

MILTON, WIS. — Monday night, April 13, was the time for a very pleasant gathering at the Alpine Restaurant in Creston Park. On that date the Men's Fellowship of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church entertained the youth members of the church who are soon to be graduated or have recently been graduated from the Milton schools — from the college, high school, and grade school.

After a bountiful meal, Prof. William D. Burdick presented Dr. Milton D. Davis who led the company in informal singing. Charles Williams, president of the Fellowship, then spoke in welcome to the honored guests. In well-chosen words he emphasized, among other points, the importance of future education and faithfulness in any job undertaken.

Miss Judith Van Horn, a college senior nominated to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, responded. In her reply she stressed the value of the training received in the church from earliest years and expressed gratitude for the continued interest and encouragement given in matters pertaining to the activities and spiritual welfare of the youth membership.

The remainder of the evening's program was presented by Attorney Malcolm P. Mouat of Janesville. He described his recent trip through the East African countries of Kenya, Uganda, and Tanganyika. He told of the topography, agriculture, and other matters of interest in these countries, and also of the tribal, political, and social structure of their society. This is a great hindrance to the establishment of any central government or feeling of nationalism.

The lecture was illustrated by interesting colored slides including many pictures of the big game animals so numerous in those areas.

The ladies of the church were invited to this event. The program was both informative and helpful.

(Written by Abbie Van Horn at the request of Marjorie Burdick, Correspondent.)

## Births

Thorngate.—A son, Brian Glenn, to Dr. Philip and Roma (Gallraith) Thorngate, March 10, 1964, at North Highlands, Calif.

## Accessions

Alfred, N. Y.

By Baptism:  
Arlene Briggs  
Linda Pierce  
Douglas Reid  
Sharon Snyder  
Christine Van Horn

Marlboro, N. Y.

By Letter:  
Edward Lawrence  
Mrs. Mildred Lawrence  
Eddie Rae Lawrence  
Betty Jean Lawrence

By Baptism:  
Mrs. Lois Cruzan  
Maryelin Dixey  
Michael Dixey  
Howard Hiles  
Roy Hiles  
Eric Peterson

## Obituaries

Bliss.—Fred Leslie, son of Benjamin T. and Mary Jane (Crandall) Bliss, was born January 21, 1877, in Little Genesee, N. Y., and died April 2, 1964, at the St. Francis Hospital in Olean, N. Y.

Mr. Bliss attended grade school in Little Genesee and Bolivar high school. He was married Dec. 3, 1900, to Nina N. Clark in Little Genesee, N. Y., who survives. To this union were born three children: Lula Louise who died in infancy; Bernice (Mrs. Alton Bentley) of Little Genesee, and Donald B. Bliss of Allegany, N. Y. There are four grandchildren.

Mr. Bliss spent most of his life in Little Genesee as a farmer. He retired in the early 40's. He was baptized and joined the Little Genesee Seventh Day Baptist Church in 1891 and was a member until his death. He pledged his eyes to the Eye Bank.

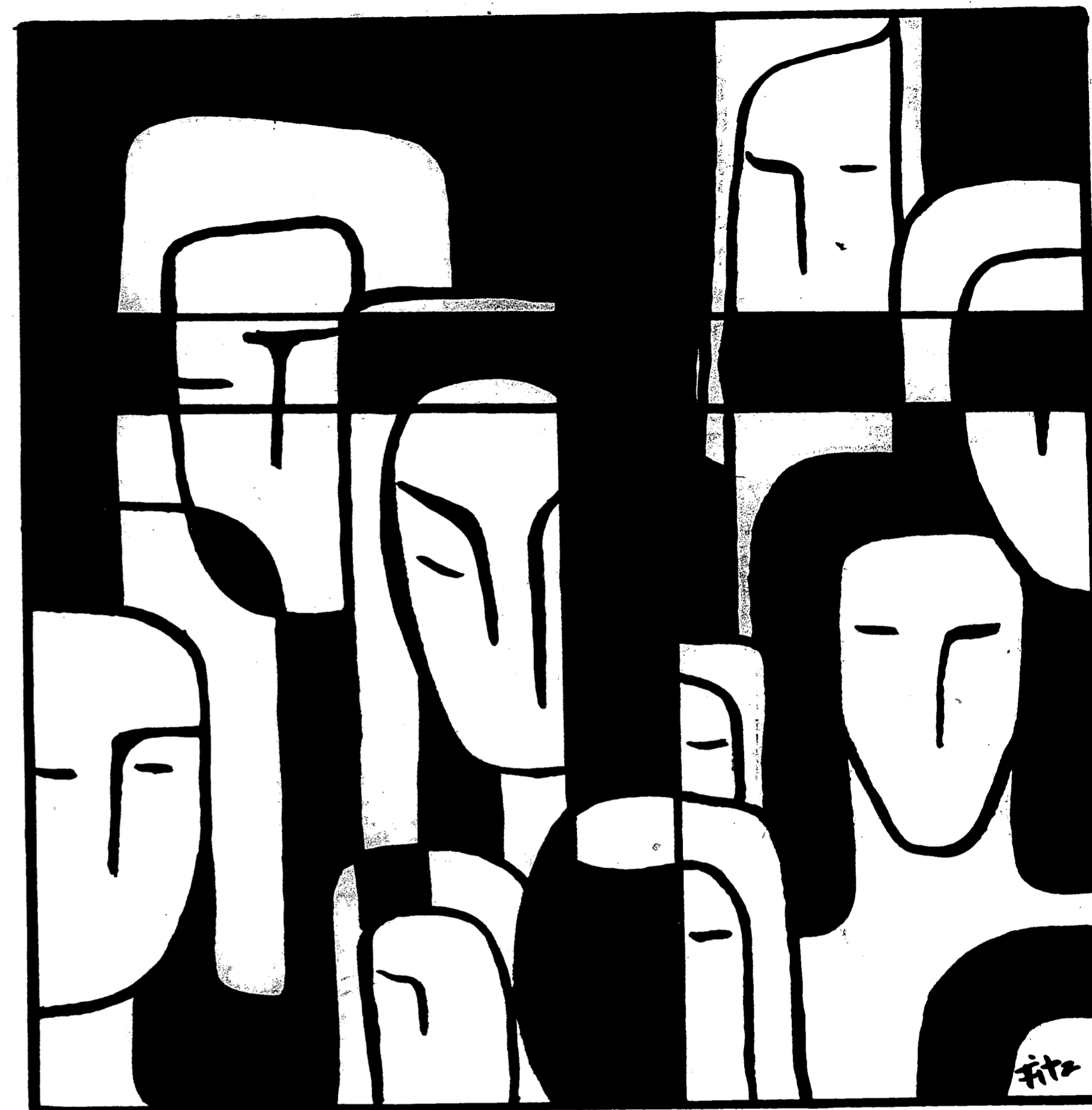
Funeral services were held in Bolivar, N. Y., Sabbath afternoon, April 4, 1964, with Pastor Herbert Saunders officiating. Burial was in the Wells Cemetery, Little Genesee.— H.E.S.

Curtis.—Alice Frair, daughter of John and Justine Chesebro Frair, was born in Hector, Pa., March 19, 1872, and died Jan. 24, 1964, at the Woman's Relief Corps Home in Oxford, N. Y.

Alice was married to Leslie P. Curtis Nov. 24, 1892. She spent most of her life in the area of Brookfield, N. Y., where she was a faithful member of the Seventh Day Baptist church and her husband was a deacon until his death July 11, 1947. Since that time Mrs. Curtis has spent some of her time with her children. She is survived by three sons: Deacon Clifton L. of Hamilton, N. Y., Deacon Gleason M. of Riverside, Calif., and Arthur H. Curtis of Whitesboro, N. Y.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Herbert Levoy, pastor of the Brookfield church at a funeral home in Hamilton. Interment was delayed until spring.

— Mrs. Clifton Curtis.



# The Sabbath Recorder

You are a letter that has come from Christ, given to us to deliver: a letter not with ink but with the Spirit of the Living God, written not on stone tablets but on the pages of the human heart.

II Corinthians 3:3

### Guest Editor

The guest editor, Donald E. Richards, once a parishioner of the editor, has come through struggle to his position of usefulness as pastor, first in West Virginia and now at Dodge Center, Minn. Impelled by experiences in the Army to prepare for the ministry he worked at the printer's trade in Riverside, Calif., Salem, W. Va., and Alfred, N. Y. to gain a college and seminary education. Courageously facing major family health problems he has had a ministry characterized by evangelistic fervor and outgoing human kindness.

### OUR COVER . . .

The cover design is a stained glass window effect depicting humanity closely intertwined with the Cross. The artist\* writes, "It seems to me that we need to think of Christianity more in terms of our life today. The Gospel and Christ are not 'dried-up relics' from a long time ago. They are as modern as today and as eternal as tomorrow."

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### The ABC's of

## GOSPEL FACTS

By Stephan Saunders

A college student discovers a new relationship in Christ.

In the past few weeks, since I left my Christian home and started college, I have had my Christian principles challenged many times and in many ways. I have often wondered why the beliefs which had been so dear to me were all of a sudden being pushed out of my heart and mind. I had lost almost all interest in the church because I couldn't really feel anything wonderful about religion.

During Christmas vacation I finally realized what had happened and caught myself before it was too late. My problem was that I had allowed myself to be pulled out on a limb by modern scholars and philosophers. New and divergent ideas had been presented to me and some of them sounded very worth while. Then Christ was removed from the picture through doubt and nothing was put in to replace Him. There was an empty spot in my heart and beliefs — a hole too big to be filled by anything material. At last I turned back to God and the Bible. This is where I again began to find my answers, and without any missing parts; this is where I again found Christ.

On my return trip to college I rededicated my life to Christ one Sabbath morning. The Lord challenged me to remain true and faithful to Christ and the Bible. Since that time I have acquired a new sense of joy which I had never before experienced. This happiness is found only in love and salvation through Jesus Christ, my Savior, and the Bible assures me of this salvation.

But what is salvation? Does it mean just "an easy way to get to heaven"? Webster defines salvation as "the saving

of men from the spiritual consequences of sin — the deliverance of men from sin and eternal damnation through the atonement of Christ."

Why do we need to be saved? Some people claim that they are good enough to make it without all this "foolishness." The Bible says that "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3: 23). This is the gospel fact of why we must be saved.

Christ came for this specific purpose — to give sinners salvation. Paul claims the

title of "chief of sinners" (1 Tim. 1: 15), but rejoices that he was saved through the atonement of Christ. Christ did not come into the world just as an example for sinners; He was more than that; He came to deliver us from sin. This is the gospel fact according to Christ and the Bible. Christ was tried and crucified for our sins. Christ bore them all.

He accomplished a divine purpose when He died on the cross for us. In so doing He opened a way for us to be redeemed and saved from the consequences and power of sin. It cost Jesus His life and we have no right to continue in sin. Then He forgives.

Some think they will earn their way to heaven by doing good deeds. There are people in this world who are morally as clean as either you or I, but completely miss Christian living. Good works will get us nowhere beyond here without faith in Jesus Christ. "For by grace are ye saved through faith" (Eph. 2: 8) — grace obtainable only through Jesus. True faith in Christ leads us to confess Him before

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## The ABC's of CHRISTIAN GROWTH

By Rev. Edgar F. Wheeler

Growth is not an elective, but an imperative in the Christian life. This is the climactic and concluding thought in Peter's second letter: "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3: 18).

The believer is doubtless convinced of the availability of divine resources to enable him to live the Christian life. Yet many are uncertain as to how to utilize these resources so as to grow spiritually mature.

Let us think of the ABC's of growth in the Gospel received by faith, for considering the simplest fundamentals. The ABC's: Appetite, Belief, Consistency.

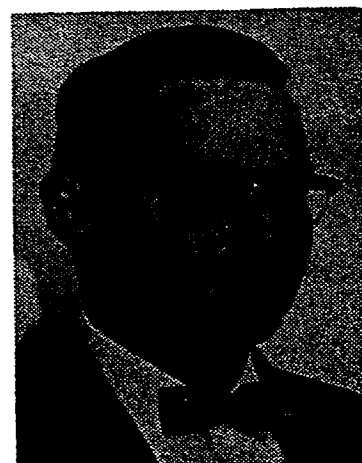
### A. APPETITE

In his first letter, Peter writes: "Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, as newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: if so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious" (1 Peter 2: 1-3).

The "Wherefore" of verse 1 arises from "if so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious" in verse 3. To have received Jesus Christ as Savior is to have discovered the forgiving grace, mercy, and love of the Lord. If you have found that for which the heart hungers most, salvation, then you ought to crave a fuller knowledge of the Lord and His way. Peter says to cultivate that appetite by cutting out of life all evil that dulls the appetite of the heart for God.

"As newborn babes" believers are told to desire the sincere milk of the Word that they may grow thereby. The new-born baby is noted for his almost insatiable appetite. He lives to eat, and that appetite is essential to his nourishment and growth.

"As newborn babes desire the sincere milk of the Word that ye may grow thereby."



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So the Christian should be aware of his need for spiritual food, "the sincere (unadulterated, pure) milk of the word" coming from God. He should consciously seek to develop and satisfy that craving through Bible study, prayer, meditation, and seeking God's leading through the Holy Spirit.

Spiritually, the believer should be like the hearty man seated at the table, napkin under his chin, knife in one hand and fork in the other, and with a happy look of anticipation on his face. He has not come to the table

to mince, or to count calories. He has come to eat, and to enjoy it.

Let the Christian whet his appetite to know the Lord better, to know His will, and to grow like Him. Let him eagerly grasp every means of grace by which God will speak to him, and pray as did the Psalmist: "Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law" (Psalm 119: 18).

Jesus has assured us that those who thus seek spiritual things will not be disappointed: "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled" (Matt. 5: 6). "And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened" (Luke 11: 9, 10).

### B. BELIEF

It is true that belief is the primary step in becoming a Christian. There can be no salvation without a personal faith in Jesus Christ as one's own Savior who bore our sins to Calvary and rose for our justification (Rom. 4: 25). Yet that first step is an infant step, and there is a need in

every Christian to pray, "Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief" (Mark 9: 24).

It is easier to say, "I believe" than it is to rely so completely upon Christ that one will commit his whole life and entire being to Him. "Faith" is more than emotion and sentimentality. True belief means confidence and conviction, and therefore lays claim to our will.

A story tells of a minister going to visit a parishioner who lived in the country. The only way to cross a stream that ran in front of the house was a single plank. The minister gingerly tested the plank, but stepped back each time it bent beneath his weight. The woman of the house saw his plight, and called out, "Put your weight on it, Pastor. It will hold you." He did and was soon safely across.

The Christian grows in his faith as he ventures to test it under all the circumstances of life, practicing surrender to Christ and reliance upon Him in every thought, decision and act. Only so can he learn by practical experience that Christ is sufficient to every need. Thus, he learns to abide in Christ and become fruitful (John 15: 1-7), and furthermore he learns the comfort of "casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you" (1 Peter 5: 7).

### C. CONSISTENCY

By consistency, we mean that all our acts are harmonious with the will of God. "But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation" (1 Peter 1: 15). The believer grows spiritually as he consciously seeks to bring every thought and act into subjection to Christ.

There is also in the Word the thought of steadfast singleness of purpose — persistence. This involves discipline against instability, compromise, and discouragement.

We need to think in terms of victory through Jesus Christ (1 John 5: 4). The Gospel of Jesus Christ gives us the grounds for hope and persistence. The Apostle Paul shared with all believers the awareness that he had not attained the high challenge of Christ, but he said: "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3: 14).

With all his failures and weakness, the believer may easily become discouraged and feel that he is not growing spiritually. When I was a small boy, our family traveled to the mountains of Colorado. We had an old four-cylinder car that did not have much power. One day we were driving along a mountain stream. The rock formations along the road made it appear that we were going downhill, although the stream flowed in the opposite direction. Soon we had to shift gears, then the car began to boil. We were puzzled until we looked back and saw that we had been fooled by an optical illusion. Actually, we were climbing a steep grade.

If we persist in seeking the Lord, in putting our belief into practice, there will be vantage points from which we can look back and see that the Lord has indeed led us on an upward way.

Our call is to "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." If we are faithful in using the means at our disposal for spiritual growth, we may confidently predict the outcome of our Christian lives: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them that love his appearing" (2 Tim. 4: 7, 8).

### How Moral Decay Develops

Doing nothing about duty or opportunity is doing something; indecision is decision — in the wrong way.

No man ever said, "I will be an ignoramus." He just looked at the books he ought to read and said, "I will read them — some other time."

No man ever said, "I will drop all my friends." He just looked at their unanswered letters and said, "I will answer those letters — some other time."

No man ever said, "I will go to the devil." He just said, "Moral standards? Christian principles? I will attend to them all — some other time."

But, books, letters, and Christian principles all have been neglected and some day the bill will come in.

# Sharing the GOSPEL MESSAGE

By Rev. Duane L. Davis

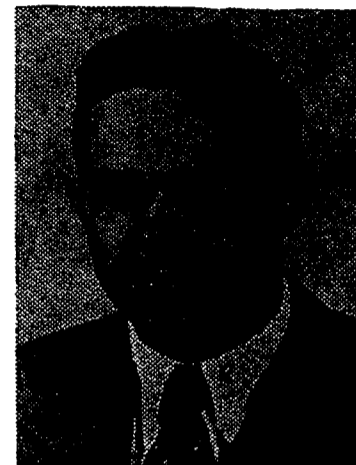
The burden of every true pastor's heart is that his people may be soul-winners.

Have you ever heard of the Gospel According to Samuel? A radio preacher in New Zealand tells how she was surprised when she first heard of this gospel. She was talking with an old preacher one day about his life of service for the Lord. The old pastor spoke of his Christian experience and faith and his eyes were full of light when she questioned him about the New Testament, especially the Gospels. She became curious to know which one of these Gospels had brought him into the Kingdom of God, and asked which it was. He replied, "My dear," taking his time, "I owe an incalculable debt to each — to Matthew, who wrote for the Jews; to Mark; to Luke, the Greek; and to the beloved disciple John. But the Gospel that led me to Christ was the Gospel According to Samuel."

"Samuel?" she wondered aloud. "But Samuel is in the Old Testament."

"Quite true. But I do not mean the judge and prophet. The Samuel I mean was Old Sam'l Jones, our neighbor, who led me to decide to be a Christian. Sam'l was one of the finest men I have ever known. His farm was an example to everyone. He could plow the straightest furrow I ever saw. And when he prayed in church it was the same Sam'l whose life witnessed all week to his love for Jesus Christ. And one day he spoke to me about finding Jesus as my Savior, and God's Spirit worked through him to lead me to Christ for myself."

When we consider the ABC's of sharing the Gospel message, we must recognize the importance of the "Gospel according to you." Jesus clearly gave His



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followers the responsibility of winning others, of making disciples through the whole world. The Holy Spirit Himself brings Christian experience in the heart of the new follower, but He calls us to share the good news we have found, to let Him work through us to bring others to the Kingdom of God.

## ACCEPT

The A of sharing the good news, I think, is ACCEPT. There are several "Accepts" for us. We must naturally have something ourselves before we can share it. So the first accept concerns our personal acceptance and be-

lief in Jesus Christ and our living in obedience to His commandments. Because of our spiritual resources, we have a radiant faith, power through prayer and the Spirit's presence.

Second, accept the responsibility we have for being a witness for Jesus. Every Christian needs to see that the Great Commission was given for all, not just a few disciples, pastors, or missionaries.

Next, accept the fact that God can work through us. He not only tells Christians to share their faith; He gives power to do it. Accept as fact the belief that men and women need Christ and that He can change lives. Then we must accept with confidence His guidance, recognizing that Christ is a living Savior, who guides our conversations and reaches the individuals with whom we speak for Him. "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit is come upon you" (Acts 1: 8).

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# CHRISTIAN LIFE AND SABBATH TRUTH

While Away from the Home Church

By Lt. Col. and Mrs. William R. Austin

The task of seeking to nurture our own and our children's spiritual lives without the help and stability of a home church and pastor seemed a tremendous task to assume. But the admonition, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you" (Luke 12: 31), was the security we have clung to.

The only "preservation" of Christian living is to grow steadily in Christ-likeness. There is no way to stand still, expecting to go on at a later date. From the point that nourishment and exercise stops, our spiritual harmony with God deteriorates. The realization of this fact came slowly but surely, as we, a military family, moved away from our Seventh Day Baptist church and established a home for one, two, or three years in a community where we were unable to worship with people of like faith.

Almost as electrifying came the realization that wherever we were as Seventh Day Baptists, we might be the only ones of this denomination our new neighbors and acquaintances would see. Hence our witness must be impeccable and attractive if we were to win admiration for our denomination.

Our constant desire to be stationed near a Seventh Day Baptist church has been fulfilled for only brief intervals. The strength gained in these brief periods of affiliation with others of our faith has been of great help. However in the many months away, we can testify to God's promise, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there

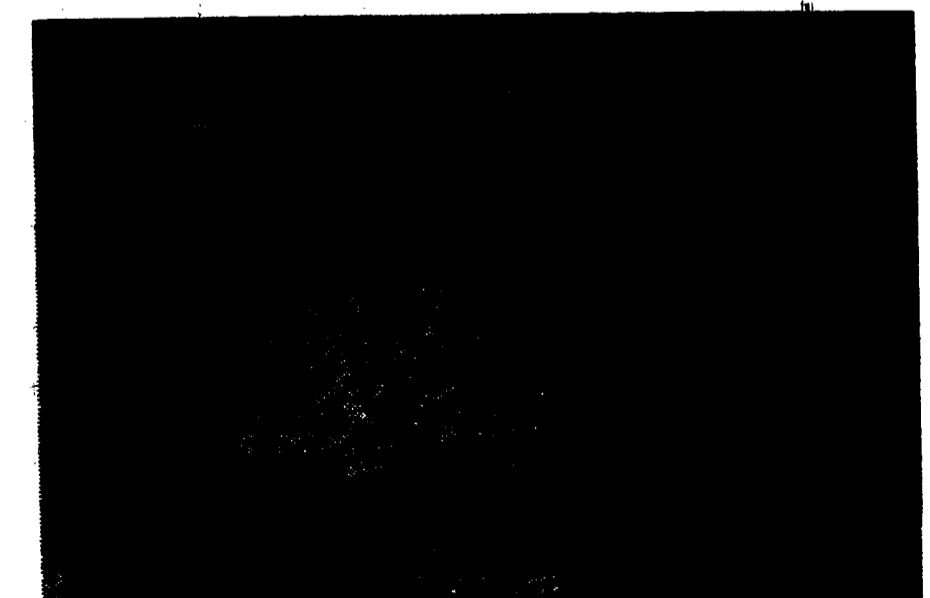
am I in the midst of them" (Matt. 18: 20). We know and have felt God's presence in our trailer on the Alcan Highway, in the stateroom aboard ship in the Pacific, and in our home at the Friday evening Bible study, or in the Sabbath School session held on Sabbath day. We have found great blessing in discussion and worship as a family, the Holy Spirit has led in rich periods of testimony, where the strengthened faith of one member has "lent" faith sufficient for another to step into a like situation to witness.

In First Corinthians 10: 13, "There hath no temptation taken you . . .," there has been a constant assurance of victory when selfish pleasures threaten Sabbath observances and Christ-likeness.

We have found our daily Bible reading before breakfast varies in impact upon us as we tell of how we relied on "yesterday's Bible reading." The interpretation of the verses gives such a variety of resourcefulness, depending on the individual situation, and can be so great a help to others if shared at an informal family time of normal recounting the day's experiences. As we tell of experiences of the day and testify to God's help we find a great motivation to study further and feel moved to a fuller prayer life. We know that "Hitherto, have ye

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# THE CHURCH AND RACE

## In the Light of the Gospel

By Elder R. C. Simons

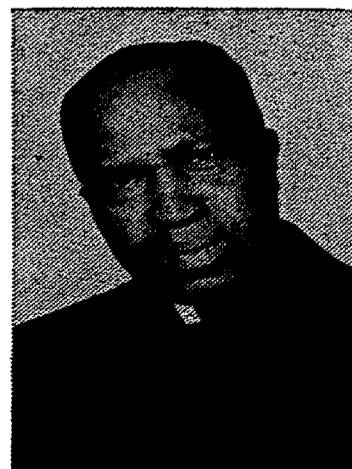
We are not in doubt when we say that Jesus Christ was the most singular character the world has ever known. It is an historical fact that His birth had a most profound impact upon mankind. His life and teachings have impressed not only the simple and humble, not only the unlearned, but also the greatest thinkers among the human race. The testimony of the ages is that Christ was singular among the human family. "Never man spake like this man" (John 7: 46). Never man lived like this man.

Jesus once asked His disciples who men thought He was. "And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist; some Elias; and others Jeremias, or one of the prophets." But Peter recognized Him as "the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matt. 16: 13-16).

It is this Christ that has been the theme of the Church during the past nineteen centuries. From the time of the disciples, with the instruction of their Master, the Church has pushed forth amid unforeseen obstacles with her grand mission — "Go ye therefore and teach all nations . . ." (Matt. 28: 19).

### THE CHURCH AMID THE RACES

When we stop and consider what God has wrought for us throughout the pages of the Old and New Testaments we are more than amazed. In the Old Testament Christ was enfolded; in the New Testament He is revealed in all fullness thereof, and it is Christ revealed, His testimony and His Commission that the Church during this age of grace is sound-



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ing among the millions of every race and tongue and people.

The commission of the apostles was not to see people in their national or racial setting, but in their tie of the human family, with their need of saving grace which the Christ came to bring to all. The early church was empowered by God to carry forth her mission and this work will continue until the Master returns. "But ye shall receive power . . . and ye shall be witnesses unto me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1: 8).

The Church is not a material building, for no man could build the Church. She is not a denomination, neither can she be named by man. What then is the Church? It is a body of believers from all of the globe. The Church is gathered out of all nations as a result of the Gospel, which is "the power of God unto salvation" (Rom. 1: 16). The buildings where the various persons of His body assemble are houses of worship to which all of race, creed, or color have right of entrance. To say, "Do not worship here because you are white, yellow, or black" is mockery and evil in its raw state. The Master said, "Is it not written, my house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? But ye have made it a den of thieves." The Gospel of Christ cannot be divided, for there is only one Savior, one faith, one baptism, one Holy Bible, and one people — brothers and sisters through Him that "loved us and gave himself for us" and "hath made of one blood all nations of men."

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus" (Gal. 3: 28).

The Church's one Foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord,

She is His new creation by water and the Word.

From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy Bride,

With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

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# GOSPEL LIGHT

In a Scientific Age

By Lloyd Coon

The present scientific age to me is about the most thrilling time in which to be living. It seems that technical achievement is progressing at a phenomenal rate. Of course a major reason for this is the billions of dollars the government is spending on defense and space technology. How can the Gospel shed its light through these scientific advances when it seems that man is taking all the credit? We must remember that man is not creating anything, but only discovering something new about God's marvelous creation. Jesus was instrumental in creation as shown by Col. 1: 16, "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." The invisible things of creation that are becoming visible through scientific discovery cause me to stand in awe of His infinite power and majesty.

When we study the universe through the most powerful telescopes there are millions of stars visible that can't be seen with the naked eye. Even beyond these there are stars whose signals we have received through radio telescopes. We have found that other universes and galaxies are moving away from us at inconceivable speeds, which bears out what the inspired preacher meant when he said, "No man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end" (Eccles. 3: 11).

If we turn from the infinite to the infinitesimal we find in the atom a wonderful example of God's order and power. Each atom of material according to theory is made up of a central nucleus with electrons spinning around it like planets or-

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biting around the sun. There is a tremendous force that holds the atom together, which when released produces nuclear energy. There is a force also which holds the solar systems together which, of course, is gravity. Have you ever stopped to think what would happen if these forces failed? I am reminded of these forces when I read concerning Christ that "he is before all things, and by him all things consist" (Col. 1: 17), or are held together. Jesus is not only the creator but also the sustainer of the universe. How can we fail to place our faith in such a one as He?

How do we know that "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth?" By faith. "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear" (Heb. 11: 3). We can never discover who God is or where He came from through reason, nor can reason tell how the universe was made out of nothing. We must only accept the account of Creation through faith, not through reason. If we take the Scripture by faith we find nothing there to outrage our reason.

### Away From the Home Church

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asked nothing in my name; ask, . . . that your joy may be full" (John 16: 24).

The great weekly blessing of keeping God's Holy Sabbath has been evidenced in a greater family unity, as well as the blessing of weekly rest. We have been welcomed in worship services on Sunday with groups who also believe in salvation through the blood of Jesus, and have a concern to follow the admonition to "come out and be ye separate." It is our prayer that our witness to the seventh-day Sabbath among these fellow Christians will some day bear fruit, and bring to them a similar blessing. Worship and work with groups like these have nurtured our faith in many ways, but has not been sufficient in itself.

# SABBATHKEEPING

By Jack Jensen

"The test of the sincerity of your acceptance of Jesus is the way in which you obey or ignore His will, and His Commandments."

You are a person of influence. Are you influencing people to love and respect God's rules of conduct, or are you influencing them to feel indifference for them? To be specific, what is your life teaching others about God's seventh-day Sabbath? Both God (Job 34: 21) and people (Matthew 5: 14) are watching to see what your life teaches about this.

God thinks that this is an important subject, even if man sometimes does not. God made the Sabbath at Creation, and set it apart as holy to Him by blessing and sanctifying it (Genesis 2: 2, 3). When He wrote the Ten Commandments, He told the people to remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy (Exodus 20: 8-11). God said that the keeping holy of His seventh-day Sabbath is a sign of recognition between Himself and His people (Exodus 31: 12-18). This includes all people who want to be one of His, for He recognizes no difference between Jews and Gentiles, and everyone who comes to Him through Jesus is a seed of Abraham (Galatians 3: 26-29).

The seventh-day Sabbath (Saturday), is the day that Jesus declared Himself to be Lord of (Mark 2: 28), and it was His custom to worship on that day (Luke 4: 16). The things that Jesus did in His life are to serve as examples to us. First John 2: 6 says, "He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also to walk, even as he walked." The seventh-day Sabbath is the day that the New Testament says God's people will continue to keep holy (Hebrews 4: 4, 9-11).

Another reason for keeping the-seventh-day Sabbath that God commanded rather



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than any other day, is because the test of the sincerity of your acceptance of Jesus is that of obedience to His will and commands. Jesus said, "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me" (John 14: 21a). Notice the word "if," the little word with the big meaning, in the following statement of Jesus. "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you" (John 15: 14).

Jesus commanded Christians to keep the seventh-day Sabbath of the fourth commandment! When He was

telling His Apostles about the destruction of Jerusalem, which occurred about 37 years after Jesus' death, He told them to pray that they would not have to flee the city on the Sabbath day (Matthew 24: 20). Jesus kept the seventh-day Sabbath then, and there is no record in Scripture of His ever changing, or approving the change of it to any other day. By telling His Apostles to remain faithful, He gave a direct command to Christians (Acts 11: 26) to continue keeping the seventh-day Sabbath holy. History shows that it was the Christians who were able to flee Jerusalem just before it was destroyed in A.D. 70.

The message of I John 2: 3-7 is clear:

And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

Brethren, I write no new commandment unto you, but an old commandment which ye had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which ye have heard from the beginning.

It was Jesus who wrote the Ten Commandments on the tables of stone and gave them to Moses on Mt. Sinai (1 Cor. 10: 1-11, Exodus 20: 1, 2). When Moses received them from Jesus, he placed them inside the ark of the covenant (Deut. 10: 1-5). This same ark is going to be present in Heaven at the place of judgment on Judgment Day (Revelation 11: 18, 19).

Revelation 14: 12 says that the saints are "they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." Notice the word "and." Revelation 12: 17 says that this is the same remnant group that Satan is fighting against, but for those who remain faithful, Revelation 22: 14 gives the triumphant message about Heaven: "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city."

You cannot save yourself by your works. You can only be saved by grace through faith in the shed blood of Christ (Ephesians 2: 8, 9). Remember, however, that the sincerity of your faith is shown by your works. James 2 cautions that faith without works is dead. Can a dead faith save you? James 1: 22 says, "But be ye doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."

Jesus asked that on His holy day you should turn away from normal daily business and activities, and rest, refrain from working and from causing others to work, and keep the day holy. Do you love Him enough to do this?

You can be sure that when you try to live the life that Jesus called you to live, you will be attacked by Satan. It may be a direct affront, or it may be more deceptive and subtle, but you can be sure that sooner or later he will attack you in your weakest spot, whatever that may be. You may be attacked through family opposition, or through difficulty with, or loss of your job, or in any of many ways.

In times like these, remember Psalm 46: 1 which says, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." He loves you so much that He sent Jesus to die for you so that you could spend eternity with Him in Heaven, and this great love also extends into the smallest detail of your present life. He will help you if you ask Him. After Satan is defeated in this area of your life, you will find that the Sabbath is a delight, and truly the high point of the whole week.

First John 5: 3 says, "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments, and his commandments are not grievous." Do you love Him enough to keep His seventh-day Sabbath? He has promised to help you if you do (Isaiah 58: 13, 14). Jesus said, "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved" (Matt. 24: 12, 13). The test of the sincerity of your acceptance of Jesus is the way in which you obey or ignore His will and His commandments. How does your life measure up to this test in regard to His seventh-day Sabbath? What are you going to do about it?

## SHARING THE GOSPEL MESSAGE

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### BEGIN

Don't wait till you are perfect or feel completely prepared to share your faith. Begin now, and your faith will be deepened, strengthened, and enriched as you give it to others. The B of our ABC's is BEGIN TELLING THE GOOD NEWS.

The place to begin is with prayer. Robert Boyd Munger once said:

It is more effective to spend time talking to Christ about a man than talking to a man about Christ, because if you are talking to Christ about a man, earnestly, trustingly, in the course of time you cannot help talking to the man effectively about Christ.

We must never forget the importance of prayer, when we share our faith.

When you have prayed, begin telling others that your faith in Jesus Christ has

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## World-Wide Scope of the Gospel and SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS

By Rev. Everett T. Harris

"Let us realize that Seventh Day Baptists, though small in numbers, have a truth and an outlook that is theirs to treasure and guard, as well as to live and share."

"And as for you, it is plain that you are a letter that has come from Christ given us to deliver . . ." (2 Cor. 3: 3).

Have you ever been asked for a character reference and wished you could say something good and still tell the truth? The Apostle Paul considered that the lives of the Corinthian disciples were his letter of reference. He was proud of them. Their dedicated lives proved to the world that the Gospel message Paul was preaching came straight from "the Spirit of the living God."

The test of the enduring truth of our denominational faith and practice is this: does it produce dedicated Christians? The test applies in Nyasaland, Jamaica, British Guiana, or America. Are our people willing to stand up and be counted when moral issues are at stake? Does seventh-day Sabbathkeeping make us different in the spiritual things that count with God? "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them" applies to Seventh Day Baptists in all the world. We are letters read by all men. Would the Apostle be proud of us? Are our lives sufficient credentials to show that our distinctive witness comes from the living God?

The world-wide scope of the Gospel takes its impetus from Jesus' command to His disciples to go into all the world and preach, teach, and baptize, not just to the brown people of His day, but to all people. Our Christian faith is founded on the belief that there is one world, one God and one humanity.

And so, the world-wide scope of the Gospel is the proclamation that human



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beings are the most important creatures in the world; that saving them, dignifying them, making life meaningful for them is the greatest privilege that we can enjoy and the way to please God.

So, let us be specific and bring these truths to apply to Seventh Day Baptists in our day and time. It will be noted from the 1963 Year Book that there are 10,594 nominal Seventh Day Baptists in the world today. Of this number, 5,760 Seventh Day Baptists are located in

the United States. It is evident that there are almost as many Seventh Day Baptists abroad as there are in this country. The calling together of representatives from all Seventh Day Baptist Conferences to meet at Salem in August, 1964, for the First World Consultation of Delegates from Seventh Day Baptist Conferences would seem to be both timely and filled with promise for the future.

Plans are now underway for representatives from England, Holland, Germany, Jamaica, British Guiana, and Nyasaland to meet with American representatives to consider ways and means of accomplishing several purposes.

In addition to seeking to define our common goals and witness and discussing such practical things as how we may be mutually helpful to one another, there will be times when, through Bible study, prayer and meditation, the delegates will be quiet before God and will seek His continuing revelation, seeking to learn more about His will and way for all men, especially for Seventh Day Baptists in 1964.

One observer of the proposed Consultation has written concerning the plans that have been made, "This may be the beginning of a thrilling fellowship and adventure in faith and love, together. As we are bound to Christ by His love, so let us be bound to each other by Him, despite possible difference of view, understanding, and traditional ways of action and witness."

This same observer concludes, "One of the great temptations for any group small and insignificant as ours seems to many, is to copy other larger denominations, adopting the procedures and manners of others. Our background and experience in the various Conferences, we will discover, are different. Let us realize that Seventh Day Baptists, though small in numbers, have a truth and an outlook that is theirs to treasure and guard, as well as to live and share. Can we see this? Is it vital? Shall we praise God for it? Let us realize that God may, through a small group, teach some of His most vital truths — if He is allowed to do His perfect work in and through us."

Another has written concerning this world-wide Consultation of Seventh Day Baptist delegates, "It is hoped that the Consultation will create better understanding and strengthen existing ties. Each Conference may be helped to see more clearly our common task as World Seventh Day Baptists. Following this, each Conference, large or small, should recognize her part in this common task and at the same time acknowledge the contribution which others are capable of making. If ours is truly a World Mission, we have need of each other."

One thoughtful missionary, writing from the mission field, has stated, "If nothing else were accomplished, the whole Consultation would be worth while for this one inevitable result: the acquainting of the delegates with one another and their mutual and unique problems, in a real, vital way, enlarging the viewpoints and horizon of each one."

"One might also hope, however, that each one present might gain concrete ideas of how the various problems of his own Conference might be approached from newer and bolder angles, and how his

Conference might find ways of helping the sister Conferences."

Since "a better world begins with me" and with you, what is to be the part that you and I may take in helping to extend the world-wide scope of the Gospel and Seventh Day Baptists? We can join our prayers with those of our brethren abroad that God will direct in all things as preparations for the Consultation are made. And we may pray most earnestly that He will grant His Holy Spirit to lead in all the deliberations and discussions of the Consultation. And after the Consultation is concluded and each delegate has returned to his home, Conference and people, we may continue to pray that God will empower us to put our new insights into practice. Realizing anew "that God may, through a small group, teach some of His most vital truths," let us pray with all our hearts that God will purge us and use us as ". . . a peculiar people, that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." (1 Peter 2: 9).

### GOSPEL FACTS

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men and become workers in the church and community as we let God be our guide.

The Bible gives a simple and concise answer to the question, "What must I do to be saved?" Paul declared the way: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house" (Acts 16: 31). If we only believe in Jesus, confess our sins to Him and claim the forgiveness provided in His death and resurrection by accepting Him as our personal Savior and Lord, salvation becomes a living reality for spiritual life.

As soon as we confess our sin and accept Christ, we are made new creatures in Him (2 Cor. 5: 17). We pass from eternal condemnation (John 3: 18) to eternal life (1 John 5: 11-12) — a life of inner peace, joy, love, and many other spiritual qualities.

Remember the steps: Accept Jesus Christ; Believe in Him; and Confess your sin to God and your Savior to men. Then this Gospel according to Christ will become the "Gospel According to You."

## Out of the Crucible of Suffering Comes

# SPIRITUAL VICTORY

"Blessed be God . . . Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God."—2 Cor. 1: 3-4

By Mrs. Eva Rowe

When I think of what my Savior suffered to redeem me, my suffering is nothing in comparison. Only that I might witness to His amazing love do I mention it.

I was born in 1883 in a non-Christian home, but my parents were wonderful otherwise. When two years old, fever left me with only partial vision. I united with the Methodist Church when I was fourteen. A few years later my mother became a Sabbathkeeper. But I was stubborn and would not listen nor read about the Sabbath.

I married John Rowe, a blind man, when twenty-three years old. In a short time we both were keeping the Sabbath. We had learned to love God and that His commandments were not grievous. The Lord led us to study for ourselves and soon we saw things differently from the church to which we belonged. After much study and prayer we were without a church home.

Then testings came. My husband was stricken with Parkinson's disease; I was struck by a truck and spent almost two months in the hospital. We were in touch with the Seventh Day Baptist Church in

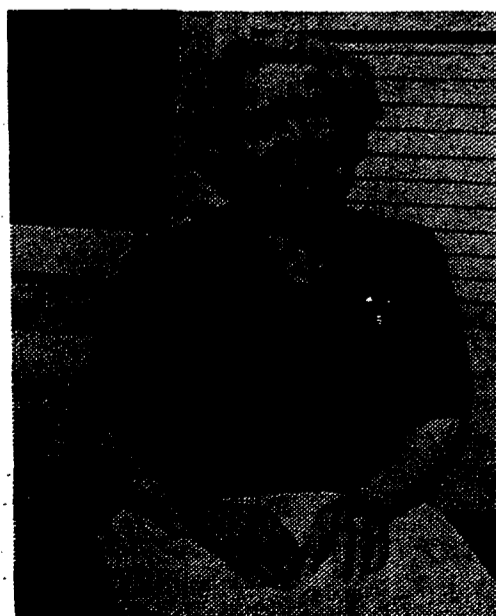
Riverside, California. Pastors E. L. Ballenger and Leon M. Maltby were very faithful in calling. We soon became members of the Riverside church.

Three years later I fell down a stairway, and my husband died before I was released from the hospital. But the Lord sustained me through it all. He was indeed my comfort and He helped me to comfort others who were in need of His love.

I thank Him for these trials for they brought me closer to Him. I want to love Him best of all, and my neighbor as myself that I may prove that I love Him for what He suffered for me.

By Mrs. Allie Brewer

The promises found in the Bible and God's grace and love are my only comfort and hope. The pain and suffering I endure has brought me closer to my Lord and I praise Him daily for His care. The Twenty-third Psalm in its entirety is a source of comfort. The promise, "As thy days, so shall thy strength be" brings joy and peace. "My grace is sufficient for thee" is another promise I rest upon.



Pictured at left is Mrs. Eva Rowe of Riverside, California, reading her Braille Bible. In a world of darkness she has experienced the light of Christ. At the right is Mrs. R. C. (Allie) Brewer, also of Riverside. An arthritic patient living in a world of pain, she has found help and hope in the Gospel.



## Sharing The Gospel Message

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helped you, and that in the Christian faith there is help for all. I like to divide Romans 5: 8 into four parts: 1 God loves the sinner ("God commendeth his love toward us"). 2 His love is for every person in the world ("in that, while we were yet sinners"). 3 The act of love was costly ("Christ died"). 4 This was for everybody ("for us").

As we witness, we will help men and women, boys and girls to find that repentance leads to faith. Each person needs to face his own failures, confess his sin to God, and turn from evil. Some helpful verses to memorize and be ready to help others find in the Bible are Second Corinthians 7: 10, Luke 18: 13, Romans 6: 23, and Luke 15: 18.

After we have begun with the love of God for all, and helped a person to realize his need, we point out that Jesus Christ is the Savior. We have the opportunity to invite people to (1) ACCEPT Jesus as Savior (John 1: 12), (2) BELIEVE in Him as Lord of their lives (Acts 16: 31), and (3) CONSECRATE their lives as they open heart and mind and let Him take over (Rev. 3: 20).

### CONTINUE

I would like to have us think of the C part of our ABC's of the way to become a sharer of the Gospel message as **Contact, Cultivation, Commitment, and Continue Witnessing.**

We need to share our faith both to those we see every day and know well, and to those whom we may contact casually — perhaps only once. Here as we make contacts for Christ, a genuine love and interest in people is one of the first essentials. Pray that God will use your contacts to speak a word of the joy there is in serving Him.

As you become acquainted with people and show a genuine interest in them, their interest will become captured in the things in life you are interested in. George Sweazey calls this "Cultivation" or "getting those who have turned toward the church to put one foot inside the door." Shared helpfulness, neighborliness, invita-

tions to church and church activities may all help the person to capture an interest in the Lord's work. Christian radio programs, tract and literature evangelism, advertising, attending church socials — all may help to cultivate an interest. When you have shown a person your interest in him and he respects your opinions in these areas, he will also respect your feelings about Christian experience. Everett Harris often expresses it by, "Earn the right to speak to others about Christ."

The third step perhaps is one many of us never reach. This is **Commitment**, or to use Sweazey's expression again, "getting both feet in the church," as people become acknowledged Christians and followers of Jesus. We need to use the "B" mentioned previously in this article. I believe many people are inspired by a good Christian life and its example, but never accept Christ because nobody speaks to them about accepting Him for themselves. A conviction never controls life until it is consciously and clearly accepted. How many of us stop short of expressing to others that we would like to see them find the faith in Jesus Christ that saves?

The fourth C is **Continue**. This applies in our interest as we continue to help a new Christian to develop and grow in the faith. Don't drop a friend who decides for Christ — or he will soon wonder what your faith really was, after all.

**Continue** also to witness and share your faith. When you have helped one person it will be an inspiration and encouragement to you to speak to others. If the first efforts are unsuccessful, **continue** to share your faith, confident that some of the seed sown will bring forth abundantly (Mark 4: 20).

James ends his New Testament letter with the joy we find in sharing our faith with others. Jesus said that there is great rejoicing when one person comes back to Him (Luke 15: 4-32). Let Him use you for this important task He has given His followers. **ACCEPT** this responsibility, **BEGIN** telling the good news, and **CONTINUE** in the faith that He will live and speak through you!



# The Sabbath Recorder

## THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO YOU

There's a sweet old story translated for men,  
But writ in the long, long ago —  
The Gospel according to Mark, Luke, and John —  
Of Christ and His mission below.

You are writing a gospel, a chapter each day,  
By deeds that you do, by words that you say.  
Men read what you write, whether faithless or true.  
Say, what is the gospel according to you?

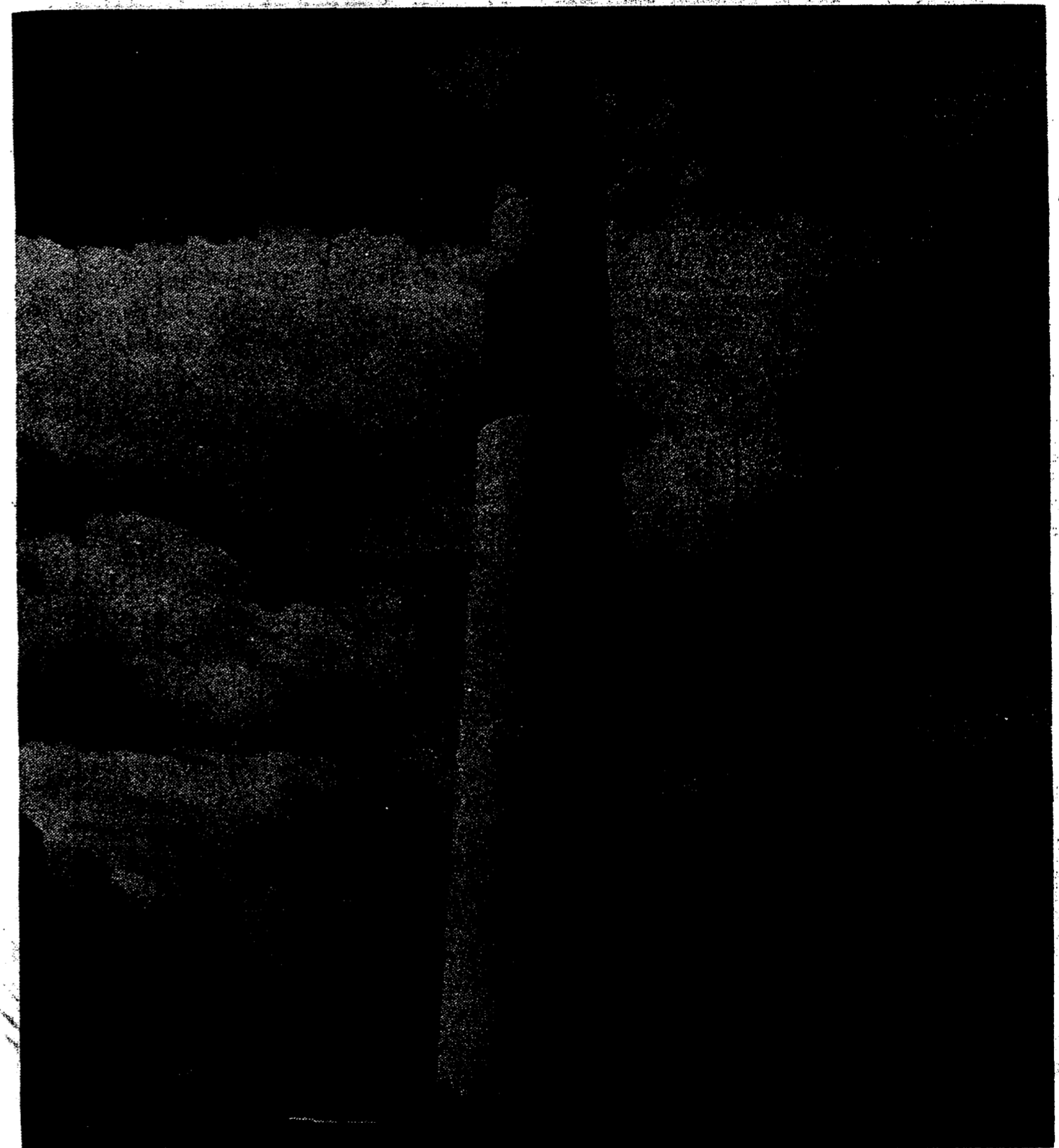
Men read and admire the Gospel of Christ,  
With its love so unfailing and true;  
But what do they say, and what do they think  
Of the gospel according to you?

'Tis a wonderful story, that gospel of love,  
As it shines in the Christ-life divine,  
And O, that its truth might be told again  
In the story of your life and mine!

Unselfishness mirrors in every scene,  
Love blossoms on every sod,  
And back from its vision the heart comes to tell  
The wonderful goodness of God.

You are writing each day a letter to men;  
Take care that the writing is true.  
'Tis the only gospel some men will read,  
That gospel according to you.

— Author Unknown.



### A Towering Beacon Light

As the Atlantic City lighthouse towers above New Jersey's level coastline sending its guiding light abroad so should our witness be. Seventh Day Baptists are maintaining a large booth at Convention Hall, Atlantic City, from May 18 to 24 where our history, our faith, and our missionary work are visually and personally presented to those who visit the exhibits of the Baptist Conventions.