



He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

—PSALM 98:3

No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared HIM.

—JOHN 1:18

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The Coming of the Son of God

By Conrad Gutwein

This was the most outstanding event that took place in the world. The wise men from the East came to Jerusalem saying, "Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him." (Matt. 2:1-2) — revealing that the Christ came first to the children of Israel as their king. He did not deny when He was asked of Pilot, "Art thou the King of the Jews? And he answering said unto him, Thou sayest it." Mark 15:2. Jesus was later mentioned by the apostle to be King, Priest, and Prophet to the shepherds He was revealed through the angels from heaven, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:10-11.

So then, good tidings of great joy to all people should be to us an outstanding, welcome message, knowing that we as Gentiles have the like promise with the Israelites. Having Christ for our Saviour, especially in this season, when the anniversary of Christ's birth is celebrated, we feel deeply moved to admonish ourselves, and encourage others to examine themselves whether we are of the chosen ones, or only of the called. "For many are called, but few are

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SALVATION (Cont. 21)

Philip Gutwein, Jr.

We concluded our last article in the Silver Lining, expressing the hope that we might trace and place, by "rightly dividing the Word of Truth," some verses in Mark 16 into their proper and harmonious, and God glorifying, dispensational setting, in a future article.

TREASURED VERSES

Blessed BE the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people,

And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David;

As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began:

That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us;

To perform the mercy PROMISED to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant;

—ST. LUKE 1:68-72

To make the picture, at which we are looking, more complete, we will add the two preceding verses, containing the so called "Great Commission," and read:

"And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth not shall be

damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my Name shall lieveth and is baptized shall be saved; they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." (Mark 16:15-18).

I am fully aware that many would object to connect some of these signs with the Great Commission, but the holy scriptures joined them together by the use of the little word "AND." What therefore God hath joined let not men put asunder.

In this picture we see the outline of a tremendous WORLD-WIDE Program of DISCIPLING ALL NATIONS, baptizing them in the Triune Name of the Godhead, and teaching them to observe all things whatsoever Christ had commanded his disciples. This program was inaugurated by One, to whom "all Power is given . . . in heaven and in EARTH" (All Governmental Power and Executive Authority (I Cor. 15:24), and He will back it up and see it through with a definite promise given to his Disciple Emissaries that He will be **with them** **always, even unto the end of the World** (Matt. 28:18-20). As He was about to begin His **Rule in the midst of His Enemies**, that they may be made His footstool (Ps. 110 and 1

Cor. 15:25), and sending forth His disciples, "as sheep in the MIDST of WOLVES," now on a world-wide scale, as He once did on a national scale, (Matt. 10:16) into enemy held territory, it is reasonable and to be expected that Christ would delegate POWER to His Messengers, which is superior to "all the power of the enemy" so that they may "take up serpents" or tread on them and scorpions, or **drink a deadly thing** and be not hurt, even as "**nothing by any means could hurt**" the SEVENTY in Luke 10:17-19 and the TWELVE Disciples in Matthew 10, all of whom He sent once before, limiting at that time their Mission or Commission to Israel only, saying: "Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into **any** city of the Samaritans enter ye not: But go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel."

The Emissaries of the Great Commission also had the gift of HEALING, as did the Twelve Disciples and the Seventy, as they had been sent forth. And FIRST on the list of the POWERS given all the three groups, we especially observe is the POWER AGAINST UNCLEAN SPIRITS and DEVILS to CAST THEM OUT IN THE NAME OF CHRIST, or the MESSIAH in Hebrew (Matt. 10:1). This is a very significant point to consider in our effort to place our text in Mark, along with the others referred to, into their right and harmonious dispensational setting. For it is evident that the "casting out of Devils" and their number is legions,—means a loosening of the "unnatural" grip and a gradual breaking down of the Power Satan,—the Prince and Ruler of this World,—has and exercises in and through men and nations, to deceive and destroy them. These spirits are called "UNCLEAN" because they are not in "Kinship" with the genuine HUMAN SPIRIT, which God breathed into the nostrils of the First Human Being, Adam. How these unclean spirits of Devils find the Sin—caused crevices or breaches in the temple of the human Body and force themselves in to exercise their unwholesome influence over the Human spirit, from the mildest form down to the complete en-

slavement and domination of the human spirit and the total usurpation of power over the will and the Body of the rightful owner, in extreme cases to the point of self-destructive insanity, is somewhat of a mystery and not now to be further considered here. It is only to be recognized here as an undeniable fact.

It is likewise a fact that the world has seen "dark ages" and murderous wars of "sweat and blood and tears," which defeated the victor and the vanquished alike, because of the presence of a sinister satanic power, that twisted the judgment of men and Nations, and led them apparently helplessly to their OWN DESTRUCTION. Cain, though a very religious type, was of that "wicked one" and slew his brother, only to discover that it made him a sinner with sin and punishment greater than he could bear.

Satan is the "PRINCE of this WORLD" and rules through legions of his angels or devils in cooperation with him in the affairs of the World, as a largely unrecognized Power behind the curtain, but with the ruinous and devastating WORKS only too evident on every hand, in every land and in every age. Directly Satan with all his legions, cannot create a single blade of grass, nor can he directly, without permission, destroy a single blade of grass, but makes HIS WORKS effective and present in the World of men, through human instrumentalities.

Christ, the "PRINCE of the HOUSE OF DAVID" came to destroy the WORKS of the DEVIL," and the Devil, fearing the enmity and the heel of the "Seed of the Woman," sought to destroy Christ "from the cradle to the grave." In this he used as his instruments, Herod, the vain puppet King, Judas, the thief himself called "a devil," the rulers of Israel who plotted to destroy Him because of envy, and Pilate, the crooked Politician, who sacrificed an innocent Life to please the mob. But never, in all the history of the Universe, did ever any scheme of crooked plotting backfire with a like clear cut, decisive, and glorious Victory for God and the Truth on the one hand, and on the

other hand a like devastating defeat to Lies and the Father of Lies and the forces of Evil was never before administered, nor will ever gain in endless ages become necessary.

Now we said that the Power to cast out Devils and the exercise of that Power as Christ began to do and commissioned others in ever greater numbers to carry on and to expand in its scope from the Nation of Israel to all the world, has very great significance. It is the number ONE sign of the "At Hand-ness" of the KINGDOM OF GOD; the impending establishment of the long-promised and hoped for MESSIANIC RULE of Righteousness in the EARTH. The answer to the prayer: "Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, SO IN EARTH."

We base this on Luke 11:14-23, but especially on verse 20: "But if I with the finger of God CAST OUT DEVILS, no doubt the KINGDOM OF GOD IS COME UPON YOU." This KINGDOM was announced by Gabriel (Luke 1:33) preached by John the Baptist (Matt. 3:2) and as the GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM with SIGNS following, preached by the Lord Jesus (Matt. 4:23), the Twelve (Luke 9:1-2) the Seventy (Luke 10:9 and 17-19) and on a world-wide scale to every Creature (Mark 16:15), which falls into the "END-TIME" (Matt. 24:14) and the yet future "Great Tribulation," probably lapping over into the partly established Kingdom of GLORY and POWER, with the "King of the Jews" upon David's THRONE OF GLORY.

(To be continued)

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the Government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his Government and Peace **there shall be** no end, upon the THRONE OF DAVID, and upon his Kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with Judgment and with Justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this. (Isa. 9:6-7).

The Glad Tidings

John Baumgartner

Our Savior who was born at Bethlehem, in the land of Judea, (as Mary and Joseph went to be taxed there), in the humble manner of which we can read in St. Luke 2:1-7. They had to resort to a stable for the night, for there was no room in the inn. Mary, when He was born, clothed Him, and gently laid Him in the manger. He still has in store for humanity the same glad tidings which were proclaimed to the shepherds as they were watching their sheep, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which Christ the Lord."

He is "the chief Shepherd" (1 Peter 5:4) of His flock which still exists on the earth, on which His sacred feet once trod. The shepherd in caring for his flock, takes a position of elevation. In this way he is able to protect and watch his sheep, and his watchful eye is upon them, by day and by night, for they are his own. And so "The good Shepherd" John 10:11, "is now seated at the right hand of God, and shall lead us to green pastures.

While traveling upon life's way, we are often tried and tempted in this barren world, where we must bear the heat and burdens of the day; He will lead us to green pastures, where we can find comfort and solace in His holy word, and peace and happiness in the fellowship with His Holy people. It is said that hungry sheep never lie down, but the Good Shepherd will abundantly provide for us so we may lie down in green pastures. And He shall lead us besides the still waters. (Psalm 23). How precious are the still hours of life, when we are not occupied by our daily toils of life, when we can listen to the meditation of a minister, or quiet moments reading His precious word, or when we have a quiet talk with Him! They are as a balm for our souls.

He is still the Saviour, born at Bethlehem, although later in His life after finishing the work which His Father commanded Him to do, He was slain on the cross; but still the

wounded hands of Jesus are pouring blessings on all men, revealing that the glad tidings and promises proclaimed by the angels, which the Shepherds heard that night on Judea's fields are still extended to us at this Christmas time.

THE COMING OF THE SON OF GOD

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chosen." Matt. 22:14. "And all flesh shall see the salvation of God." Luke 3:6. So the seeing of Christ's birth or knowing would not be sufficient.

John said, "All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made." John 1-3. And again we read, "For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:" Col. 1-16. "In Him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehend it not." John 1:4-5. Seemingly, up to that time the world could not comprehend the wonderful event that took place in the birth of Christ until Christ witnessed of Himself.

Jesus said to the Pharisees, "If ye were blind, ye should have no sin! but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth." John 9:41.

Again he said, "I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins." John 8:24. The Pharisees were not willing to accept the Lord as the light to give them spiritual sight and life eternal.

This truth is revealed to all men: That we must not die only if we remain unbelieving; this therefore is the greatest change.

Again Jesus said, "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." John 8:12. Again the great change: Christ brought light into the dark world and life everlasting to those that believe in Christ's coming into this world—giving his life at the cross for the atonement of all our sins.

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Treasurer, Milford, Ind.

IRRADIANCE

Oh, fill me with Thy presence, Lord,
That Love may shine through me
To quicken that same presence, Lord,
In all whose eyes can see.

Oh, fill me with Thy presence, Lord,
That wisdom may be mine
To share Thy light with all who need
To let their own light shine.

Oh, fill me with Thy presence, Lord,
To guide what power I wield,
That it may ever strengthen good,
And be from ill a shield.

"Oh, fill me with Thy presence,
Lord—"
But need I longer wait?
Thy presence hath been given me,
To live and radiate!

N E W S

West Bend, Iowa

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Banwart are parents of a son born on November 4. He has been named Eldon Earl.

Martin Eugene is a new arrival at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Zaugg. He was born on November 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Metzger are proud parents of a daughter, Gloria Jeanne, born on November 16.

Patricia Ann is a new arrival at the Arthur Banwart home. She was born on November 26.

Rev. Silas Leuthold, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Martin, and Emma Hemmer of Princeville, Illinois, and Rev. Frank Martin of Goodfield, Illinois, visited here on November 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kellenberger and family of Lester, Iowa, and Irvin and Nathan Martin of Princeville, Illinois, were guests at the Grimm home.

Rev. Joe Banwart has been confined to his home the past two weeks with influenza.

Wolcott, Indiana

We had a blessed Sunday November 23, when Marilyn and Kenneth Furrer, children of Rev. and Mrs. Will Furrer, were added to the fold of the Lord through baptismal services conducted by Elders George Yergler and Sam Aeschliman.

Rev. Irvin Stoller and family of Latty, Ohio, were present; also Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Stoller, son-in-law and daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Will Furrer, were there.

We had a number of visitors from Remington, Francesville, La Crosse, and Bluffton. Following the services we partook of the Lord's Supper.

Rev. and Mrs. Will Furrer and family spent the week-end of November 30 with Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Stoller of Latty, Ohio. They and a number of others from Wolcott enjoyed a blessed day November 30, when they attended the baptismal services of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Stoller and others of Latty, Ohio.

Toledo, Ohio

On November 2, our Sunday School classes had their annual fall pro-

gram which was enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Zeltwanger and family of Bremen, Indiana, visited friends and relatives in Toledo on November 9.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Klopfenstein and family of Latty, Ohio, visited friends and relatives in Toledo on November 9.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Frautschi and daughter, Mary, and Mr. and Mrs. Homer Reineck and family visited in Junction, Ohio, on November 9.

Services were held Monday evening, November 10, when Rev. Jess Emch of Youngstown, Ohio, and Rev. Lawrence Emch of Girard, Ohio, visited us.

Miss Carrie Miller died November 16 at the age of seventy-four. Funeral services were held November 18 by Rev. Theo Beer of Milford, Indiana, and Rev. Dan Stoller of Latty, Ohio.

We are glad to report that Frances Schlatter is home from the hospital after her recent operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Schlatter and family visited their relatives in Bluffton, Indiana, over Thanksgiving Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Frautschi and family of Grabill, Indiana, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Frautschi and family of Goshen, Indiana, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Troxel and family of Fort Wayne, Indiana, spent Thanksgiving Day in Toledo with the Jacob Frautschi family.

Remington, Indiana

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Farney and Ella and Augusta Einbick of Croghan, New York, visited relatives and friends in this community on October 28 and 29.

We had many visitors here on Sunday, November 2, from Bay City, Michigan, Roanoke, Illinois, and Leo, Indiana. We enjoyed their visit very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Virkler and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Beyer of Castorland, New York, returned to their homes after visiting with relatives here. Mrs. Virkler and Mrs. Beyer

were former residents of this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Steffen of Elgin, Illinois, visited the Mrs. Steffen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Getz, on Sunday, November 9.

Many of the Wolcott congregation assembled with us on November 27 for Thanksgiving Services.

Pulaski, Iowa

Rev. and Mrs. Fred Grimm and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Hoerr and family, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Yackly and family, Mrs. Eli Sutter and Dickie, Mrs. Hans Fredrick and Margaret and Mildred, Mrs. Henry Hodel and daughter, Alva Butikofer, all from Taylor, Mo., Rudolph Hoerr from Peoria, Illinois, and Mr. and Mrs. Chris Gerst and family of Oakville spent Sunday, November 2, with us. A cooperative supper was served at the Albert Wuthrich home.

Roger Moser, Verle Moser, Ruth Moser, and Mary Miller spent Sunday, November 9, with us. Supper was served at the Hattie Miller home.

Rev. and Mrs. Guy Miller and two children, Virginia and Harold, stopped here November 3, on their way to Portland, Oregon. Evening services were held.

Rev. and Mrs. Noah Schrock spent Thursday evening, November 5, with us. Evening services were conducted by Rev. Schrock.

Princeville, Illinois

Rev. and Mrs. Emil Schubert of Peoria and Rev. and Mrs. David Mangold, Mr. and Mrs. Theo Minger, and Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Blunier of Roanoke visited our congregation November 9. The Elders Schubert and Mangold conducted baptismal services in the afternoon for Mr. and Mrs. Carl Klump. Mr. Klump is slowly improving from serious injuries received in a fall several months ago.

Rev. and Mrs. Frank Woertz, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Siebeuthal of Goodfield, and Mrs. Salome Woertz of Peoria, visited the sick here on November 16.

A few young folk from our congregation spent Sunday, November 9, in Fairbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Martin, Rev.

Silas Leuthold and Martha Hemmer of Princeville, and Rev. Frank Woertz of Goodfield, spent a few days in Elgin and Lester, Illinois, and West Bend, Iowa.

Peoria, Illinois

Our congregation was privileged to have Rev. Phil Sauder and his wife from Cissna Park, Illinois, here on November 16. They were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Sauder.

The engagement of Miss Eunice Sinn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sinn, and Leslie Unsicker, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Unsicker, both of Peoria, was announced on November 16. No wedding has been set.

Miss Edna Kilgus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kilgus, of Remington, Indiana, is a newcomer in Peoria. She has a position in the office of the Altorfer Washing Machine Company.

Miss Cara Feldman, daughter of Mr. Sam Feldman, became the bride of Lawrence Zimmerman, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Zimmerman of Eureka, on Sunday, November 23. The ceremony was officiated by Elder Emil Schubert, after which the couple departed on their wedding trip to California. Their home will be on a farm near Eureka.

Among those who attended the Feldman-Zimmerman wedding were: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schlatter and Miss Helen Riggerbach of Latty, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Huber and Helen of Francesville, Indiana; Mr. and Mrs. Emmerson Kircher of Chicago; and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baurer of Cissna Park. Many others were present from Roanoke, Eureka, Forrest, Morton, Princeville, and Congerville.

Leo, Indiana

The Leo Young People's Meeting was held on November 23, with a large attendance in the church auditorium. The theme of the program was "Thanksgiving." The Sunday School Classes from La Crosse were special guests and contributed to the program.

The guests from La Crosse were entertained with a dinner at the home of George Steiglitz.

Mr. and Mrs. Elias Farney and daughter, Lena Lou, and Lena

Knochel left for parts of interest in the South and West.

Matilda Bertsch is still quite ill and Erma Joy Steiner has been added to our sick list. Best wishes to all of them for a speedy recovery.

The Sunday School choir met for practice at the homes of Otto Norr, Herman Conrad, and Philip Schlatter.

Thanksgiving Services were held Sunday evening, December 21.

Croghan, New York

Elder and Mrs. John Bahler and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kloter from Rockville, Connecticut, spent the week-end of November 16 here.

On Sunday November 16, union service was held at Naumburg Church. Four daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Urban Hertzog were added to our membership. Elder Philip Beyer was assisted by Elder John Bahler in performing the baptisms.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Hirschy are the parents of a baby son.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Virkler are the parents of a baby daughter. Ella and Agusta Einbick and Mr. and Mrs. Reuben B. Farney enjoyed themselves while visiting friends and relatives in Indiana and Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Beyer and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Virkler visited their mother, Mrs. Scheller, and other relatives and friends at Remington, Indiana.

Lester, Iowa

Rev. Frank Woertz of Goodfield, Illinois, Rev. Silas Leuthold, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Martin and Martha Hemmer of Princeville, Illinois, Alvin, Victor, and Betty Banwart, Jim Meisner, and Wilmer Metzger of West Bend, Iowa, visited us November 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Feucht returned home November 22 from a four weeks' visit with their children and relatives at Peoria, Princeville, Elgin, Illinois, and Oakville and West Bend, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Metzger observed their fortieth wedding anniversary November 17. Many friends and relatives including their son, Wilhelm Metzger, of Sabetha, Kansas, visited them. They were remembered with gifts and cards.

Larchwood, Iowa

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Feucht returned home November 22, after being gone four weeks visiting their children and relatives at Peoria, Princeville, and Elgin, Illinois, and Oakville, and West Bend, Iowa.

Fairbury, Illinois

Rev. Conrad Gutwein from Francesville, Indiana, and Rev. Henry Grimm from Morton, Illinois, held services here on Sunday, November 9.

Announcements of these four engagements were made November 16: Emma Lou Huber from here and David Steffen of Deer Creek; Leona Wiegand from here and Melvin Steffen of Deer Creek; Edith Weigand from here and Walter Zimmerman of Morton; and Juanita Bachtold and LeRoy Koehl, both from here.

Rev. Alexander Stoller has recovered from his recent operation.

Burlington, Oklahoma

Elder Otto Ramseyer and wife and Mr. and Mrs. Will Wieland of Bay City, Michigan arrived, Thursday, November 20, from California. Church services were held Thursday evening. Friday they spent the day in Harper, Kansas, and were in our community for the week-end. They are enroute to their home after an extended visit in the West. They left Sunday evening for their home.

Roy Farney is recuperating from a serious operation he underwent at the Memorial Hospital at Hardtner, Kansas.

Rev. Eli Somerhalder and wife, Mrs. Sam Miller, and Mr. and Mrs. George Miller, Sr., spent Sunday, November 9, in Harper, Kansas, where Rev. Somerhalder conducted services.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Kurtz from Enid, Okla., were called to the bedside of his sister, Mrs. Mary Miller of Portland, Oregon, who is in a very serious condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Diel were visiting their daughter in Morton, Illinois.

Elgin, Illinois

The engagements of David W. Steffen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Steffen, and Emma Lou Huber

of Fairbury, and of Melvin Steffen and Leona Weigand of Fairbury, were announced Sunday, November 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Zeltwenger and family spent Sunday, November 23, in Elgin.

Cissna Park, Illinois

A number of brothers and friends who met in England during the war had the pleasure of meeting here Sunday, November 9. Raymond Eisenman and Edward Alt were hosts to the following guests at the Eisenman home: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Binkele, Mr. and Mrs. Manny Steffen, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Thomas of Peoria; Mr. and Mrs. Milton Leman of Roanoke; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Leman, and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Roth of Fairbury; Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Funk of Gridley; Elmer Bachtold, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kaufman, Mr. and Mrs. Willus Gudeman, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Roth, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Baumgartner, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Stock, and many others from Cissna Park.

Chicago, Illinois

On Sunday, November 16, Bro. Noah Shrock of Oakville, Iowa, spent a blessed day with us. We were happy also to have with us Miss Emily Getz of Morton, Illinois, who was at one time employed here in Chicago.

We had visitors from Elgin, Illinois, on Sunday, November 23.

Morton, Illinois

Rev. and Mrs. Herman Hueni of Bremen, Indiana and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gerber of South Bend spent Sunday, November 2, with us at Morton. Rev. Hueni delivered two very inspiring sermons.

Dan Pflederer met death suddenly November 9. Saturday night he retired in his usual manner and passed into the great eternity sometime during the night and was found dead the next morning by his family. Funeral services were held the following Tuesday with a very large attendance.

The engagement of Miss Edith Wiegund, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wiegund, of Saunemin, to Walter Zimmerman, son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Zimmerman, was announced.

Merry Christmas and Best Wishes

We wish all of our readers at this holiday season a most joyous Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year in the Lord. May He whose birthday we celebrate at this season be your satisfying portion continually.—THE EDITOR.

Several cars of young folks from Morton spent the week-end, November 16, at Bluffton, Indiana.

Tremont, Illinois

Mr. and Mrs. Orval Rocke are the parents of a son, Kenneth Ray.

Bluffton, Indiana

Mr. Edward Schwartz and Miss Josephine Gerber were married on Sunday, October 26, by Elder Sam Aeschliman.

Many visited us Sunday, October 26, from Gridley and Morton, Illinois, Croghan, New York, and Detroit, Michigan. We enjoyed their visit very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hodel from Roanoke, Illinois, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Meyer Monday evening, October 27.

New arrivals in our community are Mr. and Mrs. Homer Fiechter's daughter, Cheryl Ann, born October 26, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Aeschliman's daughter, Delila, born November 1.

Rev. and Mrs. Forrest Ritzman and family from Akron, Ohio, visited us over the week-end of November 2, and also services were conducted on

Friday evening, October 31 by Rev. Ritzman.

Four cars from La Crosse, Indiana visited us Sunday, November 2, and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Isch in the evening.

Elder and Mrs. Rudolph Graf and family and Mrs. Ernest Graf, Sr., from Akron, Ohio; Elder Philip Aschliman and Mr. and Mrs. Gus Meiss from Cissna Park, Illinois; Rev. and Mrs. Henry Sabo, Misses Caroline and Sarah Dotterer and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Dotterer from Mansfield, Ohio; and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Norr from Leo, Indiana, were among those who visited us over the week-end of November 9. Their visit was enjoyed by all, and we welcome them all back.

Mr. Homer Heyerly and Miss LaVera Geyer were united in marriage on Sunday, November 16, by Elder Sam Aeschliman.

Claire Yergler, 16-year-old son of Rev. and Mrs. John Yergler, who was seriously injured in an automobile accident Sunday, November 2, is still confined to the hospital and his condition is reported as fair.

Three cars of young folks from Morton, Illinois, visited us Sunday, November 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Steffen from Milford, Indiana, attended the wedding here of LaVera Geyer and Homer Heyerly on Sunday, November 16.

Elder and Mrs. Eli Dotterer and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Manz from Junction visited the aged sick ones in our community on Thursday, November 13, and services were conducted in the evening by Elder Dotterer.

HYMN OF THE MONTH

THE NATIVITY

God's plan ful-filled as He had willed, Then came the Christ on earth
The star so bright in deepest night, Foretold His blessed birth.
The angel's throng with joyous song, Appeared to shepherds meek,
The angel's word the shepherds heard, Then they went forth to seek.

The blessed Child so meek and mild at Bethlehem they found,
In manger low where cattle low and sheep did gather round
In swaddling clothes there to repose and lying on the hay.
What glorious sight in that dark night where Christ the Savior lay.

From lands afar led by the star The wise men came to see
The Savior King rich gifts they bring for Christ's nativity,
This story sweet I would repeat and praise Him with my voice.
For he who finds Christ's peace of mind he cannot but rejoice.

WHAT IS IT WORTH TO YOU?

How much do you value your Bible,
And what is it worth to you,
The book with its sacred contents,
With its message consoling and true?

I know that you value it highly,
And cherish each word and command.
'Tis the guide in our pilgrimage journey
Which leads to the heavenly land.

Are you willing to share it with
others,
That they also may read and believe,
Christ spake that His word should
be published,
Will you give, that they may receive?

Ye Christians with means and pos-
sessions,
With houses and funds in great
store,
Are you willing to honor the Master,
Our Lord, whom we love and adore?

'Tis the duty of saints and believers,
To Christians who follow the Lord,
To give of their means and their sub-
stance,
For the spread of the life giving
Word.

The worldling whose aim and whose
pleasures
Are centered on things of this time,
Gives naught of his means to the
Master,
Nor the cause of the Saviour divine.

Now billions are spent for destruc-
tion,
Which men in their folly provide.
But how little is given to Jesus,
Whose work will forever abide.

If your planning to make an invest-
ment,
Why not let it be for His word?
Then the saved and the giver together
Will receive an eternal reward.

His Word, so precious, has power
To accomplish the mind and intent
Of the Lord, who has promised to
bless it,
And prosper where to it is sent.

If you're walking in faith in His
nearness
And concerned in the lost far and
nigh,
You'll be liberal, — wholehearted in
giving
The Word of His grace to supply.

In the Book of Divine Revelation,
There's a message for Christians to
read;
Lest we say: We rich, lacking noth-
ing,
When the world stands in peril and
need.

Henry Beer.

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Isaiah 55:11. My word shall not re-
turn unto me void but it shall ac-
complish that which I please, and it
shall prosper in the thing where un-
to I sent it.

THE UNIQUE CHRIST

His birth was contrary to the laws
of life.

His death was contrary to the laws
of death.

He had no cornfields or fisheries
but He could spread a table for five
thousand and have bread and fish
to spare. He walked on no beautiful
carpets or velvet rugs, but He walked
on the waters of the Sea of Galilee
and they supported Him.

When He died few men mourned.
But a black crepe was hung over the
sun. Though men trembled not for
their sins, the earth beneath them
shook under the load. All nature
honoured Him. Sinners alone reject-
ed Him. Corruption could not get
hold of His body. The soil that had
been reddened with His blood could
not claim His dust.

Three years He preached His gos-
pel. He wrote no book, built no
church house, had no monetary back-
ing. But after nineteen hundred
years, He is the one central character
of human history, the Pivot around
which the events of the ages revolve,
and the only Regenerator of the
Human Race.

Was it merely the Son of Joseph
and Mary, who crossed the world's

horizon nineteen hundred years ago?
Was it merely human blood that was
spilled on Calvary's Hill for the re-
demption of sinners? What think-
ing man can keep from exclaiming:
"My Lord and My God!"

Selected.

The Inn of Life

By John Oxenham

As It was in the Beginning,—
Is Now—
And . . . ?

"No room!
No room!
The Inn is full,
Yea—overfull.
No room have we
For such as ye—
Poor folk of Galilee,
Pass on! Pass on!"

"Nay then!—
Your charity
Will ne'er deny
Some corner mean,
Where she may lie unseen.
For see!
Her time is nigh."

"Alack! And she
So young and fair!
Place have we none;
And yet—how bid ye gone?
Stay then!—Out there
Among the beasts
Ye may find room,
And eke a truss
To lie upon."

"No room!
No room!
No room for Thee,
Thou Man of Galilee!
The house is full,
Yea, overfull.
There is no room for Thee,—
Pass on! Pass on!"

Nay—see!
The place is packed.
We scarce have room
For our own selves,
So how shall we
Find room for Thee,
Thou Man of Galilee,—
Pass on! Pass on!"

But—if Thou shouldst
This way again,
And we can find
So much as one small corner
Free from guest,
Not then in vain
Thy quest
But now—
The house is full.
Pass on!"

Christ passes
On His ceaseless quest,
Nor will He rest
With any,
Save as Chiefest Guest.

THE BIBLE

The Bible is a library of divine truth.

It is the masterpiece of all literature. Its truths have been inspiration of the world's greatest spiritual teaching.

It is the supreme authority on practical knowledge for men and women in every walk of life.

Within its sacred pages may be found council and wisdom for every condition and circumstance of human experience. Its scope is broader than all human knowledge and experience and its heights and depths reach beyond the utmost limits.

Submitted by **Jonathan Steffen.**

A SOFT ANSWER

A Sergeant in Egypt tells this incident about himself:

There was a private in the same company who was converted in Malta before the regiment came to Egypt. We gave that fellow an awful time. One terribly wet night he came in very tired and very wet. Before getting into bed he got down to pray. My boots were heavy with wet mud, and I let him have one on one side of the head, and the other on the other side. He just went on praying. Next morning I found those boots beautifully polished and standing by the side of my bed. That was his reply to me, and it broke my heart. I was saved that day.

Submitted by **Sophie Fernyak.**

The Wonderful Love of God

By Aaron Sauder

God in the beginning created man after His own Image and placed him in that beautiful Garden of Eden. Through disobedience to the Word of God man fell into transgression and sin. God had to remove man from this blessed fellowship and communion which man had with Him. Nevertheless, God still had a great love for His Creation, and promised, in due time, to send him a saviour.

Many years went by. God sent leaders such as Moses and Joshua. He gave man judges and kings and prophets, through whom He tried to lead and guide them in His ways. Although some believed and obeyed God, the great majority still followed the evil leader, the enemy of the soul.

Finally the time came when God said that he would send His only and beloved Son. So God, out of love, sent His beloved Son into this sinful world, and Jesus was willing to leave His heavenly glory to fulfill His Father's will. He knew that many men would not accept Him, but would deny and despitefully use Him, and finally nail Him on the cross. He was willing because He saw and knew the wretchedness of man. He knew man was in bondage and could not be freed by the blood of goats and bulls. Only through the precious blood of the Innocent Lamb, who was Jesus Christ Himself, could he be saved.

So the Saviour came and suffered and died on the cross. Thus the price was paid and the way made for you and me to be saved. Through repentance and regeneration we can be born anew to become sons and daughters of the living God and joint heirs with Christ of the promise of everlasting Life. If we follow on the straight and narrow path which the Saviour traveled, love Him above everything else, deny ourselves the lusts and pleasures of this life, and devote our time, our strength and our all to His service, we then have the promise of entering into that heavenly rest and joy, that new Jerusalem, where there will be no more trials, sorrow or pain. We will be with those loved ones who

have gone on before, with the holy angels, and most of all, with our dear Lord and Redeemer, Jesus Christ, through all eternity.

LETTERS

I cannot tell you how much I enjoy the pages of every issue of the "Silver Lining," especially the news, for I see so many names of the good old friends, such as Mangold, Zimmerman, Yergler, Weckerle, Getz, Gottlieb Stoller, Beer, Feller, Ben Hofer, and many others. We were neighbors to the Ben Hofer family while we lived at Claytonville, Illinois. I was born in Morton, Illinois, May 1879, the daughter of Henry and Christina Miller. Some of the older folks will remember the Henry Miller addition to Morton.

When I was about two years old, the family moved to Claytonville where my father was engaged in farming. He died in 1896. After three years, my mother moved to Elgin. She died in 1914. It might be of interest to some of the older folks to know that I am the only one left of the Henry Miller family. I sometimes long to see some of the old friends, but as I have poor health I am not able to travel. If these lines should fall into the hands of some of the old friends, I would be very glad to hear from them.

I am very sincerely yours in and for Christ's sake.

Lydia Miller Botteron

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