



O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable ARE his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

—Romans 11:33

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

—James 1:17

THE WATER OF LIFE

What a wonderful blessing God has given us in the water which we take so much for granted. Many times we do not appreciate enough the common things of life. Certainly that is often the case with the water which God has given us for the use of our bodies.

Science tells us that no life as we know it could exist without water. Water is necessary for every physical process of the body. Surely we have all experienced the satisfying effects of cool water when we are thirsty. Nothing can quite replace cool, pure water from a beautiful spring.

But there is a water which is far more wonderful than this. It is the water of life—living water. It is the water of salvation. It is the water which Jesus gave to those who believed on his name. It is the water which has changed the course of the world's history. It is the eternal living water.

This living water in many respects is similar to the natural water. Like natural water it is composed simply, being born of God's grace and love. Just as natural water is absolutely necessary to life, so the water of life is an absolute prerequisite to eternal life. There is no other way to live eternally in that blessed home but by accepting this wondrous water.

This living water, too, is a gift of God. No person can earn its satisfying goodness. It is absolutely free.

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SALVATION (Cont. 18)

Philip Gutwein, Jr.

"For they cast down every man his rod, and they became Serpents; but Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods." (Exodus 7:12).

It is not so much our purpose, at this time, to look into the question as to what the rod of Aaron, and the Serpent it became, may be symbolic of, but rather to observe a general

TREASURED VERSES

Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither CAN a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

—St. Matt. 7:16-20.

Truth from this verse of scripture, namely: where God presents the GENUINE, Satan at once produces COUNTERFITS. Since the Counterfit or Imitation is produced for the express purpose to DECEIVE, it must needs be so near in APPEARANCE to the Genuine, as to make it difficult,

and for many impossible to SEE the difference, and be confused and accept the COUNTERFIT FOR THE GENUINE.

In the matter of merchandise or money, deception may not be too bad, but in matters of religious Beliefs and Doctrines involving Truth and Error, and even Life and Death, a proper discernment is of the greatest importance. No generation which ever lived before us, needed to heed the words of the Lord more carefully than we today: "Take heed that no man deceive you; For many shall come in my Name saying: I am Christ: and shall deceive many." "And what I say unto you, I say unto ALL. WATCH!" (Mark 13). Our text in Exodus suggests, what also is observed in daily life, that, while there is only ONE GENUINE, there are, as a rule, MORE IMITATIONS: "For they cast down EVERY MAN HIS ROD, and they became,—like Aaron's rod—Serpents." One can readily imagine, how for the moment, Moses and Aaron, the Servants of God, must have been perplexed and shocked at the sight of the numerous Serpents, brought forth by their enemies, moving around in aimless confusion, in which to them, for the moment, the identity of their OWN Serpent may have been lost. But God, to them that obey Him, brings victory out of apparent defeat and failure: for

"Aaron's rod had power and swallowed up their rods." The GENUINE will always DESTROY the COUNTERFIT, which has the appearance and the form but not the Power and the substance of the REAL. "For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers . . . yet they will have "a FORM of Godliness, but denying the Power thereof: from such turn away." The outward CONFORMITY to Godliness of the Ungodly, makes the "last days," in which we no doubt live, "perilous times," as Paul had prophetically foreseen and forewarned in his epistles. (I Tim. 4; II Tim. 3). THE WOLF has learned how to wear SHEEP'S clothing. "And no marvel: for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light . . . and his ministers . . . as the ministers of righteousness." (II Cor. 11:13-15).

We read of "false Gods," "false Christs," "false Prophets," "false Apostles," which say they are Apostles and are not, (Rev. 2:2) and those which say they are Jews and are not, (2:9) and of Sardis: "that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead," and of Laodicea: "thou sayest I am rich . . . and knowest not that thou art . . . poor and blind and naked." There is a "First Love," which can be left, as Ephesus did, for a love, which is not love, and there are "First Works" from which this Church fell, to do "Works" which are not works and which cannot ABIDE, but are reduced to ashes in the fire of Judgment, before the Judgment Seat of Christ, which "shall try every man's work, of what sort it is." (I Cor. 3:11-15). There is a "Love in word and in tongue" and "a love in deed and in truth" and "without dissimulation." (I John 3:18; Rom. 12:9).

There is a "Preaching which is in vain," a "Faith which is in vain" a "Hope which is in vain" and a "Worship which is in vain." There is "Lip service" with far from God and hardened hearts, and a multitude of "false doctrines of the devils" (I Tim. 4:1) and many winds of doctrines, which carry about and toss the children to and fro, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive," (Eph. 4:14)

These quotations are from the Word of God and it is awful and shocking to realize that we "dwell even where Satan's Seat is" (Rev. 2:13) who also is a liar and the father of lies, and who is permitted to produce, right alongside of God's GENUINE and TRUE, his COUNTERFITS and IMITATIONS and the FALSE, not only of false Gods, false Christs, false Christians and false Ministers, preaching a "perverted" or "another Gospel, which is not another," (Gal. 1:6-7) and false doctrines, but also make void and in VAIN man's worship vain his preaching, vain his faith, and vain his running in a false or "blind" zeal which is not according to knowledge, to establish a righteousness, which is likewise in vain.

In such a spiritual wilderness of Babylonian confusion, how can I know the Voice and the Way and the Truth and the Life and the Light to come unto the Father? By the WORD OF GOD, which is Truth (John 17:17). Spirit and Life (John 6:63) and Light (Ps. 119:105) and using the written WORD OF TRUTH,—and not our thoughts, reasoning or visions,—the SPIRIT OF TRUTH, as the second witness to Truth, will faithfully lead the teachable and obedient INTO ALL TRUTH. (John 16:13-15).

It should ever be remembered that the Holy Spirit "shall not speak of himself" and that "He shall teach you ALL THINGS, and bring all things to your REMEMBRANCE, whatsoever I (Christ) HAVE SAID unto you." (John 14:26). Even as the Word which Christ spoke, while He was in the world, was NOT HIS, but the Father's, which sent Him; (John 14:24, 17:8) likewise the Holy Spirit, now in the world, represents Christ and speaks not of Himself or HIS OWN WORD, but Christ's, which sent Him. To say, therefore: The Lord told me, or the Lord showed me, imitating direct revelations by the Holy Spirit, without a written Word to back it up, is taking a great risk, and may be the forbidden "adding unto these things" or "taking away from the words of the book." (Rev. 22:18-19).

Again Christ not only spoke on

earth to His disciples, where He had to leave "many things" unsaid (John 16:12), but He also spoke from heaven, (Heb. 12:25) and gave BY REVELATION the Gospel of Grace, (Gal. 1:12) and the "Mystery," (Eph. 3:3), revealed especially to the Apostle Paul. The Revelation of the "Mystery" which hath been hid from ages, fulfilled or completed the Word of God, (Col.1:25-27) and God's good and acceptable and holy WILL, is found and proven within His holy WORD ALONE, with NO FURTHER REVELATIONS apart from the Word, and with no recognition of dreams or visions or signs as valid considerations in the proving of the PERFECT WILL OF GOD. And "Father not my but thy WILL BE DONE" must ever be the supreme prayer and object of every Christian, even as it also was Christ's. The "first principles of the oracles of God" (Heb. 5:12-14)—or as we would say the A-B-C of the Word of God,—show the WILL of GOD readily even to children and babes in Christ, as laying evidently on the surface, but if we are to leave the first principles and GO ON TO PERFECTION,—which here does not mean "faultlessness" but in "Faith and Knowledge" a "man fully grown up" unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ" (Eph. 4:13),—then "childish things" must be put away. (I Cor. 13:11) and some "skill" (Heb. 5:13) needs to be acquired, in "rightly dividing the Word of Truth" and the "Word of Righteousness." (II Tim. 2:15). For Satan, too, does quote scripture as well as Christ, (Luke 4:4-12), and the Egyptians,—the World—too can produce Serpents, like as Moses, the Servant of God.

(To be continued)

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

He punishes us for all our sins,
You and I and all our kin
He rewards us for every deed,
So listen to me and be sure to take heed.
He knows us all for what we are;
He knows all and sees all near and far.
He beckons to each of us one and all,
So make sure you are ready when you hear
His call.
And be patient and kind in every way.
This is my thought for the day.

—BEN HOFER

THE WATER OF LIFE

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"And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." (Rev. 22:17) There are no restrictions; it is free to every one. It is given to each one who will accept it as a gift. Just as none of us can say that we deserve God's blessing of the natural water, so no man by any merit of his own can deserve the living water.

But unlike the water of the earth which is found abundantly over the earth's surface, there is only one source of the water of life. Jesus said to the Samaritan woman, "If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water." (John 4:10) Thus it is Jesus and He alone who can give to men the water of life, for only through Jesus can a man find salvation. He is the only fountain where the living water can be obtained. As the poet has said "None can satisfy but Jesus all the longings of my soul." There is no other fountain where men's souls can find this genuine, thirst-quenching water. Jesus is the only source. Just as we cannot drink at the cool spring without bowing down upon our knees, so it is impossible to drink at the living fountain without humbling ourselves before God. All our interfering pride must be overcome before we can really accept the satisfying water of life. Then bowing before the living fountain we can partake of the wonderful goodness of the water of life.

This living water satisfies where nothing else can give satisfaction. When man's thirsty soul cries for relief no substitute will ever take its place. Here is the real rest for the weary, balm for the broken-hearted, and hope for the disheartened.

Here at the true fountain of life anyone and everyone can find the real satisfaction which each soul craves. And just as our bodies are refreshed by the natural water and made ready for work, so the living water refreshes and helps each partaker to work in the service of the Master.

But the most wonderful thing about

Bible School In Alabama

On Monday, July 21, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Nussbaum and their son, Jack, Eldora and Nathalia Schini of Remington in one car and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gutwein, and daughter, Suzie, Natalia Gudeman of Francesville, and Florence and Lois Beer of Milford in the second car left for Hillsboro, Ala. We arrived Tuesday evening, July 22. Wednesday was spent arranging our church basement for Bible classes and the women folk made a trip to a nearby school house where they invited the children to come and bring their parents to learn more about Jesus and His goodness.

That evening 41 children and parents gathered about our church at 6:30. The sisters assembled the children on the front steps each evening for singing of short choruses and memory verses. The brothers sang with the adults. Then all met for a group song and prayer before going into separate classes.

Eldora Schini was very handy with the beginning children, ages 3 to 5. Her class enjoyed stories on the flannel-board.

Natalia Gudeman had her first experience planting seeds in tender hearts with 6, 7, and 8 years olds.

Lois Beer taught pupils 9 to 12 years of age.

These three classes used as their

this living water is its never ending goodness. Jesus said, "Whosoever drinketh of this water (natural water) shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." (St. John 4:13-14) How wonderful and precious a gift, eternal satisfaction through the water of life!

Have you tasted of this precious water of life! Those of us who have can be ever more thankful for this the greatest of all gifts. If you have never tasted of this satisfying water, do not wait another day to give your thirsty soul the water it so desires and needs. Come today to the true fountain of the water of life.

—DONALD SCHLATTER

subject matter the Life of Christ beginning with His virgin birth and on to the ascension. The children also enjoyed some time each evening in a handwork project.

Brothers Andy Nussbaum and Fred Gutwein were in charge of the adults who enjoyed Bible discussions.

Our meetings were closed around eight o'clock with group singing and a closing prayer.

The attendance mounted each evening with a climax of 72 on July 29, our last meeting with the Hillsboro brethren.

For our closing meeting we decided to have a devotional program. Group singing, prayer, special songs by our Northern children and brethren and a flannel-graph lesson with songs by the children's chorus were enjoyed by young and old.

Good attendance awards and tracts were appreciated by all.

Then on July 31 and August 1 we held similar classes immediately after the dismissal of school at the Lentzville school house near Athens, Alabama. As the community is largely Baptist, our attendance was not so great but we enjoyed teaching the children here also.

We wish to thank the Alabama brethren for their many kind acts of true hospitality and co-operation that helped to make their Bible School a success and our stay so enjoyable. May God bless the seeds of His Word that were sown that the harvest might be great and increase the faith of His brethren and friends of the truth.

TOO BUSY?

The story is told of a young man who stood before a judge to be sentenced for forgery. The judge had been a great friend of the boy's father, who was famous for his books on the law of trusts. "Young man," said the judge sternly, "do you remember your father, that father whom you have disgraced?" "I remember him perfectly," the young man quietly answered. "When I went to him for advice or companionship he would look up from his work on the law of trusts and say, 'Run away, boy, I am busy.' My father finished his book, and here I am."—Christian Digest.

NEWS

Remington, Indiana

We were glad to have with us on Friday evening August 1st Rev. Al Fisher and family of Chicago. They left on Saturday forenoon for Bluffton and other churches in the East including Rockville, Connecticut, and churches in New York state. They expected to be gone several weeks. We sure enjoyed having them with us.

We also had many visitors with us on Sunday, August 10th, from Gridley, Illinois and several from Cissna Park, Illinois.

It pleases us to state that Mrs. Phil Getz is home again from the St. Elizabeth Hospital where she underwent a major operation. She was able to attend church on Sunday afternoon August 24th. Maurice Getz is able to be around again after having his appendix removed at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Lafayette, Indiana. We are glad for both of their recoveries.

On Sunday August 17th we had the pleasure of having as our guests the Sunday School class and their teachers and a number of others of Latty, Ohio. We appreciate their taking part in the program given in the evening. Supper was served in the church dining room for all who cared to stay after the afternoon services.

Mr. Simon Bahler and Mr. Gottlieb Stoller from Maywood, California visited us. They were on their way east to visit various churches.

Rev. Andrew Nussbaum and wife and several others of here attended the funeral of Elder Noah Hartzler at Rittman, Ohio.

Francesville, Indiana

The engagement of Nancy Wuethrich, daughter of Mrs. Mary E. Wuethrich, and Wm. Klopfenstein, Jr., of Leo, was announced Sunday, August 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Von Tobel are the happy parents of a baby girl, born August 15.

Elder Elias Dotterer and Rev. Menno Steiner held services here

Sunday, August 24. Rev. Steiner also was with us for evening services.

The engagement of Alberta Huber and Maurice Stoller was announced August 10.

Milford, Indiana

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Sauder and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rapp spent a week's vacation at Waubee Lake and visited the Milford community.

Rev. Guy Miller and family of Gridley, Illinois, Edward Unsicker, Pearl and Leona Pfister, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Stevig were recent Milford guests.

Simon Beer of Mansfield, Ohio, visited relatives and friends here.

The adult classes of the Francesville, Bremen, and Leo Sunday Schools were guests of Milford Young People's Class, August 17. A picnic and devotional program at Waubee Lake in which the various classes partook was enjoyed by all.

Simon Bahler and Gottlieb Stoller of Altadena, California, and Diana and Leah Conrad from Leo were Saturday, August 23 visitors.

Fairbury, Illinois

On Sunday, August 3, Brother Noah Schrock of Oakville, Iowa, and Brother David Mangold of Roanoke, Illinois, held services here. Church services were again held in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Leman, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Huber, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Feldman, and Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Ebach were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Grusy of Gridley, Illinois, on Sunday, August 3.

Rev. and Mrs. Mike Weyneth and Rev. and Mrs. Roy Sauder, both of Peoria, Illinois, held services here on Sunday, August 10.

John Beckley, age 77 years, passed away Sunday, August 10. Funeral services were held Wednesday morning, August 13, with Elder Joshua Broquard officiating.

Mansfield Ohio

Elder and Mrs. Samuel Aeschliman and others from Bluffton and Rev. and Mrs. Dan Stoller from Latty

spent Sunday, August 17, with us. One convert, Mrs. Ethel Cox, was baptized.

Many from here attended the funerals of Elder Noah Hartzler at Rittman, Ohio, and Rev. Joseph Hartzler at Akron, Ohio. Rev. Joseph Hartzler was the father of Mr. Robert Hartzler of Mansfield.

Rev. Philip Gutwein, Jr., of Francesville, Indiana, conducted services here Thursday evening, August 21.

Mrs. Sophia Wahl, age 88 years, died Sunday, August 24, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Fuhrer. Funeral services and burial were at Junction, Ohio, her former home.

Mr. Simon Beer is spending several days at Milford, Indiana, visiting relatives.

Rev. Henry Sabo, Robert Sauder, Roy Wysong, and some of their families spent Sunday, August 31, at Fairbury, Illinois.

Mr. Ezra Sauder and family spent several days visiting relatives in Bluffton and Grabill, Indiana, and Latty, Ohio.

Latty, Ohio

Delores Zimmerman and Victor Stoller were united in marriage August 10. Brother Eli Dotterer performed the ceremony.

Many of our Sunday School scholars, the teachers, and some parents enjoyed visiting Remington Sunday School and church August 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Karle of Fairbury, Illinois, formerly of Latty, visited friends here for several days over the week-end of August 24.

Simon Bahler and Gottlieb Stoller of Altadena, California, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Bahler and family, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Nussbaum and son, and Miss Inez Sides of Remington, and Mr. and Mrs. George Stoller and son from Kansas were also here Sunday, August 24.

Funeral services were held here August 3, for Robert Gerber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Gerber. He was serving in the U. S. Army in Japan and was killed when he fell from a high window.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Sauder and

daughters were visitors here August 26 and 27.

Marvin Klopfenstein had the misfortune of getting his fingers caught in a baler resulting in the removal of parts of two fingers.

Princeville, Illinois

Mr. Chris Martin and Mr. Albert Menold are spending this month at Hot Springs, Arkansas.

We are glad to report the condition of Mrs. Silas Leuthold to be somewhat improved. Recently she and her husband went to Canisita, South Dakota.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Menold are the parents of a son, born July 18.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Seidel, August 3.

Rev. and Mrs. Emil Bahler and family Mrs. Anna Shon and daughters, Helen and Louise, Misses Gertrude and Anna Steffen, and Mrs. Carl Wittmer all of Fairbury visited our congregation, August 3.

Johnnie Leuthold, son of Rev. and Mrs. Silas Leuthold, fell recently from a load of hay. He received a broken arm and several head bruises, but is rapidly improving.

Rev. and Mrs. Guy Miller and family of Gridley, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Martin of Cissna Park, and Cara Pfister of Peoria were with us August 17.

Quite a number from our congregation have been enjoying vacation trips. Among those who went to Wisconsin were: Mr. and Mrs. George Kieser and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Kieser, Mr. and Mrs. John Elsasser, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Ehnle, and Mr. and Mrs. Floran Stoller and Sharal.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Knoblock and family visited with his parents and other relatives in Lester, Iowa, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Feucht and family recently returned from a trip to Lester and West Bend, Iowa, the Black Hills of South Dakota, and Taylor, Missouri.

Rev. and Mrs. Will Feucht and daughters, Ruth and Lyola, left recently for a trip through the Western States. They plan to visit rela-

tives and friends in Oregon and California.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Elsasser, Jr., and Charlotte, Mrs. Lizzie Stoller and Nathan left recently on a trip to Oregon and California. They plan to be gone about four weeks.

Mrs. Will Streitmatter recently underwent a major operation. Latest reports are that she is improving nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Knoblock, Jr., are the parents of a new baby son.

Roanoke, Illinois

Funeral services for Samuel Leman, Sr. of Eureka, were held Saturday, August 2, at the Roanoke Apostolic Christian Church, where he had served as trustee for over 30 years. The services were conducted by Elder David Mangold. Six grandsons served as pall bearers. He is survived by his wife and eight children. One daughter preceded him in death.

Among those who have been vacationing the past month are: Gladys Zimmerman, Ann Blunier, Ruth Schumacher, Edith Fischer, Marjorie Leman, Dot Hodel, Dot Martin, Melba Mangold, Lucille Leman, Mary Ann Leman, Annabelle Martin, Norene Herbst, Mary Ann Sauder, Art Moser, Lloyd Schumacher, Richard Zimmerman, Jim Leman, John Sauder, Jerry Sauder, Robert Schierer, and Jos. Aeschleman.

Marlis Pfau and Jack Sauder chose August 10th as their wedding day. After a two weeks' wedding trip in Wisconsin, they are now at home in their apartment in his parents' home.

Sunday, August 24, the John W. Leman, John Bittner, John Mangold, Joseph Zimmerman, John Schumacher, Ed Moser, Lou Zimmerman, and Frank Sauder families spent the day at Cissma Park, Illinois. They had dinner at Bill Yerglers.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Zeltwanger and family spent Thursday afternoon visiting with friends in Eureka. They had dinner with Joe Schumachers.

Peoria, Illinois

The engagement of Miss Ida Miller of Peoria and Chris Schweigert of Tremont was announced August 3.

Announcement of the coming mar-

riage of Pearl Pfister, daughter of Mrs. Joe Pfister, and Robert Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Miller, of Gridley, was made Sunday, August 3. No wedding date has been set.

We are happy to have Mrs. Martha Weiss and Ethel Meier added to our membership.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wiegand, Richard and Elizabeth Weigand of Oakville, Iowa, and Wilbur Hoerr of Chicago visited relatives here on August 17.

Rev. and Mrs. Roy Sauder and family visited Taylor, Missouri, church, on August 17.

Burlington, Oklahoma

The church at Burlington, Oklahoma, is being remodeled extensively, and we are assembling in the Burlington school auditorium. We hope to be back in our own building soon.

Rev. and Mrs. Fred Grimm and family of Taylor, Missouri, paid us a visit July 27 while en route to Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gerst and daughter and granddaughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Chris Gerst of Oakville, Iowa, were here visiting on July 27. They were en route to California.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Hodel and Helen of Roanoke, Illinois, were here visiting friends and relatives of this community.

Elder Noah Schrock paid us a visit recently on his way to the dedication of the Gridley, Kansas Church.

Ada Schrock, of Oakville, Iowa, was a recent visitor in our community.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Miller and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Don Kircher and daughter, and Kathryn and Erma Miller spent the week end of August 3 in Lamar, Missouri, and Ft. Scott, Kansas, visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Roth and daughters returned from a two-week vacation in Illinois and Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. John Schrock is making an extended visit in Illinois.

Toledo, Ohio

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Frautschi and daughter of Goshen, Indiana, recently spent a week in Toledo visiting relatives and friends.

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What Shall the End Be?

It is a certain fact that all things some time must come to an end. History gives us the sad account of the end of a whole civilization:

"And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. And God said unto Noah, the END of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them from the earth" (Gen. 6:12, 13).

This was a sudden ending to a civilization that had departed from God. Sodom and Gomorrah, two ancient cities on the plains of Jordan, because of their great wickedness, also met a sudden and bitter end.

"Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven; And he overthrew those cities, and all the pain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground . . . and, lo, the smoke of the country went up as the smoke of a furnace" (Gen. 19:24, 25, 28).

This already partly answers the question, "WHAT SHALL THE END BE OF THEM THAT OBEY NOT THE GOSPEL OF GOD?" (I Pet. 4:17).

THE END MAY BE SUDDEN DEATH—"He, that being often re-proved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy" (Prov. 29:1).

But is this all? Let us note from the New Testament Scripture written several thousand years later that death did not even end it for the people of that early day.

"Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, SUFFERING THE VENGEANCE OF ETERNAL FIRE." (Jude 7).

WHAT THEN WILL BE THE FINAL END FOR ALL UNGODLY PEOPLE OF THE PAST AND PRESENT?

1. It will BE spiritual and eternal death. "For the END of those (wicked) things is death." (Rom. 6:21).

2. It will BE eternity without God. "Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power" (II Thess. 1:9).

3. It will BE eternal damnation. Jesus said: "So shall it be at the END of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth" (Matt. 13:49, 50).

In II Thessalonians 1:7, 9, these words are found, "When the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting

Hymn of the Month

JUST A LITTLE TALK WITH JESUS

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I once was lost in sin but Jesus took me in,
And then a little light from heaven filled my
soul;

It bathed my heart in love and wrote my
name above,
And just a little talk with Jesus made me
whole.

Sometimes my path seems drear, without a
ray of cheer,
And then a cloud of doubt may hide the light
of day;

The mists of sin may rise and hide the starry
skies,
But just a little talk with Jesus clears the
way.

I may have doubts and fears, my eyes be filled
with tears,
But Jesus is a friend who watches day and
night;
I go to Him in pray'r, He knows my ev'ry
care,
And just a little talk with Jesus makes it
right.

Chorus—

Now let us have a little talk with Jesus
Let us tell Him all about our troubles,
He will hear our faintest cry and He will an-
swer by and by;
Now when you feel a little pray'r wheel
turning,
And you know a little fire is burning,
You will find a little talk with Jesus makes
it right.

destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power."

BUT IF YOU ARE UNSAVED—

Your end CAN be different.

Your end WILL BE different if you confess Christ as your Saviour, repent and believe, and obey. Mark 16:16; Rom. 10:9; Rev. 22:14.

Your END will then be with the redeemed who will receive "an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you" (I Pet. 1:4).

"Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for THE END OF THAT MAN IS PEACE." (Ps. 37:37).

By SANFORD G. SHETLER

REPRODUCING CHRISTIANS

"How few realize the fact that 5,000,000 Christians living and laboring in the power of the Holy Spirit without any extraordinary service, could—if each led another sinner to the Lord Jesus each year, and all who were saved through them followed their example—make known within eight years Christ's great salvation to every inhabitant of the globe."

Is it not time that we as Christians dedicated ourselves more fully to the ministry of developing reproducing Christians? Every minister, every missionary, should be a leader of soul winners. Jesus said, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." When every member of our Alliance is a reproducing Christian, we will double our number each year.—Paul Young.

HOW TO SAY IT

If you say to your dog, "Come here," in a cross voice, he will run away from you. If your baby sister has a plaything you want, and you say, "Give that to me," she will hold it tighter. But if you speak to the dog in a pleasant voice he will come. If you speak kindly you will have no quarrel.

Have you learned to use a voice with please and a smile in it? Try it, and see how much happier your day will be. Say please to father and mother when you ask them to do things for you. Have a smile in your voice when you talk with playmates. There is nothing you ever need to say that should be said in a cross, angry voice.—Our Little Ones.

Ye Must Be Born Again

When Jesus spoke to Nicodemus recorded in John 3 and impressed upon him the necessity of being born again, and explained to him how it should be brought about, Nicodemus in perplexity said, "How can these things be?" We may in a like perplexity say the same thing; but it is of the utmost importance that we acquaint ourselves with this subject, as it is as true now as it was then, that "except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Let us briefly look into the necessity of the new birth; what it is, how brought about, and its effect upon our lives.

As we can infer from the subject, we need something better than we have of ourselves. We may be outwardly moral in our lives, clean in our speech, honest in our dealings with our fellowmen, and as far as man can see, live lives above reproach. But if we are honest with ourselves, we know that we are not what we ought to be. That deep down in our hearts there is the blackness of sin: that we are disobedient to and rebellious against God: that "all we like sheep have gone astray": that we need a new spirit, a new life, a nature in conformity to the will of God, which He alone can supply. In other words we need to be born again.

What, then, is this new birth? It is not a reformation. It is not turning over a new leaf. It is not doing the best we can. It is not baptism, or joining the church, or doing good works. All these things will follow in their place. But the new birth is more than these. As some one has said: "The new birth is the impartation of a new nature, even God's own nature to the one who is begotten again." We must according to I Pet. 1:23 be "Born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible by the Word of God which liveth and abideth forever." Titus 13:5. "Not by works of righteousness which ye have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost." It is a new life received through the

power of the Word of God, and the Holy Ghost.

It is the fulfillment of Ezek. 36: 26-27, "A new heart also will I give you and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh and will give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments and do them." In the receiving of this nature we pass from spiritual darkness to spiritual light, from spiritual death to spiritual life; from the service of Satan to the service of God. Not only are we in the service of God, but we being born into the family of God, are the children of God. Rom. 8:17, "And if children then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ." As the children of God whole nature, and object, and desire of our life is changed. While the flesh with its natural inclinations still lives, the new life has the desire to overcome all sinful inclinations, and can do so through the power of the Spirit.

How is the new life brought about? Not by anything we can do of ourselves. The most earnest longing, the most intense desire, or even the most fervent praying in themselves can not bring it. It is absolutely out of the power of man in himself to receive this blessing. The longing, the desire and the prayers are necessary, but there must be more than these. There must be a yielding to God. There must be faith in the Lord Jesus Christ who as the Son of God made atonement on Calvary for the sin of the world. There must be acceptance of him as our Saviour, and obedience to God's will, a submission to him in every respect. Then even though our faith is weak, and our will is weak, we can through the power of the Spirit and of the Word receive this blessing. Torrey says: "In the new birth the Word of God is the seed, the human heart is the soil: God by his Holy Spirit, opens the heart to receive the seed. (Acts 16: 14) the hearer believes: the Spirit quickens the seed into life in the re-

ceptive heart; the new Divine nature springs up out of the Divine Word; the believer is born again, created anew, made alive, passed out of death into life."

Such an important event can not have an effect upon the life. The life to a greater or lesser degree is changed. II Cor. 5:17, "If any man be in Christ he is a new creature. Old things have passed away; behold all things have become new." Life has a different meaning. While pure lawful pleasures and the natural desires of the body can be enjoyed in God's appointed way, yet the glory of God, the advancement of the kingdom, and the good of our fellowman rather than the advancement of self hold first place in our lives. Many things we formerly loved we now detest. Other things which once had no attraction for us we now love. We have a desire to do the will of God, and to follow the plan He has mapped out for our lives, and to keep His commandments. We have a love for the brethren, and have a concern for the salvation of all men. As we have opportunity we desire to do good unto all men. Gal. 6:10. Bible reading, secret prayer, and attending worship are now a delight unto us. And as we exercise ourselves in the privileges of members of the family of God, these things become part of our lives, and we can say like Paul in Gal. 2: 20, "I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live; yet not I but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me."

May we have an earnest desire and a great longing for this blessing. May we fully understand that in order to have salvation we must be born again. And may we through faith yield ourselves in humble submission to God's will, and as we ask we shall receive.

"As many as RECEIVED Him, to them gave He the power to become the Sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." John 1:12.

—SELECTED.

"The greatest influence of a father on his son is the influence of personal example."—John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

NEWS

(Continued from page 5)

Misses Diana, Persida, Laura, Pat, and Marilyn Conrad of Grabill and Fort Wayne, Indiana, visited relatives in Toledo recently.

Rev. and Mrs. Godfrey Schlatter attended the funeral of Lydia Wingeier on August 5 in Lowell, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Stephen and family of Bluffton, Indiana, and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Stephen and son of Bay City Michigan, visited relatives and friends in Toledo on Sunday, August 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Frautschi and son of Grabill, Indiana, visited relatives in Toledo the week end of August 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller and daughter, Miriam, Misses Elizabeth, Ida, and Elsie Fetter, and Aaron and Richard Fetter all of Toledo visited in Bluffton, Indiana, on August 10.

Misses Mary and Emily Frautschi visited in Bay City, Michigan, and attended the wedding of Lois Knochel and Jerry Wieland on Sunday, August 17.

Evening services were held in Toledo on August 18 when Elder and Mrs. David Mangold and Mr. and Mrs. Lou Zimmerman of Roanoke, Illinois, Elder George Yerøler of La-Crosse, Indiana, and Rev. and Mrs. Henry Wackerle of Bay City, Michigan, visited us on their way to Rittman, Ohio, to attend the funeral of Elder Noah Hartzler. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Ringøer of Gridlev, Illinois, also attended services here August 19.

Rev. and Mrs. Godfrey Schlatter, Rev. and Mrs. Jacob Frautschi, and Miss Evalena Schrenck attended funeral services of Elder Noah Hartzler in Rittman, Ohio, on August 19.

Miss Carrie Miller is home from the hospital after a recent operation. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Kenny Newman, son of Warren and Lois Newman, recently was released from the hospital after a seige of virus pneumonia.

Leo, Indiana

Rev. Al Fisher of Chicago, Illinois, was guest speaker at the Young People's Meeting on Sunday, August 2.

The announcement was made of

THE FOLLOWING LETTER WAS RECEIVED BY ONE OF OUR MEMBERS

Karlsruhe, Germany

June 13, 1947

My Dear _____,

For several days ago I arrived by my sister, Mrs. Weber, in Karlsruhe. She told me that some kind people from Grabill, Indiana, have sent me parcels with clothing. How can I ever thank you enough for such kindness to me and my son! May God bless you dear people for helping us poor ones that have no home nor anything else to call our own. Almost a year ago I am on the way from Yugoslavia to our home town to my sister. I had such bad luck. I had to undergo an operation in Austria five weeks ago. Then with the Red Cross Transport I was brought to my sister. I feel myself weak yet, but God always helped us, so I hope He will

the engagement of Albert Norr and Wanda Bahr.

Baptismal Services for Henry Souder, Jr., were held Sunday, August 31, with Elder Elias Dotterer officiating.

Mrs. Chas. Cowman of Los Angeles, California, and Mr. and Mrs. Ball attended services at the Leo Church, August 31. They also visited friends in Grabill and Fort Wayne.

Simon Bahler and Gottlieb Stoller of Altadena, California, visited with friends here.

Rev. Menno Steiner of Sabetha, Kansas, visited the Leo congregation, Thursday, August 21.

Dorthea Conrad arrived home Sunday evening, September 1, after spending an enjoyable time with friends and relatives in Portland, Oregon. She has been of invaluable assistance to the Silver Lining, and we wish to welcome her back.

The third Rauhaus reunion was held Sunday, August 31 at the home of Otto Norr. About eighty people were in attendance. Those present were from Peoria and Tremont, Illinois; Oakville, Iowa; Detroit, Michigan; Latty, Ohio; Francesville and Grabill, Indiana.

help us this time too. What should my son do so alone in this world? My husband and oldest son, 22 years I have lost in this war. My child is nine years old. I myself was fourteen years in Chicago, Illinois, but twenty-three years ago. My English is not so very good because I had no chance to speak or write all these years. I myself would like to go back to America, but that is not so easy because everybody wants to go now. Here in Europe we have suffered so much during this war and still are suffering. There is so little to eat. For money you can't buy anything because there are food cards and we people that come from other countries have it real hard because they don't give us food cards. They put us in camps and we get soup and a little bread. To live from that what we get, it is too little; to die, too much. If we would not have you dear people overseas I don't know how it would have been already. Therefore we are thanking you with all our heart for your very kindness to us. You dear people know just what we need. It is good to have something to wear because the winter is coming again. I remember back two years when I had to go barefoot and had nothing but a thin dress. Back in our home town they have taken everything away from us; but one thing they can't do is take away our faith in God although we have lost everything in this world that we loved. All the tears that we cry in the still nights that we can't sleep God alone knows. May God bless you for your very kindness to us.

I remain your thankful,

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