

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (St Luke 2: 10-11).

"And the gospel must first be published among all nations" (St. Mark 13:10).



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“Son Of God Made Flesh To Glorify God And Save Man”

The birth of Jesus Christ was a death blow to Satan, yes, indeed. God sent Christ into the world that He might destroy the works of the devil. When He came, don't you forget that the devil realized that He had a name and it was a name that no other could excel. It is by that name that men should be saved from the miseries brought into the world by Satan. Hell is any form of torment, and the devil is a tormentor. He starts in the morning; he'll be with you at noon, Amen; he'll sit down with you for supper, and I want to tell you, he'll undress you and put you to bed. So, this morning because Jesus is born, I'll tell it on the mountain.

Of course, every time you tell it, the devil gets mad but the beautiful part about it is that everyone who is born of His Spirit gets glad. The devil hates to hear the words that magnify the birth of Jesus Christ. It's his doom and there's no need for you or me to worry for God is going to push him out of the earth where he belongs, by the power and might of His Son, Who was born. So we can sing **“Glory to God in the highest, good news of peace unto all I bring, yonder is born a King.”** Yes, glory and praise should be given to God on high.

Do not forget that of all the stars that the world has ever known, there is one star that gave light to men that were deeply dyed and steeped in sin. We have our movie stars, pugilists as stars and baseball stars, but all of them fade and light dies but the Star of the East, the Great Star, the only Star, the Star of Bethlehem, the First Star, Jesus Christ, the Star that brought light to men when they were in darkness is the Star that we are talking about. The Star of the East that represented the Star that was called the Bright and Morning Star shines on us as brightly this morning as it shined that morning that He was born in Bethlehem and laid in a manger after being wrapped in swaddling clothes.

Our cup runneth over, surely goodness and mercy shall follow those who believe in His name all the days of their lives, and they will find the pleasures and the joys, that the world cannot give, in the House of the Lord. Do not forget, there is great joy in His presence. No joy can be like that which we find giving glory and praise to God Almighty. My heart overflows this morning. Words fail me to give His name praise. So I am rejoicing because I behold the New Born King. With the eye of faith I see Him.

The Word of God is knowledge within itself and faith as much as a little seed will bring forth and manifest itself in such power that men cannot explain that which God has done through His Word.

In St. John, the first Chapter, reading the 14th Verse, you will find words of wisdom. I am taking that for a text this morning because I want to explain something to you. Very few people understand, but I want you to know that God's great plan and His 'who-so-ever' plan are one. God, in creating the world created it for one purpose in that He might afterward create man and then, according to His divine plan, glorify Himself. All that men do, they do to the glory of themselves. In fact, whether they do it to the glory of themselves, it will become their glory when people find out that they have done it. Whatever you may do that may be great will be a praise to your own name. Whatever you do that is degrading will be a shame to your name when people find out what you have done. So, God, after creating the world, created man and He created him to manifest Himself through him that He might show His praise in earth and cause those who will come along in His likeness and image to rejoice in being the clay in the Potter's hand. So, this morning, we read to you this verse which will enable you to know how God did things.

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Jesus is a mighty Friend.

Every word that Jesus spoke gave us hope.

There is not a care that Jesus does not share.

Jesus is KING of your king.

Follow Jesus! He will never mislead you.

All you need can be found in Jesus.

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“Son Of God Made Flesh To Glorify God And Save Man”

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“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory...” ‘His Glory’ means God’s glory. So we beheld the glory of God when we beheld the Word made flesh. What was it filled with? The glory as of only what? **“the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) ...”**

Now God had created sons but only one begotten Son. Adam was a created son; Lucifer was a created son; but men have to be born again to become Sons of God. Adam was the only man created the son of God. The Bible tells you that. May I read it for your learning and information? If you’ll hold that and turn over to St. Luke the 3rd Chapter and the 38th Verse, you will find that Adam was a created son of God, because he was created by God. He came not by the process through which you and I came, that is, through the woman. But Adam was created a son of God. The Bible sometimes reads backwards, so the wise men can’t understand Him with smartness. Only with humility. O yes, only by confessing that He will upbraid none who came to Him for wisdom, can you get anything from God. Now if you want to study Him and figure Him out, you will get lost in the storm, but if you want to believe and then let Him give you what He wants you to have and then you receive it through the medium of faith, His grace will rest upon you.

Now read: **“Which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth.”** Now Enos you understand was the son of Seth. Seth was the son of Adam. You know Adam had some boys beside Cain and Abel. Seth was one of them and who was Adam the son of? **“which was the son of God.”**

Now that’s what I want you to see. Oh yes, God had a created son. Adam didn’t have any mama to take him on her knee. No, no, no, no, no. It was God alone who caused him to be. Now, if God caused Adam to be and you know that we are of Adam, why would He not be able to cause Christ to be? So, the Bible tells us that this happened.

God took His Word and wrapped it up in a human body and we beheld the glory of the only begotten Son of God. And what was He filled with? **“... full of grace and truth”** (St. John 1:14). He was filled up with favor for



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everybody and lied to nobody. Great day in the morning --- what a Son! He told you the truth and then He wanted to help you out. Some folks will tell you the truth and leave you in the hole, but after He tells you the truth and tells you your condition, He extends His hand and says: **“Come unto me, man --- all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and you will find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light”** St. Matthew 11:28-30. And don’t forget that *the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us and we beheld the only begotten Son of God, full of grace and truth.*

The context which I want you to notice is found in St. Luke 1:31. I want you to understand the Scriptures and follow the Elder in regeneration. I mean by that, if you’ll be regenerated. You have been degenerated by the fall of Adam and if the Elder can get you to believe to the end that you’ll be regenerated, your eyes will come open and you’ll see and understand the Word of God. But as long as you are in your sins, you are blinded by the gods of the world, and you can only see what man does and not what God is doing. As long as you see nothing but what man is doing and not what God is doing, you are in a lost state, and you can’t enjoy the things that God has in store for you. Oh, I wish I had the time this morning to tell you the story. It’s a story indeed but you keep on tuning in and I’m going to get it out some day.

Listen to what happens here! **“And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David.”** Now my precious ones, what a mystery this is! How mysterious! Here God’s Son is being called the Son of David. He only became of the lineage of David because He was after the flesh, you understand. He was made of a woman.

In the 1st Chapter of St. John, reading from the first to the fourth Verses, you will get these words which I want you to take with you this morning. Read faster, please! **“IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”** Notice! The Word was and is God and always will be God. **... and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men.”**

Now, the Word of God which Jesus is, was in a human body called Jesus. It was with God before the world was and by the Word of God everything was created that was created. Not one thing was created without the Word of God and when God got ready to save man, He took His word and wrapped It up in a human body, called that body Jesus and sent It into the world to save you and me. If He could create a world with His Word, He can save a world with His Word! I am happy this morning because the Word of God one day was made flesh; It came down and dwelt among men and they beheld His glory, and I am telling the story. May God bless you.



The Holy Bible Word Puzzle Rules

1. Find the "Book" given at the top of the first column. Then find the "Chapter" and "Verse" indicated beside the "Book".
 2. To find the "Word", begin at the first word in the "Verse" and count each succeeding word until you have counted the number indicated on the table.
 3. Write the "Word" on the blank line in the "Answer" column.
 4. Repeat this operation for each book listed in the puzzle.
 5. Reading each word from the top to bottom in the Answer column, you will have a familiar Bible passage.
 6. Then search the Scriptures to find the answer. The use of a concordance is recommended. Quote where the passage is found.
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Responses to the Bible Word Puzzle

The HappyNews Editor and Staff would like to thank you for your prayers and continued support. As we continue to keep you in prayer, we want to wish you a very Merry Christmas. May God bless each and every one of you. Thank you again.

If I Am...

Author Unknown

If I am a king,
my crown I will give to him.

If I am a caroler,
I'll sing to Him the best hymns.

If I am a shepherd,
the best lamb I'll bring

If I am an angel, I'd give Him my wings.

If I am the wise man,
I'd give my wealth away.

If I am a soldier,
I'll die for Him all the way.
But I'm just a poor little boy,
with nothing much to give,
but to offer my little hands
and my little feet.

To glorify the one in the manger that was born,
the hope and light of this mixed-up world.

I give my heart to the one that was born to die,
and brings freedom to all mankind.

I am just a little boy today,
I'll do bigger things for Him one day.
I'd give my life, my all, to the One who calls me.
Jesus Christ was born to set me free,
and this is what Christmas means to me.

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2. Jeremiah	31	23	4	_____
3. Malachi	3	7	24	_____
4. Psalm	17	6	2	_____
5. St. Luke	2	20	16	_____
6. II Samuel	14	20	9	_____
7. Job	12	20	5	_____
8. St. Mark	7	32	10	_____
9. I Corinthians	2	4	7	_____
10. St. John	14	27	31	_____
11. Genesis	32	9	4	_____
12. Numbers	32	21	12	_____
13. Psalm	138	7	11	_____
14. Deuteronomy	5	15	17	_____
15. Proverbs	11	18	6	_____
16. II Corinthians	7	4	24	_____
17. St. Matthew	10	13	3	_____
18. Zechariah	8	3	15	_____
19. Ecclesiastes	9	11	33	_____
20. Ezekiel	1	24	7	_____
21. Daniel	9	2	17	_____
22. Galatians	3	17	14	_____
23. Acts	9	7	2	_____
24. Micah	5	13	16	_____
25. Isaiah	10	21	8	_____
26. I Timothy	5	9	8	_____
27. Joel	2	2	46	_____
28. Proverbs	24	27	6	_____
29. Joshua	24	31	24	_____
30. Revelation	20	4	56	_____
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Answers to Last Month's Puzzle

"And the LORD said unto her, Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger" (Genesis 25:23).

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As we read the Holy Bible, God’s name is all over. There was a time when the name of God was so very sacred that men dared not speak it. They said YAHWEH which means He Who makes that which has been made and is composed of four Hebrew consonants. (YHWH).

Each of the many names of God describes a different aspect of His multifaceted character.

During biblical times many names originated from the Hebrew language.

Over half of the 2800 names in the Bible are original personal names.

For example, there is only one Abraham in the Bible.

Today we focus on **Yahweh-Rohi: The Lord is our Shepherd.**

After David pondered his relationship as a shepherd to his sheep, he realized that was exactly the relationship God had with him, so he declares, **“Yahweh-Rohi is my Shepherd”** (See Psalm 23:1).

Many psalms are full of complaints, while at the same time, full of comforts, expressions of delight in God’s great goodness and dependence upon Him. This psalm has been sung by Christians and will continue as long as the world stands. In verse one of Psalm 23, David claims relation to God, as his shepherd and recalls the kind things God had done for him.

To understand the purpose of a shepherd during Biblical times, it is helpful to realize that sheep are utterly defenseless and totally dependent upon the shepherd. Sheep are subject to danger and must always be under the watchful eye of the shepherd. Rushing walls of water into the valleys from sudden, heavy rainfalls may sweep them away, robbers may steal them, and wolves may attack the flock.

David tells how he killed a lion and a bear while defending his father’s flock (See I Samuel 17:36). The shepherd patiently endures driving snow in winter, blinding dust, and burning sands in summer, long, lonely hours each day for the welfare of the flock. In fact, shepherds were frequently subjected to grave danger. They sometimes gave their lives to protect their sheep.

Our Lord tells us, **“I Am the Good Shepherd”** (See St. John 10:11). This is the fourth of the seven **“I Am”** declarations of Jesus recorded only in John’s Gospel. These **“I Am”** proclamations point to His unique, divine identity and purpose.

Immediately after declaring that He is **(The Door)** in St. John 10:7, Jesus declares, **“I am the Good Shepherd”**. He describes Himself as not only **“The Shepherd” but the “Good Shepherd”**.

God takes great care of believers. He is their shepherd, and they may call him so.

He provides us with the ability to have peace in any situation (See Philippians 4:7, Romans 5:1) **He guards** our hearts and minds **and leads** us into the paths of righteousness (See Psalm 23:3).

Note- God protects us; however, protection does not guarantee that we will never know pain or loss. Take for example the story of Job, which shows us that, although God can deliver us out of every physical calamity, it may not be His will to do so. Sometimes He uses trials to purify us. At these times we should **“Count it pure joy”** because by allowing trials, God resets our faith to develop a deeper faith so that we persevere and grow to maturity and Christlikeness (See James 1:2-3).

Jesus said, **“I Am the Good Shepherd. A good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep”** (See John 10:11). Unlike a hired hand who flees for his life, Jesus saved His flock from the wolf even though it meant sacrificing His own life.

As our Shepherd, He (Jesus) not only finds us, ties us up, puts us on His shoulder and carries us every step of the way, but He also does so joyfully! He loves us that much!

Jesus protects and defends His sheep at all costs, even risking His own life. Jesus is our Shepherd because He does that for us. He gave up His life and laid it down for us. Unlike a hired hand, Jesus will not abandon us because He loves us and saves us to the uttermost. (See Hebrews 7:25)

Jesus gave His life on the cross as **“the Good Shepherd”** for his own. He Who would save others, though He had the power, did not choose to save Himself. **“The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many”** (See St. Matthew 20:28). Through His willing sacrifice, the Lord made salvation possible for all who come to Him in faith.

In proclaiming that He is the Good Shepherd, Jesus speaks of **“laying down”** His life for His sheep (See St. John 10:15, 17-18). Jesus’ death was divinely appointed. (See Acts 2:23) It is only through Him that we receive salvation. (See Romans 6:23, 10:9-10, 11:36; Acts 4:12; Romans 3:23). Contrary to some worldly beliefs, **“I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own”** (See St. John 10:14). Furthermore, Jesus makes it clear that it wasn’t just for the Jews that He laid down His life, but also for (us) the **“other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd”** (See St. John 10:16). The **“other sheep”** clearly refers to the Gentiles. As a result, Jesus is the Good Shepherd overall, both Jew and Gentile, who come to believe upon Him (See St. John 3:16).

Saints, the relationship of believers with Jesus Christ is that of a sheep to a Shepherd. The Lord is our Shepherd, and we are His flock. Here are some ways Christ has spelled out what is meant by our being His sheep.

We were given to Him by the Father (See St. John 10:29).

His sheep hear His voice (See St. John 10:27).

He knows His own and His own know Him (See St. John 10:14-15).

He laid down His life for us (See. St. John 10:11,15, 3:16). All that Christ endured in His passion was for you and me. Never forget!

He called you and me and brought us to Himself (See St. John 10:16).

He owns us and will never abandon us (See St. John 10:14,27).

He gives us eternal life (See St. John 10:28).

He guards us and will keep us forever (See St. John 10:28-29).

Thank You, Jesus, **“The Good Shepherd”**.

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Mrs. Michaux's Gospel Message to All

THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Birth and Childhood of Jesus

JOSEPH'S VISION

(St. Matthew 1:18-25)

“Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

“Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.”

BIRTH OF JESUS

St. Luke 2:1-7

“AND it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.”

THE VISIT OF THE SHEPHERDS

St. Luke 2:8-20

“And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which



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is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

“And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.”

JESUS CIRCUMCISED AND NAMED

St. Matthew 1:25; St. Luke 2:21

“And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS...And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.”

THE INFANT JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

St. Luke 2:22-40

“And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord; (As it is written in the Law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord;) And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the Law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons. And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles,

and the glory of thy people Israel. And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him. And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against; (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed. And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity; And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day. And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem. And when they had performed all things according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth. And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.”

May God bless you is my prayer.

LIFE ETERNAL

LIFE ETERNAL, is Heavenly Divine
It was created by your God and Mine;
God made man a Pro-Creator with Him
Both man and woman created He them.

Physical lives began through
man and woman cohabitation
Families were birthed from
generation to generation
The earth was full of the glories of God
Man was put in earthly charge as he trod

God never intended for sin
to rule the earth
It began in the Garden after Eve's birth
Disobedience to God brought
suffering upon all
Today it's the same dilemma
causing man to fall.

But, God in His grace and
mercy loves you
In God's Word He explains what
you must do
You obey and come boldly to the
Throne of Grace
Seek God and Jesus Christ
face to face.

LIFE ETERNAL is for the sinless
blessed soul
Whom through God's Word has
been made fully whole
And blessed in the Spirit with
riches untold
And ready for Life Eternal,
“A POT OF GOLD!”

Where will you spend eternity?
Do you really, really care at all?
Do you realize these are the last days?
JESUS IS COMING, GET UP
from your fall.

Composed by Arlethia B. Jones-Carter

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

St. Matthew 1:18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily.

20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

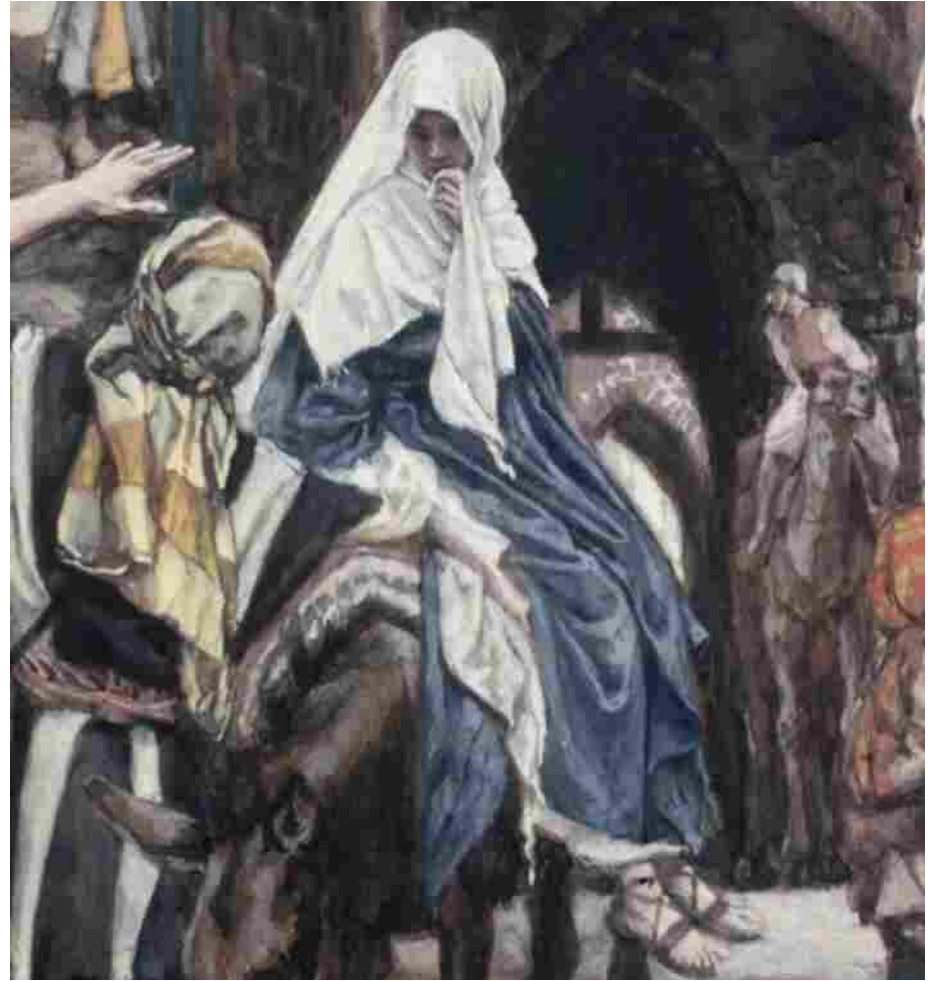
21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

24 Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife:

25 And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.



Unto Us A Child Is Born

The people that walked in darkness...Have seen a wonderful great Light...

They that dwell in the land of the shadow of death... Upon them hath this

Great light shined...Now every way has been made plain...and our fath has been regained Thru this light Jesus... The Light is Jesus and His Glory now flooded our sour.

Chorus: For unto us a Child is born...unto us...a Son is given and the government shall be upon His shoulders, and of His Kingdom there shall be no end.

His names be called... Wonderful Counselor...Mighty God...Everlasting Father,..Prince of Peace and of His Kingdom...there shall be no end and of His Kingdom, there shall be no end...and of His Kingdom there shall be no end.

Written by Sister Rita Smith



THE CHRISTMAS STORY

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St. Matthew 2:1 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,

2 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

3 When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.

5 And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet,

6 And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

7 Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.

8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.

9 When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

11 And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense and myrrh.

We Three Kings of Orient Are

We three kings of orient are
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain
Moor and mountain
Following yonder star

O star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy perfect light

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain
Gold I bring to crown Him again
King for ever, ceasing never
Over us all to reign

Frankincense to offer have I
Incense owns a Deity nigh
Prayer and praising
All men raising
Worship Him, God most high

O star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy perfect light

Myrrh is mine
It's bitter perfume breathes
A life of gathering gloom
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying
Sealed in the stone cold tomb

Glorious now behold Him arise
King and God and Sacrifice
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia
Heaven to earth replies

O star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy perfect light

Songwriters: Bob Baldwin / John
Henry Hopkins Jr.



Gospel News and Views

Calling All Youth

"And all thy children shall be taught of the LORD; and great shall be the peace of thy children. In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near thee."

(Isaiah 64:13,14)



By Ivory, Age 1
Hampton

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MEMORY VERSE

"And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn (St. Luke 2:7)."

THE LORD'S PRAYER

"...Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen" (St. Matthew 6:9-13).

LET US PRAY THIS PRAYER AT NOON

"...Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God" (Joel 2:17b)?

COMMANDMENT SECTION

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you (St. Matthew 6:33)."



By Christian, Age 13
Hampton



By Darrius, Jr., Age 9
Hampton



By David, Age 15
Capital Heights



By Derek, Jr., Age 9
Atlanta



By Eternity, Age 16
Atlanta



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Laurel



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Baltimore



By Isaiah, Age 9
Denver



By James, Jr., Age 8
Laurel



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Hyattsville



By Jayden, Age 13
Williamsburg



By Joel III, Age 17
Williamsburg



By Aaliyah, Age 10
Hampton



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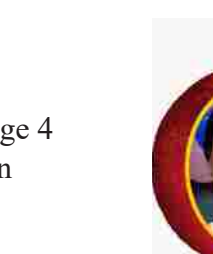
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Go Tell It on the Mountain

Chorus

Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere,
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born.

Verses

While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a Holy light.

The shepherds feared and trembled
When, lo! Above the Earth,
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth,
Down in a lowly manger
Our humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn.

Text: Negro Spiritual, adapted by John Wesley Work, Jr.
Tune with refrain: Negro Spiritual, arranged by Valeria A. Foster

ANSWERS TO NOVEMBER HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

THE BIBLE

1. Name the two large divisions of the Bible?
(Old Testament and New Testament.)
2. Which testament tells about the creation of the world?
(Old Testament.)
3. Which testament tells about the birth of Jesus Christ?
(New Testament.)
4. How many books are in the Bible?
(Sixty-six (66) books.)
5. How many books are in the Old Testament?
(Thirty-nine (39) books.)
6. How many books are in the New Testament?
(Twenty-seven (27) books.)
7. Name the four divisions of the Old Testament?
(The divisions are Law, History, Poetry, Prophecy.)

ANSWERS TO NOVEMBER FILL-IN THE BLANKS

1. For the LORD God is a **sun** and **shield**: the LORD will give **grace** and **glory**: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly (**Psalm 84:11**).
2. And the **Word** was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his **glory**, the **glory** as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of **grace** and **truth** (**St. John 1:14**).
3. For the **law** was given by Moses, but **grace** and **truth** came by Jesus Christ (**St. John 1:17**).
4. And God is able to make **grace** abound toward you; that ye, always having all **sufficiency** in all **things**, may abound to every good (**II Corinthians 9:8**).
5. For by **grace** are ye saved through **faith**; and that not of yourselves: it is the **gift** of God (**Ephesians 2:8**).

Sunday School Lessons for the Month of December

The lessons for this month were reviewed by Sister Almeta Stokes of the Church of God, Washington, DC.



LESSON 48 – December 3, 2023
SUBJECT: To Live Is Christ

GOLDEN TEXT: “According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death” (Philippians 1:20).

PRINTED TEXT: Philippians 1:12 But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel;

13 So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other places;

14 And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

15 Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will:

16 The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds:

17 But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel.

18 What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice.

19 For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

20 According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death.

21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

22 But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I wot not.

23 For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:

24 Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you.

25 And having this confidence, I know that I shall abide and continue with you all for your furtherance and joy of faith;

26 That your rejoicing may be more abundant in Jesus Christ for me by my coming to you again.

LESSON DISCUSSION

In last week’s lesson, Paul strongly urged the Philippian church to live lives of faith and service to God regardless of trials and difficulties. He reminded them of his testimony of persecution and imprisonment for the cause of Christ. As he remains under house arrest for preaching the gospel, he is steadfast and unmovable in determination to see that the Word of God goes forth at any cost.

This week he tells the church that he counts all things of his past (education at the feet of Gamaliel, material possessions, and strong zeal to rid the world of persons who failed to follow Jesus) as of no earthly value.

He now strives for **EXCELLENCE** (See Philippians 3:7-11). He admits that he is not living a perfect life, but he decided to give up all those things for which he had lived so that he could gain Christ. He realized that personal assets can easily become spiritual liabilities, especially if they blind us to our ability to really know God.

In addition, he reaches forward striving with **EXERTION**. We sing a song - **I’ve been running for Jesus a long time and I’m not tired yet.** songwriter - Inez Andrews.

As Paul spoke of his own path to greater knowledge of God, he described it as an active pursuit of godliness. To come to know God intimately, he realized his own sinfulness. For this reason, he did not challenge the Philippians from an attitude of superiority or perfection. Rather, he had some distance to go before reaching his potential for Christ.

He said, **I press toward the mark for the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.** Philippians 3:14a.

... the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, ... but time and chance happeneth to them all. Ecclesiastes 9:11.

Thank You Jesus, for keeping us in that same race which is not given to the swift nor to the strong,

Dear Lord, help us to run the race with patience as we grow in the grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. (See Second Peter 3:18).

LESSON 49 – December 10, 2023
SUBJECT: Counting All Things Loss

GOLDEN TEXT: “But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ” (Philippians 3:7).

PRINTED TEXT: Philippians 3:7 But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.

8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,

9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

11 If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

12 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

15 Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

16 Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.

17 Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.

18 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:

19 Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.)

20 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

LESSON DISCUSSION

In this lesson we again meet the Apostle Paul.

Who was Paul? Paul received an unusual **Come to Jesus message**. As he traveled to Damascus, on his infamous mission - persecution of saints, he was suddenly knocked from his beast, physically blinded, and sent directly to Ananias who laid hands on him. His sight was miraculously restored. He became a preacher righteousness. His credentials include member of the tribe of Benjamin, circumcised on the eighth day, Hebrew of Hebrews, a Pharisee, tutored by Jewish Rabbi, Gamaliel, a famous and well-respected teacher.

What things did he count loss for Christ?

See Philippians 3:4-6

Circumcised the eighth day of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee; Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.

His credentials rendered him strong and powerful in the eyes of man. When he looked at himself candidly, however, he saw pride and self-righteousness.

When Paul came to Christ, he counted his inheritance, education, and religious zeal as worthless. In his mind they were counted as “dung”. He revealed himself in transparent terms, then invited the Philippians to join him in pursuit of God.

LESSON 50 – December 17, 2023
SUBJECT: Learning Contentment

GOLDEN TEXT: “Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice” (Philippians 4:4).

PRINTED TEXT: Philippians 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.

5 Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.
 6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.
 7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.
 8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.
 9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.
 10 But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again; wherein ye were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity.
 11 Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.
 12 I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.
 13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.
 14 Notwithstanding ye have well done, that ye did communicate with my affliction.
 15 Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only.
 16 For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity.
 17 Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account.
 18 But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God.

LESSON DISCUSSION

In last week’s study, we reviewed the Apostle Paul’s testimony. This week he tells Philippian followers of Christ to, in modern vernacular “**man up**”. Learn contentment. Contentment may be defined as a state of happiness and satisfaction.

He testified that **in whatever state I am, therewith to be content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: ... to be full and to be hungry, both or to abound and to suffer need.** Philippians 4:11, 12.

Paul exhorted the saints that the God of peace would be with them. (See Philippians 4:7). He was their example and that he had learned he could be content because he could **do all things through Christ which strengtheneth him** Philippians 4:13. Be content because the **peace of God which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.** Philippians 4:7. Learn contentment.

LESSON 51 – December 24, 2023
SUBJECT: The Light of Christmas

GOLDEN TEXT: “And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth” (ST. John 1:14).

PRINTED TEXT: St. John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 The same was in the beginning with God.
 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.
 4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.
 5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.
 Ephesians 5:1 Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;
 2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.
 6 Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.
 7 Be not ye therefore partakers with them.
 8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord:

walk as children of light:

9 (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)
 10 Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.
 11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.
 12 For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret.
 13 But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light.
 14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

LESSON DISCUSSION

The Christmas story does not begin at Bethlehem. The words ‘**In the beginning...**’ St. John 1:1, purposely pointed readers back to the creation story so they would know that Jesus has always been in existence. Calling Jesus, the “Word” stresses the value of Christmas and would be meaningful to both Jews and Gentiles.

We think of God the Father as the Creator of the universe, - and He is. Nevertheless, Jesus’ birth was the Creator’s insertion of Himself into the world. He is the third person in the divine trinity. As such, He possessed no human body.

God sent Him into the virgin Mary’s body where He grew and became the Light of the world. He entered a world of spiritual darkness. **Jesus spake ... I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life** St. John 8:12.

LESSON 52 – December 31, 2023
SUBJECT: Chosen in Christ

GOLDEN TEXT: “Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of the glory of his grace” (Ephesians 1:5-6).

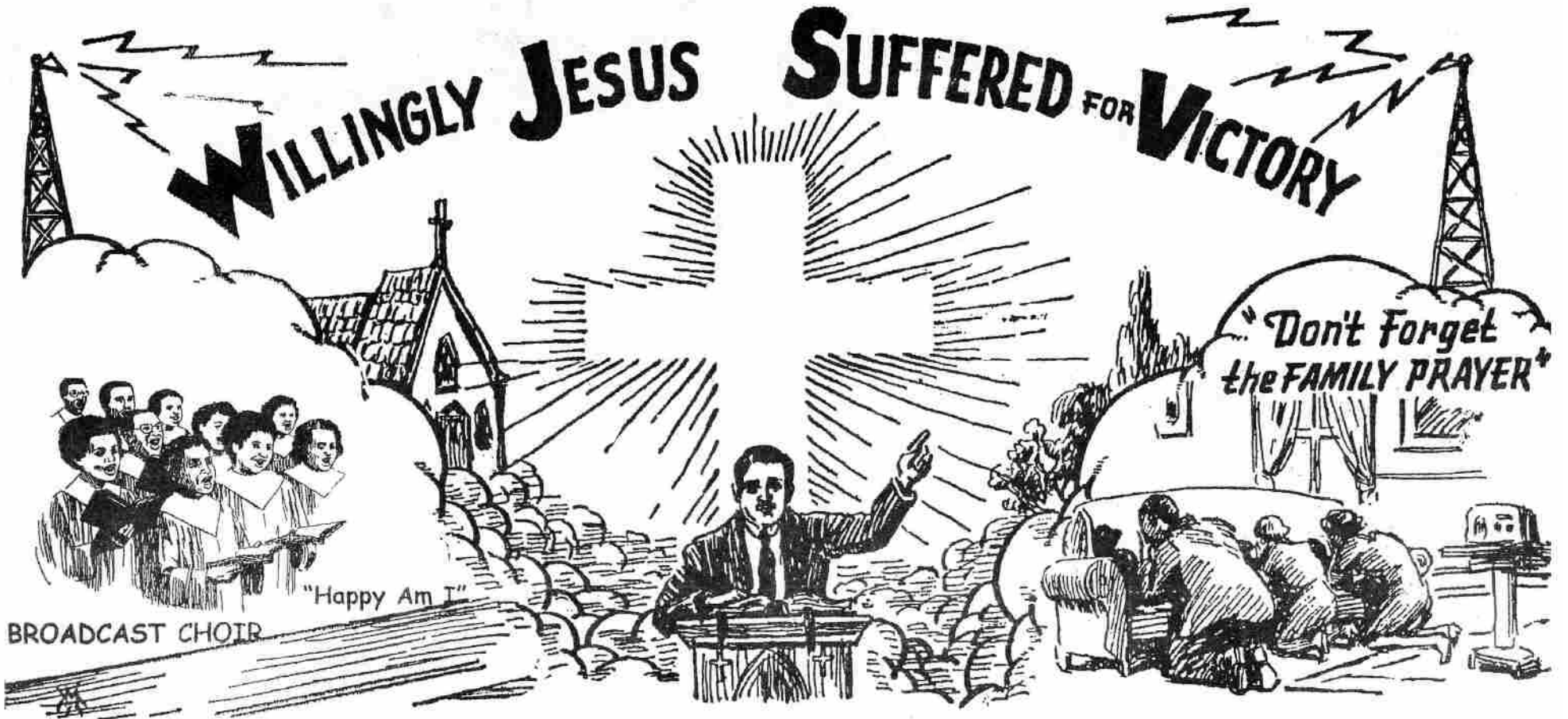
PRINTED TEXT: Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

4 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:
 5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,
 6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.
 7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;
 8 Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;
 9 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:
 10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:
 11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:
 12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.
 13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,
 14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

LESSON DISCUSSION

Believers have been chosen in Christ. Before the foundation of world, God graced us with multiple spiritual blessings. In fact, He predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ. Through that adoption process, we have an amazing inheritance.

Reception of this gift is three-fold – 1. We must hear the truth, (the gospel) the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ. 2. We must believe the gospel. **He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned** St. Mark 16:16. 3. We must be sealed with the Holy Spirit, a guarantee of salvation. The presence of the Holy Spirit within us is a pledge that one day we will indeed be in heaven with God. Years ago, I heard Elder Willie Edwards, Sr., say that God will draw saints to heaven by a magnet, which is the Holy Spirit.



Prayer Answered

"...I Am The Lord That Healeth Thee" (Exodus 15:26)

CALLING ALL YOUTH (Continued from Page 9)

- 6. **Grace** be with all them that **love** our Lord Jesus Christ in **sincerity** and **truth**. Amen (Ephesians 6:24).
- 7. But grow in **grace**, and in the **knowledge** of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both **now** and **forever**. Amen (II Peter 3:18).

- 6. What were called the dry land and waters?
- 7. What did God do after the completion of six days of work?

DECEMBER FILL-IN THE BLANKS

- 1. Thou wilt _____ him in perfect _____, whose _____ is stayed on thee: because he _____ in thee.
- 2. Keep not thou _____, O God: hold not thy _____, and be _____, O God.
- 3. Grace and _____ be _____ unto you through the _____ of _____, and of _____ our Lord.
- 4. The Lord _____ thee, and _____ thee.
- 5. The Lord make his _____ upon thee, and be _____ unto thee.
- 6. The Lord _____ up his _____ upon thee, and _____ thee _____.
- 7. And let the _____ of God _____ in your _____, to the which also ye are _____ in one _____; and be ye _____.

DECEMBER HOLY BIBLE QUIZ

Old Testament – The Pentateuch also called the Law consists of the first five books of the Greek Bible.

- 1. What is the first book of the Pentateuch?
- 2. Who created all things in the beginning?
- 3. What moved upon the face of the waters?
- 4. What two things were the first to be given names?
- 5. What was created on the second day and what was it called?

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