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AFTER HOLINESS—WHAT?

THE WORD OF GOD reveals only two epochal crisis experiences for the Christian—regeneration and entire sanctification. These experiences are called by many other names describing different facets of the grace of God in Christian experience. Generally speaking we think of the first as having to do with the forgiveness of sins and the establishment of a new relationship between the soul and its God. This experience is preceded by the prerequisite of faith which is repentance, and the operation of faith itself which brings God’s pardoning mercy and a new spiritual life. Admittedly some have stopped with repentance, and have lapsed into a depressed, discouraged, and defeated frame of mind, failing to realize that the exercise of faith would have brought the joy of sins forgiven and the bliss the Blood-washed know.

The second experience is known as entire sanctification and is variously referred to as “holiness,” “perfect love,” “the second blessing,” et cetera. The prerequisite to faith for this glorious experience is an entire consecration of all that we are and have “unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ” (I Thessalonians 5:23). Here once again admittedly some have stopped at this point and have not gone on to exercise faith for complete deliverance. Many have stepped aside into questionable theological paths because of this tedious, disappointing, and what to many seems like an almost totally human exercise with little or no blessing.

God tells us in His Word through the writings of the Apostle Paul that the ultimate in crisis Christian experience is love “out of a pure heart” (I Timothy 1:5). This is “the end of the commandment.” This is “that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God” (Romans 12:2) for each of us. Here the sanctified Christian may sing with the Apostle Paul, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: according as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love” (Ephesians 1:3-4). Here, “with every needed grace supplied, and every longing satisfied,” the sanctified Christian turns his face toward the challenge of the future. The believer, now fully consecrated and cleansed by the baptism of the Holy Ghost in response to unwavering faith in the atonement of Christ and the promise of the Word, finds himself on “the way of holiness” (Isaiah 35:8).

But what lies beyond? After holiness—what? The divine directive at this point is very clear and simple. “Grow in grace” (II Peter 3:18). Growth has been defined as “the process of increasing the dimensions of something already existent and capable of enlargement.” It is not necessary to step aside to seek a “third blessing,” or to become confused by the questions and vagaries of the modern “unknown tongues” position; but rather to recognize that when first sanctified the soul is in quality as truly sanctified as the saint who has walked with God in the beauty of holiness for half a century. And our desire for legitimate, scriptural, emotional satisfaction along with every other legitimate holy desire can be satisfied within the boundaries of this glorious experience.

Of course we must take advantage of every means of grace—secret prayer, earnest Bible study, zealous witnessing for Christ—and in every way walk in the light as He is in the light. Then we will enjoy close, sacred fellowship with Him. And as we walk with Him and grow in His grace, His blood will continually cleanse us from all sin (I John 1:6-7).

So like the mariner who pushes out of the small confines of the Mediterranean Sea past the gateway of Gibraltar and finds himself challenged by almost limitless opportunities for travel and exploration in the great Atlantic, we may push our way out through the gateway of the crisis experience of entire sanctification into the limitless possibilities of growth in grace and in the truth and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
IT IS HUMAN to want to find a bargain—to get something for nothing. It is human to avoid the distasteful—to find a painless, easy way to the coveted goal! It was the coming of the Greeks to Jesus that brought to His lips some words that sound distasteful to modern ears.

The Greeks represented the human way of salvation, a way that flattered man. It was painless, and had no cross and no death. When Jesus heard that the Greeks stood without, He said: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal" (John 12:24-25).

It is quite evident from this scripture that Jesus was referring to His own death, which was near at hand. But it is also evident that He took this occasion to enunciate a vital principle of the spiritual world. He seems to be saying that spiritual life and fruitfulness come out of a death to our natural sinful self!

Now the idea of death is unpleasant to modern man. We cry out in anguish, Does this statement of Jesus have anything to do with us? Is this matter of death something to be taken seriously? Perhaps it can be accepted only if one desires—or it can be avoided and a person still be all right. No, it is one of the inescapable statements of Scripture. Other sections of the Bible carry on this theme. Paul speaks of the death of the carnal self (Romans 6:5); and he himself testifies to a "crucifixion" having taken place in his own life (Galatians 2:20). In the Old Testament this truth is well illustrated by the experience of Jacob at Peniel. In this incident there seems to have been a death to Jacob's natural sinful self and a transformation in his character that was remarkable. This moment of "inward death" seems to be a common feature in the experience of the best of God's saints.

Evangelical Christianity has made much of the fact that at the heart of redemption there is a Cross. But it is just as true to say that at the heart of Christian discipleship there is a cross. This involves an "inward death" on the part of the person who would be a true follower of Christ.

The real problem of the Christian life comes at the point of wholehearted discipleship. We are asked to hand over the whole self to Christ. This is a tremendously difficult thing for most of us to do. Those who do respond find their "moment of death" and soon enter into a life of "wonder, love, and praise." Those who shrink back may continue to be "Christian" in many things; they may be nice people and a credit to the church, but they have no "cutting edge."

All men crave life; but many, when they are told that it comes by way of the cross, do not understand how it can be. Like the young rich man in the Gospels, they go sorrowfully away. The late C. S. Lewis compared people to an egg when speaking of this matter of discipleship; he said: "You can't go on indefinitely being just an ordinary, decent egg. We must be hatched or go bad." You cannot go on indefinitely being just an ordinary, decent Christian; you either go on to the cross and break out into "abundant life," or you shrink back and become just a "nice" Christian. You may be as good as the next church member, but you are not the person God intended for you to be.

Our preoccupation with the "death of the cross" need not be a morbid thing. Indeed, it must not be. While death is not pleasant, and we shrink from the uncertainty and pain of it, yet beyond death there is the more abundant life. "Always life stands just beyond death." Beyond the horrors of the Cross there is the radiant life of the Resurrection. Christ has gone the way before us and the glory of His presence lingers near.

The question could well be asked, Is this idea of "death to self" in keeping with modern thought and living? The answer is a resounding affirmative. Catherine Marshall in her recent book, Beyond Ourselves, gives one whole chapter to the subject of "Ego-slaying." She shows that modern psychology joins the Scriptures in recognizing that "egenocentricity" must be slain. She is not talking about unbelievers in this chapter, but about people who already know and love God. Certainly the author has solid scriptural grounds for her assertions.

Likewise we, who are of the Wesleyan persuasion, are correct in speaking of a death to self in the ex-
Jesus set for us an example to follow. He illustrated this example first by humbling himself to take the form of man and then obedience to the Cross. Jesus taught by parables and example that one must give his life in order to save it. He illustrated this by the parable of the corn of wheat and His own death on the Cross. To His followers He asked them to deny self and take up their crosses and follow Him. Loving Him, I want to keep His commandments. Love constrains and compels me to do His will.

R. W. Latham
Preacher in Republic of the Philippines
Appointed in 1963

I ATTENDED a Church of the Nazarene today almost two thousand miles away from the one I attended last Sunday.

One was a big church in a small town; the other was a little church in a tremendous city.

In the little church the pastor stood at the door and greeted all who came. In the big church the pastor stood on the sidewalk and greeted everyone he could catch.

The attendance in the little church was less than half a hundred. In the big church the attendance was three-quarters of a thousand.

The singing in the little church left much to be desired. The big church had a tremendous choir, and performed outstandingly.

In both the little church and the big church I found God's presence. I only wish that I might go again to both of these churches. Since this experience I have been asking myself several questions:

Were all big churches once little churches?
Do all little churches grow into big churches?
Does a visitor meet this kind of friendliness in all churches?

As I travel the length and breadth of this continent, I shall try to report how a visitor feels in our various churches. The places will be real; the people will be real. Only the names will be withheld to protect the identity. I may be the visitor in your church next Sunday! You will have a visitor, you know!

God give us more little churches with big ideas, and more big churches with "little church" friendliness!

Your Church Visitor

Beautiful Crater Lake in southern Oregon is formed in the crater of an extinct volcano. Viewed from Kerr Notch on the Rim Drive, the curious formation in the lake known as the "phantom ship" is clearly visible. Many Nazarenes who drive to the General Assembly and General Conventions in Portland, Oregon, June 18-26, 1964, will plan to visit this and other scenic spots along the way.

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**Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do to themselves.**

By W. M. LYNCH
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THESE audible and loving words were spoken by a sinless Saviour while hanging on a Roman cross almost two thousand years ago. Since then, man has not changed enough to erase the carnage and cruelty of his sinful deeds or to eliminate the simple and serene prayer of yesteryear. The curse was not against Deity only. The crime committed was not against Christ only. These men's crimes were also committed against themselves, their children, and their fellowmen.

They know not what they do to their children. Who has said, “Like father, like son”? Look at those who follow after you today! There is similarity in appearance and stature, resemblance in expression and habit.

Now look at those who crucified Christ. They laid a pattern that produced spiritual poverty and spiritual death. They set an example that engendered sinful intentions. They left a heritage that harbored a senseless hatred! Respect of church was gone. Parental honor was abandoned. Sabbath observance was no longer a commandment kept. Response to the call of God was now forsaken! And all because of parental example.

These are days when solicitous parents find a sinless Saviour, seeking parents find a spotless sacrifice, spiritual parents become scriptural servants. In parenthood, perfection is found in pardon; purity is magnified in Holy Ghost power; permanence in paradise is its eternal reward.

They know not what they do to others. What effect would this crucifixion have on Bartimaeus, who once was blind; Lazarus, who once was dead; Malchus, who had lost an ear? But more, what effect would it have on others: blind, lame, deaf, and deformed who had not yet been healed? These miserable men would be thrown back again to their retreat of suffering and sorrow. Their faith was forsaken, their hope abandoned, their dreams destroyed. They grope in their darkness, groan in their despair, and gloom invades their domain. These men with their infirmities, maladies, and deformities, like the nameless thieves on the cross, have slipped away to occupy their eternal abode. Time has passed, and others rise to take their place.

But look! From that shameful scene of suffering and death rises a holy band of fire-baptized followers. At the head of their caravan a resurrected Christ stands victorious over death and the grave. Out from that holy hamlet, compassionate comrades moved with newness of vision, hope, ministry, and evangelism. We stand less endowed today! Our call is to tell this generation that from the Cross still rises the power of the Intercessor, “Father, forgive them...”

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**He Gave Himself**

*He left His throne in glory And chose humility.*  
*He chose the cross of Calvary, And blessed the ones who cursed Him, Salvation to complete.*  
*He gave himself a Ransom, The Lamb who knew no sin, And thus became sin's Sacrifice— Eternal life to win!*  

By GENEVA HUNTING  
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RECENTLY it was my privilege to visit eleven countries in Europe and to see firsthand the tremendous growth and comeback the various countries of Europe have made since World War II.

We also visited our Nazarene centers in Denmark, Germany, and Italy. I am thrilled and challenged by the opportunity of open doors that the Church of the Nazarene has to bring the message of full salvation to these various areas.

Perhaps the first thought that would come to a layman’s mind would be, Why send any workers to Europe to help evangelize these countries? Was not Europe evangelized long before the United States? This was my question before visiting Europe.

The answer would simply be that Europe was evangelized before the United States, but since that time coldness, indifference, and formality have crept in, and the people, for a large part, no longer care about the experience of being born again or the experience of receiving the Holy Spirit in His fullness. The state church has the function of proclaiming the gospel in many areas. These churches are tax-supported and consequently have become mechanical. Hence the need of a vital, clear-cut gospel message.

On our visit to the Kleven in Copenhagen, Denmark, we were impressed with the progress that has been made there in little better than three years. They have gathered together a fine group of Danish Nazarenes who love the Lord and want to spread out to evangelize Norway.

We visited Oslo, Norway, on this trip and there has been a tremendous population explosion there. There is street after street of solid apartments with very little or no church attendance. The opportunity here for giving out the gospel is tremendous.

There are many people of Norwegian extraction in the Church of the Nazarene. What a chance it is for them to have a part in the opening of the work in Norway!

Our next visit was with District Superintendent Jerry Johnson in Germany. In a little over five years they have established a fine church in Frankfurt, have built a church in Berlin, and have established ten other congregations in that general area.

Again, what an opportunity for the many people in the Church of the Nazarene of German descent to have a part in furthering the gospel of Christ in this area!

We also visited District Superintendent Bob Cerrato in Italy. Since our last General Assembly the work there has grown greatly. New churches have been established. Other denominations are desirous of joining with the Church of the Nazarene, and the opportunities almost exceed our imagination.

In view of these tremendous opportunities, why doesn’t the work go ahead faster in some of the new areas? The answer can largely be given in one word—money.

There is the opportunity for the Church of the Nazarene to open work in Switzerland, France, and other places, which, again, await Nazarene laymen to give of their means to help proclaim Christ.

I have long been convinced that our international missionary effort in the Church of the Nazarene is second to none, and generally speaking can money go as far as any church. However, there simply not enough money to push the battle where the doors are open.

My personal awakening to the challenge of Nazarene missions happened eight years ago at First Church in Detroit, Michigan. Miss Fairy Chi was the special speaker, stated that she wondered why the Holy Spirit had led her to stay in the States and speak on missions at various times when the results did not seem too encouraging. Why not be allowed to go back to Africa to the work she loved so well?

She probably never realized that she was bearing to bear on me, through the Holy Spirit, the challenge of lay participation in our mission cause.

Soon after this the men of the church organized the Orval J. Nease Men’s Missionary Fellowship group. What a fine lot of Nazarene men...
associated with! They are still a very strong, active group of laymen who are dedicated to the cause of missions today.

Since coming to California six years ago, through our business activities, we have taken at least one special missionary project each year. God has blessed, helped, guided, and directed our path. I could testify, too, of the material gains He has given us, but perhaps that would be putting the emphasis in the wrong place. Suffice to say, God will be debtor to no man.

Then there is the great personal joy of knowing that through our giving at home God's kingdom has been advanced in other parts of the world.

The realization that a layman can participate in world evangelism can be a challenge to every layman, if he will accept. Were not the last words of Jesus spoken to laymen as well as to the missionaries? “Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15); and “Ye shall be witnesses unto me . . . unto the uttermost part of the earth” (Acts 1:8).

A ONE AND A CIRCLE

By LAURA FORINASH, Pastor, Lockhart, Texas

“SEE,” Wanda told me proudly, “I can write a one, and I can make a circle.” Wanda was four years old and eager to demonstrate her new skill.

“If you can make a one and a circle,” big sister Nancy encouraged her, “you can write ten, or one hundred, or all kinds of numbers.”

Such higher mathematics went over Wanda’s head. Her little-girl thinking did not take in such things as hundreds and thousands. She was quite content to write ones and make circles.

That bit of conversation set me thinking: I wonder! Could it be that we as Christians are going about serving God in the same way that Wanda was writing her numbers? In the realm of things spiritual do we content ourselves with writing ones and making circles when we could be writing tens, and hundreds, and all kinds of numbers?

Every sanctified Christian has the power to serve God: “Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you” (Acts 1:8). Do we, after we have received power, content ourselves with small accomplishments simply because we have not caught a vision of the greater things that we could be doing?

We pray, of course. We have to pray in order to stay alive in Christ; but are our prayers as big as they could be? Do we see the results God would give if we would ask? Or do we assume that the privilege of asking largely is for someone else, some superhuman being whose spiritual stature we do not have?

Elijah “was a man subject to like passions as we are,” but when he prayed God moved heaven and earth to answer. Have we in secret converse with God found the height and depth and potential of Elijah-like prayer? Or do we content ourselves with a more-or-less routine, uninspired, Wednesday-evening petition, “Lord, send us a revival”? Have we really prayed for the man next door, the unsaved child down the street, or the cousin in another town? Have we prayed for our missionaries overseas, the pastor in our home church, and for ourselves?

Have we recognized the possibilities of personal evangelism? Does it ever occur to us that our neighbor’s eternal destiny may be decided by whether or not we tell him the way of salvation? It is true that not everyone to whom we testify will be saved. There were people to whom Christ preached who refused salvation. Our Lord did not give up and quit because some did not believe. We can ill afford to use the unbelief of some as an excuse for not testifying. Are we, to all practical purposes, putting “Evangelism First,” or have we let the enemy trick us into putting “I can’tism” first, to the eternal damaging of our services to God?

I wonder! Are we exploring the glorious opportunities that are ours for the laying up of eternal treasures, or are we content just to “write a one and make a circle”?

IF we do not do more, we will be doing less than before. There are more who have never heard the story of Calvary and Easter. We have more; therefore we must give more. “Now is the day of salvation.”

G.Williamson
General Superintendent
AS JESUS STOOD before Pilate, He was asked, “Art thou the King of the Jews?” (Matthew 27:11). Jesus answered Pilate, “My kingdom is not of this world: ... I am a king” (John 18:36-37). Yes, this poor, despised Man standing before Pilate was really a King. All Scripture confirms it. He may have been speaking as the Son of Man, but He was also the Son of God, whose Kingdom is not of this world. He becomes our King when He sets up His throne within us. His kingdom is on high, so of course what He puts within our hearts is “not of this world.”

He is making His own kingdom little by little. He gathers His subjects one by one, then rules from the throne which He sets up within the heart. We pray, “Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done . . .” (Matthew 6:10). His will can be done on earth only as we let Him become the ruling and reigning Monarch and do His will.

This King never uses force to gain a subject or promote His kingdom. How vastly different from those of earth! By force Russia is gathering her subjects. The iron curtain and the East German wall are strong and treacherous. By coercion the millions are being herded behind them. But not so with the kingdom of Jesus Christ. He will never employ force. “If any man will come after me, let him . . . take up his cross, and follow me” (Matthew 16:24).

His kingdom is love. The agency that persuades men to become His subjects is love. God is Love, so when He sets up His throne within the heart, it is a throne of love. No wonder He said His kingdom was of another world.

As we willingly let Him set up His kingdom within our hearts, so we must willingly submit to His continual rule. This is the hardest part of being a subject of the kingdom of God. The will of man resents subjugation. It resists any ruling force. One of the most difficult commands in Scripture is, “Obey them that have the rule over you” (Hebrews 13:17).

In the natural world, unwilling subjugation is detected everywhere. One political party resents the ruling force of another. It is found in the business world, in the school, in the home. The human will always wants to be the one to exert authority and not the one subjected to it. But this King called to preach and have returned from their tour of service to enter a Nazarene college and are now filling a pastorate. The churches have also been reaching some of the civilian employees who live permanently in the Canal Zone. Nazarene boys who have drifted away from the Lord have been reclaimed; others have been converted for the first time. Some have been fearful of attending because the church is located so close to the border.

Through the Easter Offering you may give that others may hear the gospel of Jesus Christ. You have a share in continuing these churches through your offering. This is one of our overseas home mission fields supported by the General Budget.

--By Alpin Bom for the General Stewardship Committee
no unwilling subjects and every one is serving
because of love. He is Love, and the Kingdom He
sets up within the heart is love; His ruling force
is love, and the motive that drives every servant
is love. No wonder the Apostle Paul said, “The
love of Christ constraineth us” (I Corinthians
5:14).

We should always recognize that we have sub­
jected ourselves to a reign of love, and that the
ruling Monarch is our King. When we kneel in
prayer, it is before a King. When we speak, it is
to a King. When we ask, it is of a King. We stint our­
selves by asking for and expecting such small things.
His promise is, “Ask, and ye shall receive, that
your joy may be full” (John 16:24). When we
kneel in prayer we should visualize Him as our
Monarch on His throne.

This should cause us to throw away our little
measure and ask largely according to His riches
in glory by Christ Jesus. He said He would open
the windows of heaven and pour out blessings
that we could not contain. The windows of heaven
are big ones! We approach Him most of the time
as tattered beggars at the back door, expecting a
“hand out” of discarded scraps from His refri­
gerator. Instead, it would thrill His kingly heart
to have us stand beneath His window, as one of
His subjects recognizing Him as King, and act
as if we expected Him to pour us out something
of His riches that would be worthwhile.

I watched Princess Elizabeth ride down The
Mall, dressed in a royal wedding dress, covered
with beautiful pearls. On her head rested the
crown of the British Empire. As the coach went
by, drawn by those beautiful white horses and
 guarded by almost human statues in the rear, I
watched her subjects thrill to tears and shouts for
her splendor, as some of them stood in tattered and
ragged clothing. The wardrobes and standards
of living in the White House are beyond the
imagination of multitudes of poor folk in America.
But while it is so in kingdoms of earth with reign­
ning monarchs that are human, it is not true of
our spiritual state. Our reigning Monarch says,
“What is Mine is yours.” We are “partakers of
his holiness” and thus become partakers with Him.

The gradual subjugation of the universe is now
going on and the day is fast approaching when
to Him “every knee shall bow . . . and every
tongue shall confess.” “Then cometh the end,
when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to
God, even the Father: when he shall have put
down all rule and all authority and power. For he
must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his
feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is
death. For he hath put all things under his feet”
(I Corinthians 15:21-27).

Someday He will gather His subjects from the
four corners of the earth and as the King of Kings
and Lord of Lords will come to receive His own.

THE CHURCH had been conducting an all-night
chain of prayer on Wednesdays for two months.
In the service that day the congregation sensed the
presence of the Lord in an unusual way. After the
fourth verse of the song (the third verse, of course,
had been omitted!) had been sung, a grandmother
said aloud, “I think we ought to sing that third
verse.” And when the third verse had been sung
someone said, “Let’s sing that fourth verse again.”

A man stood to his feet and testified how God
had saved him out of the entertainment world when
he was sick of sin and tempted to commit suicide.
The song leader arose and praised God for His re­
deeming power. The grandmother testified to
God’s wondrous love and sustaining grace.

The pastor waited. Was this just another time
when God’s people felt free to express their grati­
dute to God, and must he carefully guide the
service back into the established routine? Or was
this the special moving of the Spirit of God and
he must tread softly lest he quench the Spirit?

A lady crippled by arthritis testified from a wheel­
car to God’s love for her and to her desire to
serve Him more faithfully. She was followed by
housewives, a teen-ager, a carpenter, a serviceman,
a schoolteacher, a mother separated by the miles
from her husband and daughter, and a welder who
just ten days earlier had wept his way to God in
the pastor’s study.

It was too late now for the usual. Today there

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Christ has commanded His followers to go into all the world and preach the gospel. I am offering my life to help carry out this divine commission. Through prayer, giving, and service we can carry the news of the love of Christ to a needy world.

**Judy Slater**
Teacher in Republic of South Africa
Appointed in 1963

would be no announcements, no offering, nor would the vocalist sing or the pastor preach. The pastor asked the congregation to rise and turn in their hymnals to "Just as I Am."

As the people sang, God’s Spirit spoke; but no one moved. The congregation was instructed to stand with heads bowed and eyes closed as they sang the second stanza. At the pastor’s invitation, the wife of the welder stepped out and walked down the aisle to a place of prayer. A ten-year-old girl from a Roman Catholic home knelt a few feet away. Only a few minutes slipped by before both seekers had wept their way to God.

Comments on the service were varied, but constructive. Teen-agers marveled at an experience heretofore unknown. Friends and visitors had thoroughly enjoyed the service. “Old-timers” testified that it was like services in days gone by. The pastor reflected in awe that what he had heard other pastors testify to had happened in his congregation.

One is made to wonder. Is the ordinary sinful? Are organization and careful planning and preparation to be spurned? The Scriptures would seem to say, “No.” Through the Apostle Paul we are instructed to “let all things be done decently and in order” (I Corinthians 14:40).

But there is a natural order and there is a supernatural order. Let us all pray and fast and seek God until the natural and the usual are swept aside by the supernatural and the unusual. Let the showers of blessing fall; for “where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty” (II Corinthians 3:17).

**CLEAN CLEAR THROUGH!**

**By MARY HAWKS**

TODAY we hear a great deal about cleaning agents—low sudsing, high sudsing—clean clear through! Which is best? Which one removes stubborn spots? Cleanliness is here to stay, but most of that cleanliness seems to be on the outside.

External cleanliness is a must for earthly existence, but internal or heart cleanliness is a must for eternity. We must be concerned with internal cleanliness to be able to say with the Psalmist David, “Wash me throughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin” (Psalms 51:2). For sin is the most stubborn spot of all.

We need to make certain we are thoroughly clean, and the best way is to “draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double-minded” (James 4:8). Our hearts as well as our hands must

She went from the church without gladness;
Without being justified,
For she claimed no help from the Saviour—
Her heart was too full of pride.

But later, despondent and burdened,
Contrite, she went to pray,
And the Lord heard her cry for mercy;
He pardoned her sins that day.

Two women will go to church today,
And they may leave side by side—
One with a heart just as black as night—
And one will be justified.

**WHICH WOMAN WILL YOU BE, MY FRIEND?**

**By RUBY FRANKLIN**

A Meditation . . .

Two Women Went to the Church to Pray

Two women went to the church to pray,
Yet they were one and the same.
The first went in pride—for duty’s sake,
No mercy from God to claim.

“I’m thankful,” she said, “for my virtues,
For good deeds I’ve shown all around;
I need nothing at all from Thee, Lord.”

And He answered with not a sound.

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be clean and spotless.

It has been said that “cleanliness is next to godliness,” and that seems to be true. It is a wonderful thing to have a clean living person; it is more wonderful to have a clean heart, for who shall stand in the Lord’s holy place? “He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart” (Psalms 24:4).

The heart sometimes has secret faults, hidden from the eye by external cleanliness and actions. No amount of external washings can cleanse us from our secret faults. Remember Paul’s command, “Let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God” (II Corinthians 7:1).

Isaiah pleaded with the people to hear the word of God: “And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood. Wash you, make you clean; put away the sin of your doings from before mine eyes: cease to do evil; learn to do well; . . . Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool” (Isaiah 1:15-18).

Yes, cleanliness is important! It is wonderful for people to be able to see that we look clean, but to act clean we need to be “clean clear through”! We know that, to be thoroughly clean, we must be cleansed from sin, the stubborn stain. We can receive that cleansing when we realize that, “if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (I John 1:9). “If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin” (I John 1:7).

Yes, we can be clean—“clean clear through!”

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Man Loses His POVERTY in Christ

By C. NEIL STRAIT
Pastor, Carmi, Illinois

THE LINES of Jeremiah 18:3-4 are beautiful ones: “Then I went down to the potter’s house, and, behold, he wrought a work on the wheels. And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, . . .”

This beautiful Old Testament parable portrays what God has done, and is doing, for men through Jesus Christ. Man has been given a life, but he has allowed it to become scarred and wrecked by sin. The Apostle Paul has stated that “all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23).

The marks of sin have defaced many a life led away captive by its subtle attack. Life, which is so precious, can be marred so quickly. The stains of sin leave scars on the soul of man that only the atonement of Christ can erase.

The story of man’s fall into sin need not be a story with a tragic ending. The marred vessel was not discarded and forgotten. Rather, it was made over again. The story of man’s fall is incomplete without the telling of the work of God through Jesus Christ. God is the Potter spoken of by the prophet Jeremiah who takes the marred vessel and makes of it another vessel. And this is the story of every man who has become warped and polluted by sin, and then through the atonement has been changed and made new. God, through Christ, buys man from a life of sin and transforms him, making him a vessel fit for the Master’s service.

The Apostle Paul was a great example of the work Christ can do in the life of an individual. He stated in one of his letters to Timothy that he was chief among sinners. Before his conversion Paul led a wave of persecution against the Christian community; but that hatred was expelled when he was awakened and made new by the transforming power of God. Life was renewed and objectives were changed; for Saul, the marred vessel, now became Paul—the new man in Christ. Thus he could write, “If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new” (II Corinthians 5:17).

Norman Cousins tells of an incident while visiting Albert Schweitzer in Lambarene, Africa. Mr. Cousins, upon entering the dining room one evening, noticed an ancient piano located in one part of the room. He described it as broken and old, warped, and bolted together. He thought nothing more of the piano until he saw Dr. Schweitzer sit down at its keyboard after the evening meal and begin to play. He phrases his amazement in these words: “Here was one of history’s greatest inter-
preters of Bach, a man who could fill any concert hall in the world. ‘The best grand piano ever made would be none too good for him. But he was now about to play a dilapidated upright virtually beyond repair.’ Mr. Cousins said of that moment, ‘. . . the old piano seemed to lose its poverty in his hands.’

Man has been found something like that old, broken-down piano—warped and crushed. But the Lord Jesus Christ has come to us, and when our lives are open to Him, we lose our poverty and life becomes real and wonderful!

The Impossibility of Neutrality

By ROSS W. HAYSILP

THE CHILD OF GOD has two enemies against which he must constantly be on the alert. One of these is evil, whether it appears in all its naked ugliness or assumes a disguise which lends it temporary attraction.

The other enemy is neutrality, which neither affirms nor denies. This is the attitude to life of the man who stands forever on the bank of the stream and does not plunge in. The reason for this refusal of commitment is fear, concern for oneself and one’s security. The person who fails to commit himself, but remains detached, hopes that by so doing he can avoid injury.

A work that requires no sacrifice does not count for much in fulfilling God’s plans. That which we commonly call sacrifice is the best and happiest use of oneself and one’s resources—the best investment of time, strength, and means. He who makes no such sacrifice should indeed be pitied. It is only when we burn our boats behind us that we are ready to conquer an empire, and we find a rich happiness when we commit ourselves to a task that calls for great renunciation.

The great characters of the Bible are men who detached themselves from all else because of their ultimate attachment to God. That is why Abraham could leave home and kindred in quest of a land which was not to be his but his children’s. This is why Moses left Pharaoh’s court to identify himself with his people who were in slavery. The fear of God is indeed the greatest deliverance from the fear of man.

The course of neutrality is the easy one, human speaking. But Christ never recognized the place for neutrality. He said, ‘He that is not with me is against me’ (Matthew 12:30). He divided mankind into two classifications: wheat and tares, sheep and goats, wise and foolish, and just and unjust with a few of his descriptive terms. It is only when we take our stand for the right that God will give us the strength whereby we can stand. By the same token, Christ makes it impossible for us to be strictly neutral in our attitude toward Him because our very neutrality places us in opposition to Him. The question that Pilate faced is also before us today—‘What shall I do . . . with Jesus?’

To overcome any tendency toward the lukewarmness of neutrality, we must boldly throw ourselves into the swift stream of devotion and service to our Lord. By yielding our discipleship fully to His lordship we take our place by His side in obedience motivated by love and service that grows out of a divine relationship. Then it is that our lives reflect the truth of an ancient Christian writing called the Didache—‘Not everyone that speaketh in the Spirit is a prophet, except he have the manners of the Lord.”
New Depth for New Days

There are new days ahead for our world, filled with both danger and demand. None of us can hope to measure either. Now, as Paul puts it, “we see through a glass, darkly,” or in Norlie’s translation of the words, “we seem to see only blurred reflections in a mirror.” It is a hardy soul indeed who will predict even what will happen tomorrow.

But change and decay are all about us. We live in a world tottering on the brink of chaos: religious, political, and perhaps atomic. Nothing can halt the accelerating pace of change. Our concern, then, must be to do more than wistfully dream of “good old days.” Our concern must be to find new depth for new days.

To this our Board of General Superintendents has called us in an earnest appeal and the solemn proclamation of three days of fasting and prayer climaxing on Good Friday, March 27. It would be vain to hope that we in ourselves could do much about the world in which we live. But the God we serve can do something about it. And He will as we follow His appointed means.

WHY FASTING? Not, certainly, to earn any merit, to become more worthy of receiving those things for which we pray. Not, certainly, to impress the Lord with our serious purpose. We fast because there are some kinds of spiritual battles which cannot otherwise be won. We fast because Jesus included fasting with prayer and giving (Matthew 6:24), and like prayer and giving, not to be done for the eye of man but in the sight of God. We fast because our Lord said that in these days when the heavenly Bridegroom is away those who await His return would fast (Mark 2:18-20). And we fast because we have before us the example of the New Testament Church when on the eve of a great new venture they gave themselves to fasting and prayer, finding both guidance and grace therein (Acts 13:2-3).

This is no plea for meaningless asceticism, for afflicting the body for the sake of afflicting the body. It is a call to use fully all the means God has put at our disposal to forward His work. Millions are hungry because they cannot help it. Let us not shrink from hunger in the service of a higher cause.

AND PRAYER. Prayer for the forthcoming General Assembly, with the great decisions that must there be made. Prayer for the grace and gumption to meet the challenges of the new quadrennium. Prayer for spiritual renewal, revival in our generation, new and open channels for the power of God into the lives of men. Prayer for new depth for new days.

Like God’s ancient people, our strength is in our unity—not necessarily on the shallow level of human opinion—but in the depths of Christian love and holy commitment to a cause bigger than our personal notions. We want no tower of Babel in our midst, to drive us apart. We seek “the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” (Ephesians 4:3).

And this unity comes not by intellectual or political coercion. It isn’t reached by endless arguments over minors that do not really matter much. It doesn’t come by wire-pulling and the marshaling of votes for or against. It comes by fasting and prayer. For it was “when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness. And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul” (Acts 4:31-32).

There is new depth for new days. And it is ours if we want it badly enough to take God’s way to get it. May we search our souls in utter honesty through the weeks and months ahead, thinking long and hard on the truth conveyed in the inscription found in the German Cathedral of Lubeck:

Ye call me Master, and obey me not.
Ye call me Light, and see me not.
Ye call me Way, and talk me not.
Ye call me Life, and desire me not.
Ye call me Wise, and follow me not.
Ye call me Fair, and love me not.
Ye call me Rich, and ask me not.
Ye call me Eternal, and seek me not.
Ye call me Gracious, and trust me not.
Ye call me Noble, and serve me not.
Ye call me Might, and honor me not.
Ye call me Just, and fear me not.
If I CONDEMN YOU, BLAME ME NOT.

The Real Nature of Freedom

One of the most cruel deceptions the devil perpetrates is the bondage that grows out of man’s desire for freedom. Over and over, whole nations have revolted against some of the limitations and restrictions of their past, only to involve themselves in a slavery more bitter and harsh than ever they
would have imagined possible.

Individuals fall victim to the same deception. Liberty is used to forge chains. Freedom unrestrained leads to futility. There are two kinds of disappointment in life: the disappointment of the man who does not get what he wants, and the disappointment of the man who gets it and finds that it does not satisfy. An unknown poet wrote the pathetic lines:

She set a rose to blossom in her hair,
The day faith died.
"Now glad," she said, "and free to go,
And life is wide."
But through long nights she stared into the dark
And knew she lied.

WHEN WILL WE ever learn that freedom is real only within the will of God? One may go against the grain of the universe, but as surely as he does he is pierced and torn by the splinters. The ship is not free that forsakes the chart and compass to sail the seas at will. There are always the razor-sharp reef and the rocky shore. The train is not free that jumps the rails and rids itself of these "limitations." There is only shattered and twisted wreckage in the ditch at the end of such "freedom."

There is real freedom for those created in the image of God only when they live in harmony with God's purpose and nature. Freedom "indeed" is the freedom that comes from the truth as it is in Christ Jesus. To "know the truth" is not only to grasp it with the mind but to follow it with will and purpose. This is the truth that makes us free.

Well may we rejoice in "the liberty of the sons of God." It is freedom from the fetters of sinful habit. It is freedom from the futility of an unsatisfied heart. It is freedom from the fear of judgment of the future. It is the glorious, wonderful freedom of which we sing with such delight.

THE FREEDOM of the sons of God is freedom within responsibility. Liberty without law is license, not freedom. Man finds his real fulfillment in wholehearted loyalty to a cause bigger than himself. Such dedication is demanding, but it is also rewarding. The deadliest bondage one can know is bondage to his own whims and passing desires. God frees us from this bondage in giving us a great goal for which to live.

Best of all, the freedom that is real is a freedom that grows. Here is one of the great apparent contradictions of life: we may use our freedom of choice either to commit ourselves to bondage or to enlarge the area wherein we are free. The vagrant soul who freely turns into the corner bar quickly loses his freedom to pass it by. He is bound by chains of his own making. But the one who freely binds himself to God's will for his life finds his freedom enlarged more and more.

Freedom, then, is real as we live within the will of God, which is good, acceptable, and perfect. Rebellion against that will is the path to eternal bondage. Let us rejoice in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free, and live in the knowledge that "where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty" (II Corinthians 3:17).

THE CHURCH AT WORK

EVANGELISM

EDWARD LAWLOR, Secretary

YOUR VOTE IS NEEDED!

The vote of every Nazarene and Christian friend is urgently needed! Herald readers will have read on the front page of the February 19 issue of the Herald of Holiness the "Earnest Appeal" of the Board of General Superintendents calling for a three-day period of fasting and prayer to be held next Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday (March 25, 26, 27).

Your Department of Evangelism calls for the total participation of all our people, and asks for your vote now to participate. A negative vote by you could mean that souls may perish. Never have we needed a positive vote for anything from everyone as much as in this effort!

PLAN NOW IN YOUR OWN WAY TO OBSERVE THESE THREE VERY SOLEMN AND SACRED DAYS OF FASTING AND PRAYER

Read the "Earnest Appeal and Proclamation" from the front page of the Herald, or from the poster sent by the Department of Evangelism to your church. Read it through! Pray it through! Then act, remembering that "hitherto hath the Lord helped us." Our earnest plea during these days must be, "Wilt thou not revive us again?"

It is our heartfelt concern that someone will be praying in every Nazarene home or at every Nazarene altar during the seventy-two hours of this period; that every Nazarene, young or old, employed men and women as well as those at home, at college and school, if not fully fasting the nine meals, will do without as many as possible and spend the time in prayer and waiting upon God. Everyone should make this a period of self-denial.

It is hoped that in many of our churches there will be chains of prayer for this seventy-two hours, so that, as our general superintendents said in their Appeal and Proclamation, "the entire church should go to its knees in sincere humility and with earnest petition for God's help and blessing upon our world-encircling task."

Why from the compassionate hearts of our general superintendents and church leaders has this appeal gone forth? It is in order that we might see a deepening of our own individual spiritual lives, in order that we might for three days fast and pray for a new dedication and commitment to our Christian task wherever we are in the world.

So that we might plead with the Lord of Harvest to send forth reapers both for the home church and the church
around the world. So that as Christians we might observe the scriptural admonition to pray for those in leadership in our lands. As Paul admonished Timothy so long ago: "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour" (1 Timothy 2:1-3).

And finally, as we Nazarenes prepare for our 1964 General Assembly to be held in Portland, Oregon, this coming June, we should during these hours of fasting and prayer pray that it may be a time of holy fellowship, spiritual inspiration, and above all outpoured Pentecostal blessing upon our task. And so your positive vote is urgently needed!

Urgently needed that the special emphasis on the three days of fasting and prayer next week may encourage and spiritually stimulate us all.

Let us pray in these crisis days when the struggle is on for the minds of men, when Communism and cults are flooding the world with false propaganda, and while the fields are white with harvest.

Let us fast and pray in solemn humility—not pray so much that evangelism will break out among us, but rather that revival will break in on us—and bring with it evangelism that will reach the unchurched everywhere.

So the Department of Evangelism joins the appeal of the general superintendents for this period of fasting and prayer. This is not a plea for sentiment, and pray for a divine visitation of Almighty God among us.

THE LOCAL CHURCHES

Pastor James D. Smith, Jr., sends word from Santa Maria, California: "Maria Highlands Church just recently closed a revival meeting with Evangelist Leila Dell Miller. God gave a clean sweep of victory; predominantly young adults."

Rev. Merrill M. Morgan writes: "After serving for two years as pastor of our Dawson Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma, I have resigned to enter the field of evangelism. I shall be happy to slate meetings as the Lord may direct. My home address is 3709 East 14th, Amarillo, Texas."

SALTOVILLE, VIRGINIA—Recently our church had a good and profitable revival with Evangelist Leila Dell Miller. Brother Miller is a forceful Bible preacher and has a passion for souls. The meeting was a spiritual uplift to our people, and many sought the Lord in saving and sanctifying power. The work here is moving forward—L. Guy Nees, Pastor.

BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS—The Fairway Knolls Church recently enjoyed an excellent series of youth revival services with Professor F. B. Dunn of Olivet Nazarene College. Over one hundred young people were in attendance on Saturday evening, and about seventy people (mostly families) saw the film "The Family that Changed the World" on Thursday evening. Four of our college-age young people accepted Christ as Saviour, and a young man was welcomed into our home mission church membership. Since the meeting two more young ladies were saved in a recent service.—Edward A. Rowley, Pastor.

Evangelist T. P. Dunn writes, "Because of cancellations, I have the month of April open. Write me. 518 E. Seventh Street, Hastings, Nebraska."

Evangelist J. V. Langford writes: I have completed ten years of evangelism in the church. It has been a rewarding experience to work with our fine pastors and churches; and it is our hope that we may continue to have a part in this very essential work of revival. We ask your prayers as we continue to slate on into the future.—Rev. W. Glen Rodefer writes: "After much prayer we have felt it the Lord's will to resign as pastor of the Auburn Road Church in Rockford, Illinois, to become pastor of our church in Wyoming, Illinois, on the Northwestern Illinois District. We began our pastorate in Wyoming on February 23."

Evangelists W. W. Geeding and wife report: "This is our seventeenth year in the field of evangelism. The Lord has blessed our ministry and given us hundreds of souls as we have traveled thousands of miles each year over the nation. We are grateful to God for His protection and blessing. We have a good slate, but have an open date, April 23 to May 3. We travel by trailer. Write us at Fletcher, Missouri."

THE BIBLE LESSON

By NELSON G. MINK

Topic for March 22: Two Men—Two Destinies


GOLDEN TEXT: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (I John 1:9).

The repentant thief showed a surprising amount of faith. He believed that Christ was innocent. He believed that Christ had a Kingdom. He believed that Christ could bring him into that Kingdom. He believed that Christ could answer his prayer. He prayed a simple prayer, and offered a simple faith, and he got through the unrepentant thief—the man who was so near, and yet so far—had the same opportunities as his comrade in crime; or did he? Was there some set of circumstances in his past that made him have a different kind of attitude towards the holy, the good, and the pure? His attitude, however, is often reflected in modern religious thought today. A good many people use prayer and religion as an escape mechanism, some quick way out of difficult situations. "If God answers prayer, why doesn't He get our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (I John 1:9)?"

We have before us in the last few earthly moments of these two men a study in contrasts. Here we have two men and two destinies. What each does now he must do quickly. The prayer of the repentant thief was one of the shortest prayers on record. It came out of a feeling of deep need. "I've found the answer; I've learned to pray." The shortest prayers on record. It came out of a feeling of deep need. "I've found the answer; I've learned to pray." The
other fellow in his mockery and uncontrolled display of anger only added to the misery of his last hour, as he cut himself off from the Source of all comfort.

Our Lord shows us all the more wonderful in His readiness to save the one on His right. How eager Christ is always to save to the uttermost those who come to Him! He seems to think not so much about what they are, but about what they may become by receiving Him. We never get over what people have done. He never gets over what they may be by His grace.

A mentally retarded believer once wrote out his simple form of theology in these words:

"What a hope is thrown out in a great spiritual lifeline to all the world, since Jesus sates so completely! In the last moments of life, "sating so that none may despair, and yet, only one, that none may presume!"

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### Deaths

**REV. CRAIG ALLAN BLANCHARD**

Craig Allan Blanchard, pastor of the South Florida Nazarene Church in Lake Park, Florida, died December 27, 1963 at Lake Park, of a heart attack. He was born March 4, 1930, in Portland, Ontario, Canada. He graduated from Galt College of Bible and Missions,硖中gz1953, and from Nazarene Theological Seminary in 1957. He served pastorates in Grand Blanc and Flint, Michigan; Seaview and Denison, Kansas; and Gainesville, Florida, before accepting the Lake Park pastorate in October 1963. He is survived by his wife, Lois Kendall Blanchard; four children: Kendall of Kanekes; David; Stanley; and Elaine of Lake Park; and by two sisters: Mrs. Dorothy Blair of Chicago, Illinois; and Mrs. Ray Linn of Denver, Colorado. Funeral services were held in South Florida Heights Church with Dr. John R. Knight, district superintendent, officiating, assisted by members of the District Church Board.

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**REV. MINA NUTT**

Miss Nett (nee Osterlee), age sixty-five, died at East St. Louis, Illinois, on December 13, 1963. She was born September 7, 1908, near Caro, Michigan. After graduation from fifteen years of school work at the Nazarene, of which she was a member for fifteen years, she was ordained in 1933. From that time, she served as N.F.M.S. president of the Chicago Central and later the Northwestern Illinois district. She and her husband had planned to retire to the pastoral ministry, and she became ill during their last year of service. She died at East St. Louis on December 6. Besides her husband and four children, she is survived by three...
RE: JOHN F. ROBERTS

John Floyd Roberts was born December 17, 1905, at Abilene, Kansas, and died January 22, 1964, in Denton, Texas, after nine weeks of illness. The Roberts family (parents and fourteen children) moved to Abilene in 1901. On September 20, 1926, he was united in marriage to Miss Grace S. Snider. He traveled together throughout the United States as an evangelist until 1936, when he was assisted by a former pastor, Rev. H. L. Woods. In 1933, Mr. Roberts joined the staff at Rest Cottage, Pilot Point, and, following the death of his brother, he served as superintendent from 1937 to 1955. Even after his retirement in 1955 he continued as assistant superintendent until his death—more than thirty years of service at Rest Cottage! His wife died in September of 1963. He is survived by his two sons: Dr. Geren C. Roberts and Dr. John E. Roberts; a daughter, Laura Lumm; one brother, C. E. Roberts; a sister, Mrs. Lizzie Brown; John F. Roberts was a faithful hard worker, devoted husband, father, friend, and brother. Funeral service was held in First Methodist Church of Pilot Point with Dr. J. T. Garrett, superintendent of West Texas District, and Rev. Raymond W. Hurn, superintendent of the Abilene District, officiating.

W. E. EDNA AMANDA YOUNG

Miss Housel was born January 2, 1903, in Williamsburg, West Virginia, and died at her home in Williamson, Michigan, November 19, 1963, after an illness of several weeks. She was married to Mr. Young on October 26, 1910. To this union two daughters were born: Mary (Garnett) and Elizabeth (Klehm); and two sons: Dr. Geren C. Roberts and Dr. John E. Roberts. She is survived by her husband and three sons. Sister Young was a member of the Williamson Church of the Nazarene, and served as church treasurer. She lived in the Spirit, and her everyday life was a glowing testimony for Christ. Our church has suffered a great loss. Funeral service was conducted by the local pastor, Rev. Francis C. Haff, assisted by a former pastor, Rev. H. L. Wood. In the family was buried on November 27, 1963, at her home in Williamson, Michigan.

W. T. PURKISER, Editor

Conducted by W. T. PURKISER, Editor

Recently I purchased The New World Translation of the Bible. It is so different. Anything wrong with it if so, why? Can I depend on it? Did not you once say, “All translations have enough truth to get you through life and to heaven if followed”?

In my humble judgment, you wasted the money you spent on this version—really, a perversion. This is the translation published by the Jehovah’s Witnesses, and is cleverly and constantly slanted to support their unitarian denial of the deity of Jesus Christ and the personality of the Holy Spirit.

What I said (“Answer Corner,” August 17, 1962) was: “There are now many translations of the Bible into English, some good, some indifferent, and one (The New World Bible of the Jehovah’s Witnesses) positively bad. The differences among the better versions are not such as affect the plan of salvation. All tell us clearly that we must be born again and be cleansed from all sin if we are to serve God here and live with Him hereafter.”

I cannot list here all the objectionable features of this “translation.” One can see for himself if the person is the use of the name Jehovah in the New Testament as a translation of the Greek terms theos, God, and kyrios, Lord. Christ is made to appear as one of God’s creatures in the New World rendering of Colossians 1:16, instead of His eternally begotten Son. The doctrine of soul-sleeping is worked into the “translation” of Matthew 27:50; Luke 23:46; and Philippians 1:21-23. The “millennial dawn” idea is inserted in Matthew 24:3, and all other passages related to the return of the Lord. John 1:1 is rewritten to make the preincarnate Word simply “a god.”

If you are interested in a much more complete analysis of this “translation,” order Jehovah of the Watchtower, by Martin from the Publishing House (cloth, $2.95). It will be an eye-opener to you.

What action should a pastor and church take in dealing with a member who definitely teaches the doctrine of unconditional eternal security?

Love him, pray for him, try to help him see the unscriptural nature of this, and if this is unavailing make sure that he does not spread his views among the unwary. By all means, I would urge him to read Robert Shank’s book Life in the Son, which may be ordered from our publishing house, although it is not one of our own publications. The fact that this complete and conclusive biblical study of the doctrine was written by a minister of a denomination which consistently teaches the theory makes its refutation that much more convincing. My own little volume, Security: The False and The True, is an approach from another direction.

Mrs. O. J. Finch Dies in Auto Mishap

Mrs. O. J. Finch, wife of the Pasadena College president, was one of three persons killed in a head-on auto accident March 2. Dr. Finch was in a Kingman, Arizona, hospital in critical condition.

The accident occurred during a snowstorm on U.S. 66, thirty miles east of Kingman. The Finch couple were returning to their Altadena, California, home after visiting in Colorado.

The Finches have two children: Mrs. Arlene Ingram, Bethany, Oklahoma; and a son, Deward, who lives near Omaha, Nebraska.

The two other victims were ladies, seventy-three and sixty-two years old, passengers in the other car.

Colleges Open Dormitories

Four Nazarene colleges, located in areas through which delegates and visitors to the Portland General Assembly will be driving in June, are offering dormitory and dining hall facilities at extremely reasonable rates. The colleges are: Bethany Nazarene College, Bethany, Oklahoma; Northwest Nazarene College, Nampa, Idaho; Olivet Nazarene College, Kankakee, Illinois; and Trevecca Nazarene College, Nashville, Tennessee.

A form for reservations will be printed in the Herald for April 1. Those who desire to take advantage of these facilities must make reservations.

Missionary Tapes for the Blind

A new project enlisting cooperation of the Nazarene Publishing House, the Radio League, and the N.F.M.S. is the transcription of the missionary reading books for 1964-65 on tapes to be made available to sightless persons not later than General Assembly time in June.

The Radio League is furnishing the tapes without charge; the N.F.M.S. provides volunteer readers; and the Publishing House will handle distribution through its regular channels of service to the blind. U.S. mails carry materials for the blind postage-free.

E.N.C. Plans New Buildings

A specially called meeting of the Board of Trustees of Eastern Nazarene College, Wollaston, Massachusetts, last month approved plans to proceed with the construction of a new men's dormitory and a campus student center for the college at a total tentative cost of $1,150,000.

Dr. Edward S. Mann, president, reports that the college will complete its application for $900,000 in loan funds from the H.H.F.A. of the United States Government. The balance of the costs will be raised by the college.

N.P.H. Represented at Church Publishers Association

Dr. Norman O. Miller, Nazarene Publishing House executive administrator; Elden Rawlings, director of sales and public relations; Edwin Speakes, manager of the Pasadena branch; and Dwight Deeks, manager of the Toronto branch, attended a four-day meeting of the Protestant Church-owned Publishers Association.

Problems common to denominational publishers were considered by representatives of thirty-one Protestant publishers. The conference was addressed by Evangelist Billy Graham, who voiced his disagreement with "those people who say we need a new jargon" to present the claims of the gospel. "The great communicating Agent is the Holy Spirit," Dr. Graham declared. "We must deny our ego and personal ambition," he stated. "These must be subjected to the Lordship of Jesus Christ."

Greater Kansas City C.S.T. School

The 27 churches in the Greater Kansas City area joined together for a week of intensive training February 17 to 21. Twenty-six courses were offered in the C.S.T. school under the supervision of Rev. Milton Parrish, dean. Average attendance in the school was 350, plus 90 children junior age and younger.

The courses included teacher training, Bible study, personal Christian living, youth and personal living, youth and music, and courses for N.Y.P.S. leaders, church ushers, local church treasurers, and Caravan leaders.

Classes were held for teen-agers and a supervised program was provided for children of all ages, thus enabling many parents to attend. The enthusiastic response has laid the groundwork for future schools.

Trevecca Choir to Fly to Portland

Dr. William Greathouse, president of Trevecca Nazarene College, has announced the charter of a 108-passenger Capitol Airlines Super-G Constellation to fly the Trevecca choir to the General Assembly and Conventions in Portland, June 18 to 26. A number of other passengers can be accommodated at reasonable rates, it was stated. The flight will leave Berry Field, Nashville, Tennessee, at midnight, June 17, returning after the close of the General Assembly.

Communist Slogans Painted on Panama's Churches

Dr. Ludwig Passes

As the Herald was going to press, word was received Dr. S. T. Ludwig, general secretary, died in a Kansas City hospital.

West Germany: Alcohol Consumption Up

"How to Quit Smoking" Dr. Offered Free to Applicant

WASHINGTON, D.C. (EP) — The American Temperance Society has announced here that it will mail, free of charge, a special copy of Smoke Signals, to persons who wish help in their efforts to stop smoking.

The February issue features an article "Do You Want to Quit?" prepared by Rev. Elman J. Folkenberg and J. Wayne McFarland, a psychologist. They were the developers of the "30 Day Plan to Stop Smoking" clinic reported by a special Seventh-day Adventist agency.

Single copies of the February issue can be obtained free of charge by writing to Smoke Signals, 6840 Eastern Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20012. In quantities, the society said, can be obtained for a small fee.

Graham Says Won't Run for President

HOU STON, T EX AS (EP) — Evangelist Billy Graham said here that he would not run for president—nor would he accept a presidential draft.

"I have no intention of entering politics or giving the slightest encouragement to my friends who want me to tell newsmen," he said, "I intend to continue my present course of preaching the Gospel, which I think is the only hope for society and individual."

In rejecting political overtures by friends, he said he had decided to "preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ and winning as many as I can to the kingdom of God."
Pastor Norman J. Brown (left) receives congratulations from the district superintendent, Dr. E. W. Martin, on the successful conclusion of the fiftieth anniversary celebration of the Ellington (Caro, Michigan) Church of the Nazarene. Capacity crowds attended the services honoring former pastors and featuring charter members in a Sunday evening service built around the theme “A Renewed Covenant.”

A suggestion of the Department of Ministerial Benevolence was followed by the Valley Center Church of the Nazarene, San Dimas, California, and Rev. and Mrs. T. L. Taylor, a retired minister and his wife, were honored with a “sock and hankie” shower. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor are the parents of Dr. Mendell Taylor, dean of Nazarene Theological Seminary, and are the grandparents of Taiwan Missionaries Rev. and Mrs. Jack Messer.

The Whalley, British Columbia, Church of the Nazarene as pictured here was recently dedicated by District Superintendent Roy J. Yeider. The new sanctuary seats 250. The property valuation is set at $60,000. The congregation had previously worshiped in a lower auditorium. Rev. R. G. Fry has been pastor since 1962.

Each year the city of Van Nuys, California, presents a “Bethlehem Star Parade,” centering about the birth, boyhood, ministry, and teachings of Jesus. For many years the Van Nuys Church of the Nazarene, under the leadership of Rev. Harold J. Ponsford, has entered a float in this parade as part of the effort to “Keep Christ in Christmas.” The 1963 float is pictured here.

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