

Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth.—St. Luke 12:33.



For all the law is fulfilled in one word, **EVEN** in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.—Galatians 5:14.

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## God's Inexpressible Gift

Irvin Stoller

"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord." Rev. 1:8.

Christ gave many revelations of Himself; "I am the light of the world," "I am the bread of life," and "I am the good shepherd." They reveal a complete picture of the Christ as Saviour and Lord.

In John's declaration we see another picture: "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." St. John 1:29. We can believe there were many passages that were familiar to his listeners. They knew of the story of Abraham who was about to sacrifice his only son, as atonement for sin, when God stopped him and provided a ram for the sacrifice. They knew of the Levitical codes which demanded the shedding of the blood of the lamb for the remission of sins. They were likewise familiar with the Messianic prophecies of Isaiah, in which not only the temporal leaders, but also the suffering servant were presented. Therefore in saying, "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world," John was obviously pointing out Jesus and God's provision of atonement for sin, God's sacrifice—whose blood could redeem, and God's suffering servant, who was to be brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and bruised for our iniquities. We cannot fathom the atone-

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## CHRISTIAN GIVING

Fred E. Grimm

Even with all the teachings in the Bible concerning the subject of Christian giving, it is one that is passed by too lightly by a majority of God's people. Considering the fact that great blessings are promised if God's Word is adhered to, let us see what He wishes to teach us about giving.

First of all, we are no longer under the law (of Moses) which de-

one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him." 1st Corinthians 16:2. Most of God's people keep books to a greater or lesser extent or know within reasonable measure to what extent "God hath prospered him." But we ask, "What portion of our income shall we give to the Lord?" This the Lord has left for us to decide for ourselves. We read further, "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." II Corinthians 9:6, 7. It would be in God's power to force us to serve Him in everything and especially in giving Him a portion of our income; but we see plainly that it must be voluntary on our part. In the Old Testament days, a tenth or tithe was required as a minimum. Ought we to give less? Let us make up our minds whether we want to give that much, or more, or less; remembering to give our gifts cheerfully and not grudgingly. God is a God of order and we should do this as orderly as possible.

What a blessing there is in giving! Christ taught that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." Who is there that has ever given cheerfully to some one in need or to the Lord's work for spreading the gospel that has not been richly blessed? Let us

### TREASURED VERSES

*Bless the LORD, O my soul and all that is within me, BLESS his holy name.*

*Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:*

*Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;*

*Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;*

*Who satisfieth thy mouth with good THINGS; SO THAT thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

manded a certain amount to be given. What then does the Bible teach that applies to us in the Dispensation of Grace? In searching the scriptures we find numerous passages on this subject, but space would not permit to refer to all. The following instruction was given by the apostle Paul to the church at Corinth: "Upon the first day of the week let every



not give with the idea that God will always reward us with material gain but rather in the spirit of love toward God and our fellow men. And yet we can read in the prophet Malachi, chapter 3, verse 10, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that *there shall not be room enough to receive it.*"

Our Lord, in a sermon, taught the following: "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again." Luke 6:38.

The question sometimes arises as to where the money should be given. There are always regular needs in the church. If everyone would give as the Lord has prospered him, the problem of raising money would be more easily solved.

There are two great present day needs for funds. Let us consider the European distress among those of like faith. If we would realize in a small way what suffering is the lot of many of God's true followers, we would look with shame upon the small gifts we have given. No doubt they and we often wonder why God seemingly has forsaken them. Could it not be that He is trying us to see if we will give a part of the bountiful blessing He has bestowed on us? Many prayers are offered for those unfortunate ones, but what are we doing to help God answer our prayers? The story is told of a small boy who had often heard his father, a rich farmer, pray for the poor, but he never saw his father giving anything to help them. One day after the father had again earnestly prayed for the poor the small son said, "Father, I wish I had your corn crib." "Why?" asked the father. "I'd help the Lord answer your prayer," answered the child. What a rebuke! Do not many of us need such a rebuke?

The other great present day need is the spreading of God's Word. God has never changed His command given to His disciples when He told

them, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." We have an avenue opened to us in purchasing Bibles, or portions thereof, in foreign languages where God's word is little known. Will we do our part to furnish the gospel to as many people as possible? Not many can go, but practically all can give. Will we be unaccountable if we have not done all in our power?

Perhaps other avenues will open for us to help spread God's word as the last days are approaching and the Lord's second coming is nearing. We all need to pray, but funds are needed as well. Let us examine ourselves in the light of the scriptures to see if we are doing our part.

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ment, but when we behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world, we discover the remedy for sin and the way of abundant living.

St. Luke 1:78-79, "Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way

### Hymn of the Month

#### JESUS IS COMING, TELL THE GOOD NEWS

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Jesus the King of all kings is soon coming,  
Coming to gather His loved and His own,  
Take them to heaven to join the home-coming

Greatest home-coming that ever was known.

Won't it be glory for all of His children,  
Seeing Him coming with heaven's glad throng?

We shall be happy to join with that number,  
Shouting and singing that heavenly song.

Glad hallelujahs will ring on that morning,  
When we are wafted from earth-life away;  
Going to heaven, O wonderful story,  
With our Redeemer forever to stay.

#### CHORUS:

Jesus is coming, O sound the good news,  
Tell it, that all His salvation may choose;  
Tell it in song, Let your voice loudly ring,  
Till all who may hear it will join us that day,  
In praising our heavenly King.

of peace." Whenever He shines into the heart or a home, He brings wisdom in the way of guidance, purity in the sense of goodness, and beauty in the form of splendor—all that the sun is to the world about us—and vastly more. The "dayspring" from on high is to the hearts and lives of those who receive Him as light, life, and love. Why then does darkness reign in many hearts, and in the world, according to the scriptures? Darkness stands for the ignorance of God's holy truth.

And He opened his mouth, and taught them life's most precious words; blessed are the poor in spirit, they that mourn, that are meek, hunger, and thirst. The Sermon on the Mount is only understood when we look at the Man on the Mount. Let us see Jesus as He opened His mouth and gave to His disciples the most revolutionary message the world has ever heard. He taught them to have faith in God and also in Him, for they are one. We are to have faith in life; there is meaning, reality, truth, and the guarantee of a righteous purpose. This faith means courage, conviction, enthusiasm, and zest. It means a hunger for life, being eager for its grandeur, its opportunity, and its task. If trials and burdens come, we know they are to make and not to destroy us, to strengthen and not to undo us, and to discipline and build us to power and triumph.

Life is a thing of divine purpose. God places dignity upon human life by giving the individual the power to achieve. He calls us to work with Him in a great constructive and spiritual enterprise. This being true, we realize that life is a commission, a stewardship, with obligations and accountability unto God. Life has about it the thrill of an eternal achievement. Come ye blessed of the Lord, and inherit what is promised to you.

We are building every day

In a good or evil way,  
And the structure as it grows,

Will our inmost self disclose,  
Build it well, what'er you do,

Build it straight, and strong, and true.

Build it clean and high and broad  
Build it for the eye of God.



# SALVATION (Cont. 19)

Philip Gutwein, Jr.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth." (II Tim. 2:15)

In our last article we have emphasized the fact that the TRUE and the FALSE, the GENUINE and the IMITATION or COUNTERFEIT, are present in our world side by side. No less personalities, than Christ the *Truth*, is promoting the one, and Satan, the father of *lies*, promoting the other.

When we ascribe considerable success to Satan's efforts, we do so not because of a personal judgment and opinion and a confidence we have in them, but rather as a matter of Scripture Revelation and an implicit confidence we have in it. Both the *true* and the *false* are sown in our *world* as the *field*; the seed for the one is the WORD of *truth* and for the other the beguiling *word of deception*. Both grow, develop, and ripen to fruitage side by side until the separation of the harvest time, as indicated by the parable of the "Wheat and the Tares." (Matt. 13:24).

If we, therefore, are not to be deceived and led away with the error of the wicked, and fall from our own steadfastness (II Pet. 3:17), we must, as pilgrims and strangers traveling in hostile territory, depend wholly on the safe-conduct and convoy of the *word of truth* and the *Spirit of truth* to guide us safely home. We must know the *truth*, hear the *truth*, love the *truth*, and walk in the *truth*. (John 8:32, 18-37, II Thess. 2:10, II Jno. 4). As there is a *Spirit of truth*, there is also a *spirit of error*. (I Jn. 4:6). "THY WORD IS TRUTH." (Jno. 17:17).

Thus we should find both for our *faith*,—that it may be the belief OF THE TRUTH, and for our *walk*, that it may be *in the truth*,—a basis and a reason for it *in the word of truth*. But having said that, we have not said *all*. For Satan, too, knows the WORD, and hesitates not to quote it to tempt the very one who himself is the *Truth*. But when Satan quotes Scripture, he mixes a doubt or a lie

with it, as in the case of Eve, or he suggests it for mis-application, *as in* the second witness to the *truth*, confirms or disallows by bringing to mind another Scripture, thus guarding and leading the humble and teachable into "all TRUTH" and gives him discernment of the "spirit of error." It seems strange indeed and hard to concede that any written Word of God could be used to deceive, but we are in total war, and soldiers will tell us that the enemy which wears our uniform, speaks our language, and poses as our friend, is the most dangerous.

It is therefore apparent that if we would be approved of God and unashamed in our service record, we must recognize the need not only for knowing the holy Scripture as a letter, but also for a *wise* and *right* application of the *word of truth* by "*rightly dividing*" the same. We must "*study*," or apply ourselves more thoroughly, here to be "*established in the present truth*" (II Pet. 1:12), and to attain a certain skill in handling the WORD of GOD without deceit (II Cor. 4:2) and in its *right division*.

In this "*study*" for a *right division* of the *word of truth*, I believe the Holy Spirit,—the *Spirit of truth*,—is eminently the TEACHER, as it is written:

"Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the HOLY GHOST teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual." (I Cor. 2:13). And again:

"But the anointing (the Holy Spirit) which ye have received of Him abideth in you, and ye need not that any may teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him." (I John 2:27). And again:

"And it is the SPIRIT that beareth witness, because the SPIRIT is truth. He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in HIMSELF." (I John 5:6 and 10).

It is interesting to observe, that

while the Holy Spirit shall *teach us all things*, He shall not speak of Himself, for He shall receive and take of Christ and bring *all things* to our remembrance, whatsoever Christ hath said. And Christ spoke not His own, but His Father's WORD. For while the Son was in the earth, He glorified the Father, in whose name He came. The Son spoke not His own *word*, He did not His own *will*, nor His own *work*, but the Father's who sent Him. When the Son had finished the work in the earth which the Father had given Him to do, and was received up and glorified in the Heavens, the *Holy Spirit* was sent to glorify the SON in whose name He came. And the Spirit likewise, representing the Son, to whom the Father has committed all things, does not speak His own WORD, nor do His own *work*, but Christ's who sent Him, that He may glorify the Son and not himself. (John 14:24-26, and 16:13-15, 17:4 and 8).

A true Christian, and only he who has the Holy Spirit is one, who would wholly fill his God appointed place while on the earth, will ever be careful to fall in line with the example of these heavenly Guests. Therefore the words which a Christian speaks will not be his own, but "the oracles of God." His ministry will not be in his own, but "as of the ability which God giveth: that God in ALL THINGS may be glorified through Jesus Christ." (I Pet. 4:11). And his *work* will not be the fruit of his own energy, wrought in the flesh, but it will be the *work* and the *fruit* of the HOLY SPIRIT IN HIM. (Gal. 5:22-25). The Holy Spirit can convict, reprove, comfort, witness to the human spirit, and bring to our remembrance a written WORD OF GOD in His mission to *teach* and counsel and warn, but being a SPIRIT, "which has not flesh and bones," he desires hearts and bodies purified by Faith, to dwell in (Acts 15:8-9), and needs yielded members of such bodies to bring forth His *Fruit* in His *power*, manifested and wrought through human instrumentalities. Thus the Holy Spirit and the Spirit filled believer with Him, glorify Jesus Christ, the Son, and through the Son also the

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# N E W S

## Bluffton, Indiana

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Reineck from Toledo, Ohio, visited us the week end of August 31.

Rev. and Mrs. Henry Dotterer and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kaehr are enjoying a trip in the East.

Mrs. Edward Gerber is a patient at the Irene Byron sanitarium near Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Among the new arrivals in our community are a son, Barry Joe, born August 27 to Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Isch, and a daughter, Vicki Sue, born August 28 to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Schwartz.

Many from here attended the wedding reception of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Steffen in Milford, Indiana, on Sunday, September 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Gerber are the proud parents of a baby daughter, Melanie Jo, born August 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Aeschliman and daughter, Lynn, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Meyer spent the week-end of September 7, in LaCrosse, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Moser, Mr. and Mrs. Louie Steffen, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kipfer, Dale Fiechter, Don Gerber, Doris Fiechter, and Wava Steffen attended the marriage of Helen Steffen and Luther Steffen at Elgin, Illinois, on Sunday, September 7.

Funeral services for Mr. Tobias L. Steffen were conducted on Thursday, September 11, by Elder Sam Aeschliman.

Mr. and Mrs. Louie Gerber, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gerber and family, Misses Aldula Gilliom, Katie Gerber, Elva Aeschliman, Sarah Gerber, and Mr. and Mrs. Gideon Gerber were among those who attended the funeral of Nettie Beer at Roanoke, Illinois, on Sunday, August 31.

## Chicago, Illinois

Visitors here on Sunday, September 14, included Rev. and Mrs. Andrew Nussbaum, Mr. and Mrs. George Waibel, Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Scharlach of Remington, Indiana, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kercher of Elgin, Illinois.

On Sunday, September 21, Elder George Yergler was with us for the baptism of John Fisher and Sam Slagel. With us to share the blessings of this day were many visitors, including Rev. and Mrs. Eli Winzler and family of Leo, Indiana, Rev. Robert Haas from Elgin, Illinois; and guests from Francesville, Indiana, Fairbury, Peoria, and Morton, Illinois. We praise God for the salvation of these two souls and pray there will be more to accept the love He is still extending.

## Fairbury, Illinois

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Koehl and son, Leroy, and Walter and Mary Koehl returned from a trip through Missouri and Kansas, having visited relatives and friends.

The funeral of Mrs. John Traub was held Sunday August 31. Rev. Henry Sabo of Mansfield, Ohio, conducted the services.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Huber and daughters, Katharine, Virginia, and Joyce returned Labor Day evening from a three-weeks trip through the New England states, and New York City, Washington, D. C., and other places of interest.

## Mansfield, Ohio

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Fehr of Roanoke, Illinois, and Mr. and Mrs. Rudolf Schick of Elgin, Illinois, were visitors here on Sunday, September 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Graf of Akron, Ohio, visited here Sunday, August 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beer spent Sunday, September 21, in Akron, Ohio.

Dick Gerber and Kenneth Stoller of Latty, Ohio visited here Sunday, September 21.

## Morton, Illinois

Rev. Henry Wackerle of Bay City, Michigan, visited us on September 17, services were held at the church that evening.

A daughter, Kathleen Ann, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Zimmerman, Jr., on August 25. The mother was formerly Mildred Getz.

Art Klopfenstein, our funeral director for the last number of years, has moved to California with his family, and expects to go on a grape farm.

## Peoria, Illinois

Miss Irene Hodel and Miss Kathryn Gerber of Latty, Ohio, visited with friends in Peoria on September 11.

Our congregation was privileged to have Bro. Henry Wackerle of Bay City, Michigan, deliver the sermon on the evening of September 16.

Carol Jean, age four, is the newly adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Leman.

## Princeville, Illinois

Rev. and Mrs. Menno Steiner of Sabetha, Kansas, and daughters, Esther, Louise, and Matilda of Elgin, Illinois, Rev. and Mrs. Fred Grimm and family of Quincy, Illinois, and Rev. and Mrs. Simon Wagenbach and family of Tremont, Illinois, visited our congregation August 31.

Rev. and Mrs. George Wagenbach spent the week end of September 7 in Remington, Indiana. On September 7, Mr. and Mrs. David Kieser, Mrs. Martha Kieser, and Mr. and Mrs. William Knobloch visited the congregation in Taylor, Missouri.

Mrs. Anna Roach and Lucille, Mrs. Olie Ricketts and Ruth, and the Misses Lillian and Cecelia Dallinger spent September 14, in Remington, Indiana.

Rev. and Mrs. Henry Wackerle of Bay City, Michigan, Mrs. Emma Wackerle and Mrs. Katherine Wackerle visited friends here a few days. Rev. Wackerle conducted services here Monday evening, September 15.

Rev. Silas Leuthold has been ill and was taken to the hospital for a few days. His wife, Mary, is slowly improving from an illness of the past few month at her sister's at Fairbury, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Stoller are the parents of a son, Stephen Ray.

Many friends and relatives attended funeral services here for Dale Allan Seidel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Seidel, Wednesday, September 24. He had been in the hospital the past four weeks.



A double wedding ceremony was performed Saturday, September 13, uniting Bernice Stichling and Andrew Streitmatter and Jennie Stichling and Donald Meservey in marriage. The girls are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Stichling. Andrew Streitmatter is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Streitmatter and Donald Meservey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Genar Meservey. The Streitmatters will reside on the farm while the Meserveys have a new home in Princeville.

Rev. and Mrs. Emil Schubert and Rev. and Mrs. Mike Weyeneth of Peoria, Illinois, and a few young members of Oakville, Iowa, visited our congregation Sunday, September 21. Robert Knoblock was taken into our fold. Brother Schubert performed the baptismal services.

### Remington, Indiana

A number of our folks attended the funeral of Emil Witzig at Gridley, Illinois, on September 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Zahner returned to their home at Rockville, Connecticut, after spending two weeks visiting Mrs. Zahner's father and other relatives in this community.

Robert Schieler, Lloyd Frey, Arlene and Elmer Bahler, and Alice and Earl Kilgus of Forrest, Illinois, returned home from a two weeks' visit with relatives at Rockville, Connecticut, and Croghan and Castorland, New York.

Ervin Bahler and son, Edwin, Mrs. Andy Nussbaum, Mr. Gottlieb Stoller, and Simon Bahler of Maywood, California, all reported a pleasant visit with the churches in the East.

Rev. and Mrs. George Wagenback of Princeville, Illinois, and other guests from Morton and Fairbury, Illinois, spent Sunday, September 7 with us.

Rev. Phil Gutwein, Jr. held services here on Sunday, September 14.

Rev. and Mrs. Andrew Nussbaum, Mr. and Mrs. George Waibel, and Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Scharlach visited the Elgin and Chicago churches on Sunday, September 14.

We enjoyed many visitors from Cissna Park, Illinois, also Mrs. Lena Merkle and daughter, Arlene, and

Mr. Fred Schori of Milford, Indiana.

### Toledo, Ohio

Mr. and Mrs. Greenback of Wayne County, Ohio, visited friends in Toledo on August 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Schlatter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Wackerle, and Mr. and Mrs. Stenic all of Bay City, Michigan, visited friends and relatives in Toledo on September 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Frautschi and daughters, Mary and Emily, and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Reineck and family visited relatives and friends in Goshen and Milford, Indiana, on September 14.

Misses Leah, Rose, Dianee, Persida, and Adele Conrad of Grabill, Indiana, visited the Jacob Frautschi Family on September 19, before Diane and Rose left for their trip west.

Funeral services for Thomas Grant, Sr., who passed away September 23 at the age of 82, were held in Toledo on September 24 and in Taylorville, Illinois, on September 25.

### Wolcott, Indiana

John Troxel and daughter, Clara; Mr. and Mrs. Levi Kropf and daughter, Velma, spent ten days visiting relatives at West Bend and Pulaski, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Furrer and Marilyn and Kenneth were visitors of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Stoller, at Latty on September 21.

H. R. Klopfenstein is confined to his home due to illness. We are glad to say he is improving.

Mrs. Ed Klopfenstein and son, Marvin, of Latty, Ohio, were recent visitors with relatives here.

Misses Arles and Gladys Kropf spent the week-end of September 14 with relatives at Fairbury and Culom, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stoller, Norma and Frances, and Mr. and Mrs. Chris Stoller were Elgin visitors Sunday, September 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lehman are the parents of a son, Nathan Carl, born July 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Farney, Russell and Harold Lehman are visiting relatives in Missouri and Kansas.

### Leo, Indiana

Misses Rose and Diana Conrad left for Portland, Oregon, September 25. They expect to spend several months there and other places along the west coast.

Lenora Steiglitz and George Stoller were married at the Apostolic Christian Church Sunday, September 14. Elder Elias Dotterer officiated.

Rev. Henry Beer of Milford, Indiana, was a Grabill caller and a dinner guest at the home of Philip Schlatter on September 25. Rev. Irvin Stoller was a Grabill caller on October 1.

The Young People's Meeting was held Sunday, September 28. The theme of the program was, "The Sunday School." William Levy was the guest speaker of the evening.

The wedding of William Klopfenstein, Jr., of Grabill, Indiana, and Nancy Wuethrich of Francesville, Indiana, took place on Sunday, October 5, at the Apostolic Christian Church at Francesville, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil VonTobel visited friends and relatives at Leo, Indiana on September 28. They were dinner guests at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Otto Norr.

### CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to Doctors John and Harold Beeson, Nurses and Aids, and the many friends who so kindly remembered me during my stay at the Beeson Hospital.

Catharine Hartzler  
Wayne, County, Ohio

### TWO CLASSES

The human race is divided into two classes. Those who go ahead and do something, and those who sit still and inquire, "Why wasn't it done the other way?"

Don't look to yourself! Do not be occupied with self. In beholding the picture of your own self, you can but continue to reproduce yourself. Look to Jesus, and in beholding Him you will be changed from glory to glory. In us there is nothing good, but in Him is the whole glory and holiness of God.



# The Great Open - Air Meeting

There is soon to be a great open-air meeting, far greater than any which has ever taken place. It will have many striking features, and will be entirely different from anything ever witnessed in this world. Let us look at some of these wonderful features.

**The Place of Meeting.**—This is not on earth nor in heaven but “in the air” (I Thess. 4:17)

**Who Will Be Present?**—Every redeemed, blood-bought soul of every clime and race, including those who sleep in their graves as well as those alive on the earth at the time—not one will be missing. All denominational differences will then be gone and done with forever.

**Who Will Be Absent?**—Every unsaved, unredeemed person. The legalist, the formalist, the man who depended on “dead works” instead of on Christ: as well as the unbeliever, the scoffer, the profligate—these, and all who are without Christ will be absent.

**The Centre of Attraction.**—Amidst the many wonderful circumstances of the meeting one will far transcend all the others, namely this—it will be a meeting specially appointed “to meet the Lord.” Around the glorious person of the Saviour, crowned with His many crowns, will circle myriads of His redeemed ones. What joy to the Redeemed to be surrounded with the great throng of those who are the fruit of the “travail of his soul” when He “poured out His soul unto death!” And as they, too, gaze upon that face once so marred more than any man’s but then radiant with glory, what joy will fill every heart, and how perfect will be their place of acceptance with God!

**Time of Meeting** — Another very singular feature about this great reunion is this, not even one among the congregation knows when it is to take place. It may be in the morning, the afternoon, the evening, or during the silent hours of the night. It may be this year, this week,

or today. Everyone is understood to be constantly in the “waiting” and “watching” attitude, just as if it were listening for the assembling call. No bells will be rung to gather the assembly: they will be summoned by the “shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God, the last trump.” So effective and powerful will be the voice of Him who calls, that “in the twinkling of an eye” every member will be found in his place at the great meeting in the air.

**After-Meeting.**—But ah! there is a solemn sadness about the after-meeting. Listen to the words of the

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## THE GLORY OF AUTUMN

Scenic is the view of autumn  
When the leaves their colors show,  
Purple, red, gold, green, and crimson,  
All in utmost beauty glow.

Scenic is the view of autumn  
When the sun in early morn,  
Shines with beauty in its splendor,  
On the leaves as gems adorn.

For again a night has vanished,  
And the rising sun so bright,  
Thru its radiance fair had banished  
Gloom and darkness of the night.

In this night of dread and terror,  
Thou: oh God, with watchful eye!  
Thou hast given joyful vision  
Of the light that draweth nigh.

Let our eyes be raised to Heaven  
Where the sun is shining bright,  
And on hill and dale and meadows,  
Is dispensing life and light.

But brighter than the sun in space,  
Beams the Savior's loving face,  
Vice and sin, Oh! may they never  
Mar the joy of Thy rich grace.

Likewise, too, hast Thou created  
All these wondrous autumn leaves,  
Giving them their many colors  
Glowing in the autumn breeze.

Truly, if we live for Jesus!  
We shall view the city fair,  
Where the crystal waters flow,  
Where the leaves of healing glow.

Composed by Miss Lillian E. Walters  
Sardis, Ohio

assembly outside the closed door. “Lord, Lord, open to us.” The Christless professors take into their lips the word “Lord,” but was He **their** Lord? Perhaps they were church members, sat on the benches of a meeting room: but all the time they had never been “born again.” And what does the Lord say in answer to their call? “Verily I say unto you, I know you not.” There was no link of faith between the soul and Christ, and now they are shut out for ever!

**Time Passes.**—And how quickly time passes! Listen to the clock as it hangs upon your wall: how quickly it ticks out the seconds! Every tick tells of the rapid flight of time and the near approach of **eternity**. And “the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.” But, thank God, the Master of the house has not yet risen up and “shut the door.” Christ is the only Saviour and the all-sufficient Saviour. His precious blood, shed upon the Cross cleanses from all sin. The redemption price has been paid, the work has been done. Its cleansing power and efficacy is all yours the moment you really believe on Him as your personal Saviour.

Reader, are you ready if Christ were to come tonight? If not, **now** is the time for decision: not next month, not next week, but **NOW**.

**WHERE WOULD YOU BE IF THE LORD CAME TONIGHT? FIND OUT WHERE YOU STAND TODAY.**

Selected.

Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. If Moses, the meekest man, sinned for lack of meekness; if David, one of the purest men, sinned for lack of purity; if Peter, the boldest of the apostles, sinned for lack of boldness; and if Abraham, the father of the faithful, sinned for lack of faithfulness, is it not wise to let God stand guard even at our strongest point of character?

By being God’s Son and joint-heir with Christ, gives us unlimited credit with God in Heaven.



**SALVATION (Cont. 19)***(Continued from page 3)*

Father. (John 17:10). If our hearts and lips are moved to thanksgiving by the Holy Spirit, when we eat, or drink, or whatever we do, we do it all to the *glory* of God. (I Cor. 10:31) But "though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not love,—the fruit of the Spirit,—it profiteth me *nothing*." (I Cor. 13:3). To give all to feed the poor, is a great work. Why does it profit *nothing*? Because love—the fruit of the Spirit,—is not in it. What is in it is MAN'S goodness and work. To be sure, such sacrificial giving and suffering (to give the body to be burned) is, from a human standpoint very laudable and praiseworthy and such a man "hath *whereof* to glory; but not before GOD." (Rom. 4:2). It is the work of man, done in the will and energy of the flesh; it glorifies MAN, and makes him boast. But they that are "in the flesh, cannot please God" (Rom. 8:8) and "no flesh (whatever its goodness be) should glory in HIS presence." (I Cor. 1:29) Only that which is of the Holy Spirit is "OF GOD," is acceptable "TO GOD" and is the GLORY OF CHRIST, and OF GOD. For: *Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever, Amen.*

Men may share in *this glory* as Christ is in them, the hope of glory. (Col. 1:27) "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" (Rom. 3:23) Therefore no man,—no Prophet, Priest, or Saint,—will ever stand in the presence of God in His own glory, but in the glory of Christ; the Holy Spirit is now in the earth to glorify Him, and the believer, as he is "filled with the Spirit," — the Power that worketh in him, he becomes the channel and co-worker of the Holy Spirit, in His present work to glorify the Son, and through the Son also God the FATHER. And that will be GLORY TO ME.

"Therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's (I Cor. 6:20) and in *whatsoever ye do*."

A workman who fails to "rightly divide the Word of Truth" needs to be "ashamed" and is not "approved

of God," because he hinders the work of the Holy Spirit:—to glorify the Lord of Glory in his body and in his spirit.

*(To be continued)***MY CHARACTER**

Don't ask me, friends, to tarry, I haven't time to stay.

I'm working on a structure, and I'm busy night and day.

Just come and see the blueprints, They're plain as plain can be,

For God, the Master Builder, Has drawn them up for me.

Now, here's the excavation, Dug deep in time, you see;

And here we'll place the pillars, Great stones of truth they'll be.

And here's the first floor drawing, Two halls —they're faith and love,

And here you'll see the stairway of hope leads up above.

And here's the second story. The rooms of course are small.

For here we're building chambers, The fairest of them all:

Compact in each department, The talents all you'll see,

For God will help me build them And furnish perfectly.

We're putting forth all efforts, No pains we're sparing there;

We want those little chambers The rarest of the rare.

For there you'll find contentment, And peace, and joy, and prayer,

Fidelity and justice, And honesty are there.

And over here's forgiveness, And gentleness you'll find,

And charity and patience, And faith in all mankind,

And reverence and meekness, And there is self-control—

A room for every virtue That God could give a soul.

I do not have the roof-plan; God said He'd furnish one;

He said He'd have it ready When my work here is done.

For the roof's to be of crystal, That all the world may see

If I have watched the blueprints That God has drawn for me.

So, friends, you see I'm busy; But, as you pass along,

Just drop in, won't you kindly? And keep me from the wrong.

And when you see I'm erring, Just point it out to me.

I want this finished structure A perfect one to be.

—AUTHOR UNKNOWN

Submitted by Mrs. Sam Aeschliman

Roanoke, Illinois

Sept. 16, 1947

Dear Brothers, Sisters and Friends:

GREETINGS! Wishing you all God's rich grace and peace.

Several of the Elder Brothers as well as the members of your committee on the European Relief have advised sending a letter to our congregations in the U. S. A. asking that members and friends continue their contributions toward the European Relief as the need is reported to be greater than ever.

So far we have raised about one-half of the amount we hoped to raise when the suggestion was made of \$1.00 per week per member for one year in August of 1946—just about a year ago.

We learn from personal contacts and from reports that most of the money has been spent for food and clothing for the needy. Contributions are to be forwarded to Bro. Eduard Kambly, Cissna Park, Ill., treasurer of the committee.

There is still a great need for clothing and shoes and we wish to make another appeal for used clothing and shoes inasmuch winter is coming and the earlier we start the collection the more time we will have. Shipment should be made to:

Mr. F. Meier,

102 Roycroft Road,

E. Syracuse, New York.

Your least Bro. in Christ,

DAVID MANGOLD,

(For the Committee)

**DIVINE IMPERATIVES**

1. "Ye must be born again" (John 3:3-5).

2. "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ" (II Cor. 5:10).

3. "So must thou bear witness also at Rome" (Acts 23:11).

4. "They that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24).

5. "And he must needs go through Samaria" (John 4:4).—C. S. Zimmer-

man.

Don't live tomorrow until tomorrow comes, but just live moment by moment, hour by hour.



COMFORT

In the pages of God's Holy Book we can read  
Of a gracious Lord Who knows our every  
need.  
And in Him, the weary-burdened soul can  
find  
A true source of comfort, and lasting peace of  
mind.

It seems that into every life must go  
Alternate days of joy and days of sorrow.  
But in God's promises we may safely rest,  
For we know that His will is always best.

You have lost a kind and loving son  
It seems—before his life had scarcely begun.  
“We regret to inform you—,” the message  
read,  
“Your son was killed in action.” He's dead!

How short are the pleasures of life here on  
earth,  
We wearily ask and wonder—what is it  
worth?  
But then we usually find as time goes on  
That somehow a new hope begins to dawn.

What God takes He will also in some way re-  
place,  
If we have faith His precious promises to em-  
brace.  
Oh, doubt not His power and His infinite  
love.  
For Dale must have a beautiful mansion  
above.

Over there—for others his life he gave  
A little white cross now marks his grave,  
He paid with the supreme sacrifice  
His blood for justice and peace now cries.

He is not dead—his body is gone  
But in our memory he shall live on.  
His body may lie in a foreign land  
But his soul is in its Maker's hand.

He remembered his Creator in the days of his  
youth  
And was faithful to his God in the service of  
truth.  
You need never feel that he died in vain,  
The cost was great—but for him, dying was  
gain.

And though for many, the smoke-filled, fiery  
sky  
May dim the star's brightness to the mortal  
eye,  
Yet the eye of faith can still look up to Him  
For that star of hope will never grow dim.

So from these words I hope you'll find  
A bit of comfort, courage, and love combined.  
Trust Him, in Whom all our destiny is plan-  
ned,  
And rest assured—“Someday we'll under-  
stand.”

—MARY E. LEMAN  
Roanoke, Illinois

HOW I KNOW I'M SAVED

R. B. Brown

How do I know I'm saved, dear friend?  
Well, I tell you how I know,  
My life was sinful, my heart was saddened,  
Was filled with grief, and with woe;  
But sorrow no longer lines my brow,  
My heartaches were healed long ago;  
My life belongs to my Saviour now,  
I'm saved and that's how I know.

I thought I was happy and seemed content  
On that sinful path I trod;  
But I didn't know what happiness meant  
Till I lived my life with God.  
I looked for joy 'mid earthly strife,  
Then from my sinful grave  
He lifted me and gave new life.  
That's how I know that I'm saved.

God's blessings come from Heaven above,  
His treasures He willingly shares;  
His grace, His glory, and His love.  
As Christians we are His heirs.  
To the sorrowing heart much joy He brings,  
Peace to the heart filled with woe,  
For He is the Giver of all good things,  
I'm saved and that's how I know.

In the quiet evening when day is done,  
I think of the Cross He bore.  
I know some day when victory's won  
I'll be with Him evermore.  
Following Jesus all the way,  
My path with blessings is paved;  
I count them all at the end of the day,  
That's how I know that I'm saved.

Christ's glorious Name I proudly bear,  
A Christian faithful and true;  
I'll live my life a constant prayer  
That others might know Him, too.  
He paid the price for all my sins  
My life to Him I owe,  
By His grace and love I'm saved in Him.  
Yes, I'm saved, and that's how I know.

Prayer has accomplished some of  
the very greatest things in this  
world.

We are told to pray always, pray  
in the Spirit and watch with all per-  
severance.

Don't command God, but ask as  
little children of a loving Father who  
knows what is best.

“If you want power with God,  
draw nigh to God in full assurance of  
faith and this will cause you to fully  
obey His Word. His power is in per-  
fect obedience to His Will.

We must meet God's conditions  
and then do our part, if we expect  
God to do His part.

TO MY BIBLE

By the late Robert Waite Fuller, D D.

I love thee, sacred Volume,  
With fondness o'er thee bend;  
I love thee well, my Bible,  
My old, my faithful friend.

The time I still remember—  
Long years since then have flown—  
When, first upon my vision,  
Thy truths in glory shone.

Since then how many shadows  
Have crossed my earthly lot;  
But all of earth's sad changes,  
Dear Book, have changed thee not.

From friends of earlier days  
I'm wide asunder thrown;  
And in the prime of manhood  
I feel almost alone.

Disease hath laid its hand, too,  
Upon this feeble form,  
And o'er my once glad homestead,  
Hath burst affliction's storm.

But oh! thou guiding pillar,  
All bright with Jesus' name,  
'Mid scenes of change and darkness,  
Thou still hast been the same.

Sweet through each lonely valley,  
Thy peaceful rays were shed;  
Sweet in the silent chamber,  
Where lay the sheeted dead.

Sweet in thy sacred pages,  
The Saviour's form has shone,  
And pointed from earth's trials,  
To Heaven's eternal throne.

I love thee, sacred Volume,  
With fondness o'er thee bend;  
I love thee well, my Bible,  
My old, my faithful friend.

From the Sunday School Times.

THE HEATHEN

One Sunday, when the collection  
was for foreign missions, the collec-  
tion bag was taken to a Mr. Smith,  
who shook his head and whispered,  
“I never give to missions.” “Then  
take something out of the bag,” the  
elder whispered in reply, “the money  
is for the heathen.”

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