, and care,  
Till he awakes on that blest morning  
To rise in glory, bright and fair.

# NEWS

## Leo, Indiana

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Troxel and children of Waynedale and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Newman and children of Toledo, Ohio, attended services at the Leo Church Sunday, March 23.

The Misses Dortha Conrad, Katharine Norr, Laura Gerber, Martha Moser, and Denelda Dotterer spent Sunday, March 16 at La Crosse, Indiana.

Mr. Vernon Gudeman, who just returned from China, visited with his sister, Mrs. Herman Bertsch, of Grabill, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Bertsch of Tremont, Illinois, and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bertche of Eureka, Illinois, visited here.

Miss Loraine Steiner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Steiner, and Mr. Howard Wiley of Garret, Indiana, were married at the home of the bride's parents on March 5th, 1947. A wedding reception was held in the evening. Mr. Kenneth Steiner of Mansfield, Ohio, Mr. Robert Getz, Mr. Carl Getz, and Mrs. Donald Buetel of Tremont, Illinois, Mr. Virgil Funk and Miss Irsel Funk of Gridley, Illinois, were guests present at the wedding. The bride and groom expect to make their home in this locality. We all wish them much success and happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Zeltwenger of Bremen, Indiana, spent several days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Klopfenstein.

Mr. Ramas Schlatter underwent an operation at the Lutheran Hospital recently. He is doing very nicely, and we all wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Norr are the proud parents of a baby boy, Kenneth Allen, born March 13. Miss Verena Meiss of Cissna Park, a sister of Mrs. Norr, is spending several weeks with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Getz and son, Conrad, are now living in their new home at Leo.

Harry Schwartz, who is attending Purdue University, and Donald Schlatter, who is attending Manchester College, were home over the week-end of March 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Farney and daughter, Lena, and Miss Lena Knochel were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gerber of Bluffton, Indiana.

Donnie R. Sipe was born on November 27, 1942 in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and departed from this life March 7, 1947. His age was four years, three months and eight days. He leaves to mourn his departure his parents, Thelma and Clarence Sipe; a sister, Suzanne; the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Robathan; the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Sipe; and a great grandfather, Mr. Theodore Bollier (Note: Mr. Bollier passed away Friday morning, March 28); and a host of other relatives and friends.

A little poem in his memory —  
 Just as a little lamp he shone  
 His life diffused a radiance bright  
 He cheered our hearts when life  
 seemed long,

But now he shines a beacon light.

Theodore Bollier was born in Zurich, Switzerland, August 1, 1867 and passed away on March 28, 1947 at the age of 79 years, 7 months, and 28 days.

He came to this country at the age of 3 years and settled with his parents in Livingston County, Illinois where he married Miss Amelia Datwyer on June 21, 1887. She preceded him in death on January 4, 1939. To Mr. and Mrs. Bollier were born 9 children; one son preceded him in death 5 years ago.

The surviving children are Mrs. Bertha Keller and Mrs. Luella Robathan of Fort Wayne, John Bollier of Harlan, Mrs. Edna Swanson of Chicago, Mrs. Josephine Stoller of Gridley, Illinois, Mrs. Martha Fisher of Wolcott, Indiana, Mrs. Helen Klopfenstein and Mrs. Otto Bertsch of Grabill. He also leaves one brother, Albert, of Forrest, Illinois, 32 grandchildren, and 25 great grandchildren.

The family wishes to thank the many friends and neighbors for the kindness and sympathy shown through the illness and death of their father.

Many loving relatives and friends found room to pay their last respects to the one they loved in the church of

his choice which he so lovingly helped remodel and enlarge in the year 1942. He will long be remembered for his many kind deeds. His regular attendance will be keenly missed by everyone.

## Bluffton, Indiana

A farewell gathering in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gerber and family who are moving to Latty, Ohio, was held in the Elmer Isch home Wednesday evening, February 26.

Mrs. Aldine Levy, aged 73, passed away on Friday, February 28. Funeral services were conducted Monday, March 3, by Rev. Herman Hueni. She is survived by her husband, David, two daughters, and eight sons.

Vernon and Robert Gerber, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Gerber, and Robert Kaehr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kaehr, recently received their discharges from the Army.

Announcement was made of the engagement of Miss Marjorie Maller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Maller, to Mr. Rueben Ringger, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Ringger.

Truman Baumgartner, Vernon Gerber, Richard Reineck, and Kenneth Troxel were among those who attended the marriage of Katherine Ann Getz and Eldon Beer in Wolcott, Indiana, on March 9.

Elder and Mrs. Sam Aeschliman, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gerber, and Misses Irene Isch and Alice Troxel spent Sunday, March 9, in Mansfield, Ohio.

We wish to welcome into our community Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pfister who have moved here from Mansfield, Ohio. Mrs. Pfister is the former Judith Gerber.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hodel of Roanoke, Illinois, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Gerber on Friday evening, February 28.

## Chicago, Illinois

On February 27, a farewell dinner was held in the church basement for Rev. and Mrs. Eli Winzeler and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Funk, Joseph Wiegand, and John Wagenbach, all of whom plan to leave Chicago soon.

Mrs. Caroline Myers recently left for California for an indefinite stay with her daughter, Mrs. Wm. Schwartz.

On March 2, we had many visitors including Rev. and Mrs. John Wagenbach and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wiegand and family, and Miss Lois Schrock of Oakville, Iowa; and Otto Schaefer, Norman Rocke, James Ringger, Hartzell Kaisner and Willis Eisenmann, of Roanoke, Gridley, Fairbury, and Peoria congregations.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Gruesy and three Tanner sisters of Goodfield, visited with us on March 16.

On March 20, we were privileged to have Rev. Fred Grimm with us to conduct our mid-week Bible Class. God imparted great blessings through His worthy servant.

Rev. Joseph Kloetzle of Girard spent a blessed day with our congregation on March 23.

On March 24, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Knecht and small son left for Los Angeles, where his work has transferred him for an expected four or five months.

#### Cissna Park, Illinois

On Sunday February 23, Harold Beer of Milford, Indiana, and Mary Ann Kupferschmid were united in marriage by Elder Phil Aeschliman. Friends and relatives from Milford, Wolcott, Peoria, and Pulaski were present.

Elmer Jacob, who was involved in an automobile accident last November and who has been in a Lafayette, Indiana, hospital, is again in our midst and is improving.

Sunday March 2 Elder Eli Dotterer and Rev. Lucas Sabo visited our congregation. Baptismal services were held and one became affiliated with the church.

March 9 Fred Knapp, aged 86, passed away, funeral services were held Wednesday, March 12. John Scharlach passed away at the home of his daughter Ella, at Hoopeston. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 22 with Rev. Ezra Feller and Rev. Phil Sauder in charge.

Baptismal services for two friends were held Sunday March 16th by Elder Phil Aeschliman.

An announcement was made of the engagement of Chas. Ankenberger and Martha Kaufman.

Community singing was held Sunday evening, March 23. Elder Aeschli-

man announced we would begin having Wednesday evening services March 26.

#### Croghan, New York

Mrs. Sarah Kempf Lehman passed away March 3, at the age of 80 years at the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. George K. Lehman. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. P. Virkler who was assisted by Rev. Harvey Virkler.

We are glad to report that Elder Philip Beyer who was ill with pneumonia is now feeling quite well again.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mertz and Misses Ella and Augustas Einbeck have returned home from spending some vacation time in Arizona and California.

Philip Farney is in the Lewis County Hospital, Lowville, New York, awaiting an operation.

Mrs. Leon Bardo, Mrs. Joseph Ebersole, Mrs. Clinton Virkler, and Mr. Erban Farney of Lowville, New York and Mrs. Eugene Widmeyer, Mrs. Chester O. Brien, and Mr. Lawrence Farney of Beaver Falls, New York attended the funeral of Mr. Joseph Farney on March 6, 1947.

#### Fairbury, Illinois

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Huber of Francesville, Indiana, attended the funeral of Mr. Huber's great uncle, Julius Fehr, on March 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Feldman, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Huber, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Leman, and Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Ebach were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Kiefer of Gridley, Illinois, on March 14.

Rev. Ben Heiniger of Morton, Illinois, held services at the Fairbury Apostolic Christian Church on Thursday evening, March 20.

Rev. Al Fisher of Chicago, Illinois, held services at the North Fairbury Apostolic Christian Church on Sunday evening, March 23.

#### Francesville, Indiana

The engagement of Genevieve Wuethrich to Edward Shambeck of Elgin, was announced March 9.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Huber are the happy parents of a baby son born March 18.

Rev. J. A. Getz and Rev. Michael Weyeneth conducted services here Sunday evening, March 23.

#### Latty, Ohio

Miss Catherine Zollinger from Rittman, Ohio, and Mr. Alvin Laukhuf were united in marriage March 6. A reception was held on March 16, at the home of the groom's sister, Mrs. Emil Stoller. Those present from Rittman and Akron were the bride's parents, Rev. and Mrs. Elmer Zollinger, Mrs. William Hartzler, and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Graf and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Klopfenstein and children and the Misses Rose Rapp and Marcella Steffen from Milford, Indiana, visited here Sunday, March 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Wiegand and Margaret Wiegand of Goodfield, Illinois, Melvin Schrock of Congerville, Illinois, Marion and Melvin Steffen of Elgin, Illinois, Herbert and Mary Ellen Bauman, Wilma and Emmet Gasser, Irene Blatter, Lois Hartzler, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beery from Rittman, Ohio, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Knochel, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Belsley of Bay City, Michigan, were guests here over the week-end of March 23.

#### Morton, Illinois

Rev. and Mrs. Henry Grimm announce the engagement of their daughters, Norma, to Henry Zeller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Zeller of Covina, California, and Marie Eunice to Robert Toffer son of T. A. Toffer of Los Angeles, California.

Mrs. Ida Koehl announces the engagement of her daughters, Aldine Koehl, to Joseph Witzig, son of Mrs. Mary Witzig, of Morton, and Mathilda to Warren Kaiser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Kaiser, of Morton, Illinois.

Elder Noah Schrock spent the day with us on March 16.

Rev. Henry Souder of Bremen, Indiana, held services here Monday evening, March 17.

Mr. Carl Grutter passed away at his home at the age of 70 years. He was born in Switzerland but lived in the vicinity of Morton most of his lifetime. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. A. Getz.

#### Remington, Indiana

Rev. and Mrs. Al Fisher and family of Chicago, Illinois, visited here Thursday evening, March 6. Rev. Al Fisher conducted the evening services.

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# Dead Man Lives Again!

A True Story

The most startling event in all human history rocked the intellectual and scientific world 2000 years ago when a murder victim in Palistine, dead three days, came back to life.

He was no ordinary man, it is true. He claimed to be sent from God, and proved the claim by healing the sick and opening the eyes of the blind. Great crowds followed him wherever he went and loved him for all that he did. One day he had to hide himself to keep from being crowned king by force. But within a week this same mob, inspired by their jealous leaders, hooted and jeered as they led him away and killed him.

Then the incredible thing happened.

Three days after his death he suddenly came back to life. He appeared to his friends and talked with them. Only then they remembered that for months this strange man had been telling them that he would be murdered and come to life again. Naturally, they hadn't believed him. But now it had come true.

He had told them other strange things too. He had said that he was the one the prophets had long been saying God would send to die to pay the penalty for the sins of the people. He said that he had been sent to suffer all the pains of hell in place of those who trusted him. This was glorious news. Men could be saved from God's wrath by accepting a substitute who took the judgment against their sins upon himself.

His eleven closest followers immediately went about telling this good news to others — that God had sent him to die for other people's sins. Many believed and accepted the fact.

Then another strange thing happened. These men's and women's lives were changed. People remarked how one had quit doing certain evil things. A miser among them suddenly became liberal. A grouch began to help others.

The news spread from nation to nation throughout the year. Where ever the message went, happiness and clean lives followed.

Right now this news is reaching you . . . that God forgives the sins of those who put their trust in the One who suffered the wrath of God in their place. And as a result your life may be changed. Did you know that your life can be changed too? You need to believe in this One who says He suffered for you. His name is Jesus Christ. He is the Son of God. He said, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life . . . As many as received him, to them (gives) he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."

He died that **you** might live; He lives that **your** soul need never die. Jesus Christ is the **ONLY** substitute God has. It is either you must forever be separated from God in hell or accept Christ's work for your salvation now. Will you accept Him to be your Saviour and Lord?

By **Kenneth N. Taylor**

## HOME FOR THE SUFFERER

I'm scorned by foes of righteousness  
Because I dare defend  
The truth I pledge my life unto  
When Christ did me befriend.  
I'm not disgusted that I hurt  
When flaunts hit back and face;  
For I'm too glad that all of this  
Came of God's love by grace.

My Saviour suffered death for me,  
Much more than I could know,  
And now I have a living chance  
My love for Him to show.  
He'll never leave me nor forsake  
His child 'spite knock and grin.  
When this old world would force me out,  
He stands to take me in.

I'm not ashamed to own His Name  
Though persecutions rare  
May come to furnish bleeding tracks  
For who His life would share.  
He gave His all for me one day;  
I now give mine to Him,  
And I will bear my cross a while  
And then my diadem.

A place has been prepared for me  
Where tears nor sorrows are,  
And that dear Home fore'er I'll know  
When I have crossed the bar.  
I'll not complain the while I stay  
On earth to prove His grace  
But just go on confiding in  
Our meeting face to face.

—S. J. Gardner, "The preacher poet."  
Gospel Herald

## TRIP TO ALABAMA

We left Bluffton, Indiana for Alabama on February 21. In our party were Mr. Mike Stoller of Latty, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Manz, Mr. Henry Manz, of Junction, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. John Yergler, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Isch, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Meyer, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Aeschliman. We arrived at Athens, Alabama, Saturday noon the 22. First we called at the home of Mr. William Adams. The Adams are sincere friends. We went to the home of Mayburn Hale and were there for supper. Several other guests came to the Hale home and we spent a very enjoyable evening together.

On Sunday we held morning services. Baptismal services were held for Mrs. Mayburn Hale and her mother, Mrs. Elmer Evans. Afternoon services were held.

We had supper at the home of Theo. Brooks. We spent the evening with the Mr. and Mrs. David Hodel, their daughter, Helen, and son, Stanley, his wife, and baby. They were on their way to Florida. We enjoyed their company very much.

On Monday we visited the Lee Sinnard Family who live East of Athens, Luther Kyles who live West of Athens, James Goode, and Ruth Smith who is living with her son near Athens. We left Athens, Tuesday morning about four o'clock and arrived at Bluffton, Indiana at six o'clock in the evening.

## TO AN ILL FRIEND By Edna E. Sandblom

My friend, it is a cruel fate  
That shuts you from my sight.  
Each lonely, sunless day I wait—  
I long for word of how you fare;  
An agony of dread despair  
To sense you trying to sing there  
So wracked with fever and with pain—  
My fondest wish to soothe is vain!  
I carry in my heart the prayer  
That some glad morrow I may see  
You at your window — soon maybe—  
That soon you will be whole again  
And smile into my soul again.

Today the world is bright again  
For I have seen your face  
So white again the window pane,  
Yet lovely with the grace  
Of Heaven shining there far more  
Than I have ever seen before.  
Perhaps still watches of the night  
Brought some fair dream or vision bright;  
Perchance mid rush of angel's wings  
God's spirit whispered holy things!  
Transfigured thus I see you there;  
I know that God has heard my prayer  
That soon you will be whole again—  
You've smiled into my soul again.

**LETTER FROM AUSTRIA***(Continued from page 3)*

break assunder the ties of vanity? How often did the dear Saviour meet me on the way and who wanted to lovingly give me his Hand but I rejected always this gracious hand of the Saviour instead of, as a miserable sinner reach out to the undeserved mercy and become thankful to my Redeemer. How often did the Lord so visibly bless me and so clearly that it was the hand of the Lord, but nothing moved me, I remained deaf. The war came with all its evil consequences and so it happened that one night — as the Russian front was already upon us — we were suddenly attacked by Partisan troops and being awakened by cries of the women and the shooting, I had just enough time to escape through the back window. I went through cornfields and finally reached Croatia and from there to Austria. The first night I spent in a cornfield clad only in night shirt and pants. That was a terrible night for me. That I should leave my riches for which I put in everything and to which I attached my whole heart, so suddenly and almost naked, I had never thought possible — “then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?” (St. Luke 12:20) — thus it is written in the parable of the rich fool. Indeed, I awoke and now my heart knows only one goal and one prayer: Lord grant me a pure heart and grant me in thy great love and mercy the grace to gather heavenly treasures, to attain to the heavenly home from which no one shall drive us and will remain forever!

I wish to close my letter with heartiest greetings to you all!

Your nephew and cousin

**Adam R.**

**Natalinci, Yugoslavia**

... We do not have enough words, Brothers and Sisters in the Lord, to thank you for the good deed which you have done unto us in the name of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, for to us your help came just how God told Prophet Elijah, “Go . . . and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there.” In a similar way your help came to us, for we too were worrying,

but God showed his love to us in a miraculous way too. For the packages that you sent us did so much good, that we do not have words to explain. My wife has been afflicted for 6 years with arthritis, and when we received the package of food she took the cord with which you bound the packages and spread the threads and wove 5 threads together and she knitted clothes for us. We have seven children . . . and they too were so happy that words cannot describe it. We wish you all the good that can be given to you, and we pray that God will be merciful to you and give you much more for your wonderful love which you have showed to us. We extend heart Greetings to our most beloved Brothers and Sisters in America . . .

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**THOUGHTS OF BROTHER JOEL KEHRN****Charity**

Love was before us, else we would never know Him  
Love is within; It keeps from sin, it brings us to God,  
It inflames the heavenly desires.  
It grows beautiful flowers in the spirit.  
The passage into eternity.

Love never faileth; beauty and the world fade and pass away,  
But Love never fails; Thereby we meet again in the Golden Day.

Love increases our service to God and to our fellow men.  
It makes us rich; riches which the world has never known.

**The Soul**

The soul feeds on poems and song,  
and makes the heart more glad.  
Earthly riches afflict the soul, Earthly races win no treasures.  
Blessed and rich are they who run the heavenly race.

**The Crown**

Only children need not labor for a crown; theirs is the Promised Land  
We who must labor are grown to accountability.  
We can win a silver, a golden or a diamond crown.  
Then to walk the golden streets in the land of great renown.

To be spiritually minded is life everlasting.

To be carnally minded is death.

To die in peace is joy and gain,  
Thus life begins anew in Paradise.

Others may do a greater work, still you have your part to do. And no one in all God's heritage, can do it so well as you.

The simple testimony of young converts is always refreshing, but the years will bring, in addition to new and richer experiences, a fuller understanding of the first experience.

## NEWS

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The marriage of Miss Kathryn Ann Getz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Getz, to Mr. Eldon Beer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Beer, of Milford, Indiana was solemnized by Elder George Yergler on Sunday, March 9, in the presence of many relatives and friends. They expect to make their home at Milford, Indiana.

Rev. and Mrs. Theo Beer and family, of Milford, Indiana, and Rev. and Mrs. Adam Gutwein and family, of Francesville, Indiana, were with us Thursday evening, March 20. Rev. Theo Beer and Rev. Adam Gutwein held the mid-week services.

Mrs. Emma Campbell has been very sick and is at the St. Elizabeth Hospital at Lafayette. We are glad that she is improving.

Several from here attended the funeral of John Scharlach at Cissna Park, Illinois, March 22.

**Roanoke, Illinois**

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Schumacher were pleasantly surprised Friday evening, March 21, when their friends dropped in to welcome them into their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruby Hoffman, and son, Timothy, Helen Hodel, Anna Minger, Winifred Martin, Wilma Sauder, Melba Mangold, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hodel, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hodel, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fehr, and Clarence Mangold attended the wedding of Miss Louise Aberlie and Mr. Carl Fehr at Rockville, Connecticut, March 23.

Funeral services for Mrs. Chris Hangartner were held on March 11. Rev. Miller conducted the services.

Rev. and Mrs. Henry Souder and Mr. and Mrs. Will Leman of Bremen, and Mrs. Ida Stuart of Elkhart, visited friends and relatives in Eureka, Morton, and Roanoke the past week.

Seven converts became affiliated with the church Sunday, March 16.

**Princeville, Illinois**

On Sunday, February 9, 1947 Miss Beulah Moser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Moser, of Oakville, Iowa was united in marriage to Mr. David Ehnle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Ehnle, of Princeville, Illinois. The attendants were Verle Moser, sister of the bride,

and Willis Ehnle, brother of the bridegroom. The ceremony was performed by Elder Noah Schrock. Miss Caroline Ehnle who has spent several months in California came home for her brother's wedding. A reception for the newly-weds was held at the home of the groom's parents, March 2.

Mrs. Chris Musselmann of Princeville is recovering from a broken hip caused by a fall in her home February 9. She is convalescing at the home of her brother, Chris Hoerr, in Peoria.

We are glad to welcome home another of our service-men, Raymond Klumpp, who served several months with the Army in Japan. We are sad, though, at the circumstances which called him home. His father lies gravely ill in a Peoria hospital, suffering from a broken back caused by a fall from a tree.

Mr. and Mrs. William Stahl have recently moved into their newly built home in Princeville. The Chris Musselmann family have also moved to town.

The engagement of Miss Geraldine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stoller, of Speer, and Mr. Edwin Ringger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Ringger, of Gridley, was announced March 9.

On Sunday, March 9, we enjoyed guests from Goodfield, Roanoke, and Elgin, Illinois. On March 16, a number of young folks from North Fairbury congregation were with us.

Our Sunday School young folks enjoyed meeting with those of surrounding Sunday Schools at Morton on the evening of March 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Stoller, Verlin Stoller, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Stoller, of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Stoller, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Rocke, and sons of Eureka, spent Sunday, March 16, in Princeville.

**Toledo, Ohio**

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Troxel of Fort Wayne, Indiana, visited relatives and friends in Toledo, the weekend of March 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beery of Wayne County, Ohio, visited friends in Toledo, Ohio, on their wedding trip.

Rev. and Mrs. Godfrey Schlatter of Toledo and Elder and Mrs. Eli Dotterer of Paulding, Ohio, visited the Alabama Church March 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bauers of Detroit, Michigan, announce the birth of a baby girl.

**San Francisco, California**

On January the 28th, Bro. Noah Schrock from Oakville, Iowa, and Bro. and Sister Wittmer from Berne, Kansas, made a short visit with us. Bro. Schrock held the Lord's Supper with us while here. Sister Amanda Bingham from Berkeley was present also.

We thank God and Bro. Schrock, it was a precious blessing for us, as my wife has been ill for sometime.

On February the 18th and 19th, Miss Steffen, Miss Mina Bertsch, of Grabill, Ind., Mrs. Emma Bertsch of Geneva, Indiana, and Rev. and Mrs. Guy Miller of, Gridley, Ill., visited with us here. We indeed greatly enjoyed their short visit.

**"HAD CHRIST NOT COME?"**

Ella J. Kincaid

Had Christ not come,  
The world would have no Saviour;  
Had Christ not come,  
The heart would have no song;  
Had Christ not come,  
The soul of man would perish;  
Praise God, He came!  
Do you to Him belong?

Had Christ not come,  
God's promise would be broken;  
Had Christ not come,  
His Word would be untrue;  
Had Christ not come,  
Man would be lost forever;  
But, friend, He came!  
He came and died for you!

Because He came,  
For sin there is forgiveness;  
Because He came,  
You may be born anew;  
Because He came,  
Your soul may live forever;  
Trust Him who came—  
He gave His life for you.

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