

## Is Jesus Christ in You?

By JOSEPH WANNENMACHER

**D**EAR CHRISTIAN, you believe that Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God conceived in Mary of the Holy Ghost, that He was born in the city of David, "grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him."

You believe that at the age of thirty Jesus was baptized of John in Jordan, and straightway coming up out of the water the heavens were opened unto Him, and He and John saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon Him; and Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, being forty days tempted of the devil, and that He returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee, going about doing good, teaching, preaching, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with Him.

You believe that Jesus was betrayed of Judas, delivered unto Pontius Pilate by the Jews, condemned to the Roman cross, and bearing His cross to Golgotha was crucified, where He died and shed His precious blood to expiate and to propitiate our sins, to redeem us from the power of Satan according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried; that He arose the third day and was raised with all power given unto Him in heaven and in earth for our justification according to the Scriptures. Then He showed Himself to be alive by many infallible proofs, and after forty days He ascended to the right hand of God being highly exalted as our Mediator, High Priest, Advocating faith!

cate, and coming King, which in His time He shall shew who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and at His name, the name of Jesus, every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*Bow unto Him now, and examine yourself, whether you are in the faith and whether you thus fully believe according to the Scriptures that this Jesus, the Lord of glory, is in you.*

*Do you not know, that to us "God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of Glory: Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus: Whereunto I also labor, striving according to His working, which worketh in me mightily" (Col. 1:27-29).*

We read of St. Paul's labors, that it was the striving of Him Who worked in him mightily. Do you not know, this same Jesus in you wishes to work mightily in you if you recognize Him as the indwelling Christ? "*Which to you-ward is not weak, but is mighty in you*" (II Cor. 13:3). If, while Jesus lived in the world, the mere touch of His garments healed the sick, who can doubt that when He is dwelling in the center of our being He will work miracles on us, if we have living faith! "*For this purpose the Son of God was*

*manifested to take away our sins; and that He might destroy the works of the devil" (I John 3:5, 8).*

Have you not often neglected Him, grieved Him, who came to you to abide with you forever? And why? Because you did not firmly believe He was present. Oh! that you would recognize Him, praise Him incessantly, love and serve Him, and take pleasure in remaining in His presence, for He said: "*Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out*" (John 6:37), and you will find Him the "*Friend that sticketh closer than a brother*" (Prov. 18:24).

To help you by an example of a blessed servant of His, we shall quote from The Conversations and Letters of Brother Lawrence who was a cook in a convent, but did not fail to appropriate this great salvation: "Christ in you, the hope of glory."

We read of him: "He had been long troubled in mind from a certain belief that he should be damned, but he had reasoned with himself thus about it: 'I engaged in a religious life only for the love of God, and I have endeavored to act only for Him; whatever becomes of me, whether I be lost or saved, I will always continue to act purely for the love of God. I shall have this good at least, that till death I shall have done all that is in me to love Him. Such was my beginning; and yet I must tell you, that for the first ten years I suffered much.'

"At last he saw that his trouble arose from want of faith; and that, since then, he had passed his life in perfect liberty and continual joy. There is nothing that brings us so near to God as faith does in one simple act. He is within us: seek Him not elsewhere. If we truly love Him alone, do we not deserve blame if we busy ourselves about trifles, which do not please and perhaps offend Him?

"'God,' said he, 'has infinite treasures to bestow, and we are taken up with a little religious emotion, which passes in a moment. Blind as we are we hinder God, and stop the current of His grace, but when He finds a soul penetrated with a lively faith, He pours into it His grace plentifully: there it flows like a torrent, spreading itself with impetuosity and abundance. However we often stop this torrent by the little value we set upon it, but let us stop it no more. Our souls are at stake. There is one thing necessary; it is that we continue to be faithful, because not to advance in the spiritual life is to go back. But

*Brother Lawrence was born in 1611 in France.*

*He was miraculously converted at the age of eighteen, when he saw a tree stripped of its leaves; meditating upon the fact that in but a short time the tree would again be budding, and the flowers and the fruit appear brought to him the goodness and the love of God with such force and certainty that after that he found God with him everywhere.*

*Later he became a cook in a convent, where once he said: "For me the time of serving does not differ from the place of prayer." His only business in life was to abide in the presence of God, and to do all for the love of Him.*

*He died February 12, 1691.*

those who have the gale of the Holy Spirit go forward even in sleep.'"

"When I thought of nothing but to end my days in these troubles which did not at all diminish the trust I had in God, and which served only to increase my faith, I found myself changed all at once; and my soul, which, till that time, was in trouble, felt a profound inward peace, as if she were in her center and place of rest.

"Ever since that time I walk before God simply, in faith, with humility and love, and I apply myself diligently to do nothing and think nothing which may displease Him. I hope that when I have done what I could, He will do with me what He pleases.

"As for what passes in me at present, I cannot express it. I have no pain or difficulty about my state, because I have no will but the will of God, which I endeavor to accomplish in all things; and to which I am so resigned, that I would not take up a straw from the ground against His order, or from any other motive than purely that of love to Him. I have quitted all forms of devotion and set prayers, but those to which my state obliges me. And I make it my business only to persevere in His holy presence, wherein I keep myself by a simple attention, and a general fond regard to God, which I may call an actual presence of God, or to speak better, an habitual silent and secret

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## Bread of Life

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## VICTORY by PRAISE



Elder E. Brooks

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Mrs. L. Johnson

trouble and saw her hover between life and death for days. Now I saw her do what had been unthinkable and impossible—get out of bed. The miracle of healing had taken place as she yielded her will to obey God's call to go to Africa. As she rose from her bed still looking more like a corpse than a healed woman, she whispered to me, "Will you praise the Lord with me?"

Previously I had read how a sister had had a vision of the throne of God on either side of which was a basket. One of these baskets was overflowing with packages of prayer; the other one was nearly empty, and she was told to fill that basket with parcels of praise. I thought, "That is what we too must do now." So we began to thank God for the healing, although Kathryn's condition was all to the contrary: she still felt the pain in her body, and in her soul she was continually tempted by the devil with thoughts of death. In fact, we seemed to feel the very presence of death around us, but we kept at our post in giving God praise and claiming the promise He had given Kathryn, "Thou shalt not die but live."

When we awoke the second day, her condition, naturally speaking, was the same, but we kept on praising the Lord, sometimes out loud, at other times silently. A great encouragement to our faith was the tract, "Rejoice,"

Elder Eugene Brooks of Zion, Illinois, says, "There is faith in praising God. It is a command to praise God. You are disobeying the command when you refuse to praise. How can a soul be in favor with God when he is willfully disobeying God? To praise God inspires your soul, encourages you, builds up your faith and above all things, defeats the devil. The praise of God is the thing that the devil hates the most. Praise means that you have victory

over your enemies. 'You are defeated, Satan.' And he goes back to hell where he came from. The flesh doesn't like to praise God. It is pride that keeps you from praising God. The flesh doesn't like to be peculiar. The victories you are going to win—you will have to win largely by praising God."

Mrs. Leonard Johnson, co-pastor of the Full Gospel Tabernacle, Waukegan, Illinois, relates the following remarkable testimony of victory through praise:

That memorable morning when God raised my friend Kathryn Roth from her deathbed was the beginning of three days of continuous praise. Previous to this there had been much prayer, now there was great praise. For weeks I had nursed Kathryn, watching her go down to death's door with heart

by Mrs. Nuzum. Three times a day we went to the table, and, hard and unpleasant as it was for her, Kathryn ate, for she did not go by feeling.

The third day we continued our watch, never looking at the symptoms which were still the same. On this day God gave Kathryn Exodus 14:13, "And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of Jehovah, which He will work for you today; for the Egyptians whom ye have seen today ye shall see them again no more for ever." And to me God spoke, "As Jonah was three days in the whale's belly, so shall this fight be." We retired that night feeling the nearness of God's presence.

The next morning Kathryn and I arose and, according to the light in her soul, we prepared to take a trip of some forty miles where we could be with believing friends, and have the help of their united faith. As we got into the car and drove away every symptom left. Victory was won. All glory to our wonderful Lord! God proved Himself faithful and Miss Roth fulfilled her end of the bargain and for over twenty-five years has been serving Him in Africa.



Pastor L. Johnson

"During the time I was preparing for the ministry," testifies Pastor Leonard Johnson, "I became ill with pneumonia. I recovered from this but was left in a weak condition. Instead of gaining strength, however, I grew weaker and weaker until I seemed to have no strength at all. Of course, the devil suggested to me that I was going to die. Then I was reminded how Miss Roth was healed through praise when she was dying. So I began to praise the Lord continuously, as much as I was able. I quoted the promises of God and praised Him for them and for the victory He was going to give. This went on for weeks. My healing was not instantaneous but I kept this up until I was given full deliverance. I have proven many times since that praising the Lord brings the victory in times of sickness and other conflicts, both personal and such as occur in the ministry."



Mrs. G. A. Mitchell

Mrs. George A. Mitchell, veteran minister of Zion, Illinois, has given this testimony and exhortation concerning praise:

Do you think that there is anything beautiful in a long, sad, gloomy face full of shadows? Is that glorifying to God? In my own nature there was a tendency to fuss and worry, and I also had a mourn. The Lord showed me the sinfulness of these fleshly attitudes. I repented and determined to be delivered.

As soon as I would start to fuss and worry, I would stop and praise the Lord and within a year was rid of that chronic mourn. But I had to do my part: set my will and start in to praise the Lord. It was a big fight for awhile, but I persisted in praising the Lord until my whole being was filled with the glory of the Lord.

If we will obey the Lord and praise Him no matter how foolish it looks, He will work wonders for us. It is not so important to praise the Lord when you feel good; but it is tremendously important that you praise the Lord when you don't feel good.



Pastor F. Posta

"I am thankful that I was saved in a church that believed in praise," says Frank Posta, pastor of the East Side Pentecostal Church, New York City. "I was taught that the only way to learn how to praise was to do it—and to do it with a loud voice. Because of circumstances, I was unable to do so at home. I will ever be grateful to my ministers who permitted me to go to the church after school for an hour or so every day for about a year, to be

alone with God. There God met me and gave me victories that have stayed to this day. It certainly proved to be an exercise which was profitable unto godliness. The Lord not only took me out of my 'dumps' but has never permitted me to get into them again. In later life whenever difficulties presented themselves, I immediately knew the way out—for praise is a short-cut to victory."



Mrs. E. B. Kennedy

Mrs. Edward B. Kennedy, one-time missionary in China and Christian worker for many years in Chicago, Illinois, gives this testimony in a letter to the Editor:

In the last verse of Psalm 50 we read: Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me, and then follows another sentence which reads literally, and prepareth a way whereby I may show him the salvation of God. Years ago I learned how God shows His salvation to those who offer praise, and I still praise, and

praise, and praise in time of trouble.

Sometimes, however, one may be in circumstances where it is impossible to praise God with a loud voice, but God will show him some way whereby he may glorify God.

In one long drawn-out illness of a hopeless nature during my middle age I learned to repeat scripture and hymns as though speaking definitely to the Lord. It was a blessed experience. Although I did not get healed for a long time, by this means God prepared a way whereby He manifested His deliverance.

Later, when my mother had a very serious illness, I told her about my experience. Several years before she had been healed instantly through the prayers of another from a virulent form of eczema on her head and the back of her neck. It was a shock to her when the disease returned, but mother never doubted that the Lord would

deliver her. Taking her Bible and hymn book she went alone to a room and read the Psalms aloud to God. Not being able to carry a tune, she read the hymns as though the Lord were present hearing them. I do not recall how many months she did that, but the sores all disappeared and all the symptoms of eczema left her, never to return. And she was never sick again to the day of her death many years later, when at the age of eighty-four, one morning, as she rose from her bed to dress, she fell and entered into the mansion prepared for her in the Father's House.



Mrs. F. Posta

"I never will cease to praise Him," writes Mrs. Frank Posta, "since I have found out in a measure the great blessing of it. Praise is one of the greatest weapons for victory that God has given His people.

"When a very young child I was taught how to praise the Lord 'at all times,' and as a result, I received a great deliverance from a melancholy disposition. What a wonderful change Jesus effected in my life through this weapon of praise; it was a literal coming out of darkness into His marvelous light. Since then this weapon has become a habit and is used daily.

"In Isaiah 60:18 we read, 'Thou shalt call thy walls salvation and thy gates praise.' Praise is not only an effective weapon to drive the works of darkness out of our lives, but these Gates of Praise can be a defence against the attacks of the enemy. In other words, the Gates of Praise can keep much evil and harm from our lives, both spiritually and physically. Let us lift up these Gates and never let them down again."



Pastor G. W. Finner

"I had been in the ministry already for five years," recalls Rev. G. W. Finner of Blackwell, Wisconsin, "had been used of God in preaching the Gospel to the unsaved and ministering to the sick, and had been baptized in the Holy Spirit for two years before I realized the great need in my own life for praising the Lord and the victories and blessings that come therefrom. At that time, the Lord brought me in contact with a minister who had a large gift of discernment and also the ability to teach individuals in the power of the Holy Spirit concerning their personal needs. By this ministry, the Holy Spirit revealed to me that for twenty years I had given in to shadows, depressions, and discouragements. Not only did I have a blue Monday, but my seven days were blue sometimes. For these attitudes, there is a very descriptive term, 'dumps,' for that is exactly what happens to an individual when he yields to any of these feelings. People so often excuse these feelings with the thought, 'That's natural. Everybody has them.' They do not see how awful, how diabolical these feelings are. Why are they wrong? Shadows, de-

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# REJOICE \*

By MRS. C. NUZUM

DID YOU EVER WONDER why, so many times in the Bible, we are told to rejoice? It is evidence that we believe God, and that we really are exercising faith. The parent promises a child something he greatly desires for a gift. The child tells of it and rejoices in it as much beforehand as he does when he has it in his hand, because he has faith in the promise of the parent. Jesus said we must become as children. Are we so like them that when we have met the conditions of the promises of our Father and asked for them, we become as joyful over the things promised as if we could see and feel them? If not, it proves we do not believe our Father will surely keep His Word. If we truly believed God GAVE to us WHEN we asked (Mark 11:24), how could we keep from rejoicing that the thing was NOW ours?

God says, "ALL things work together for good to them that love God" (Rom. 8:28). All things include the things that wound us and give us pain and loss. If we really believe these things are bringing us good, will we not rejoice in them? Are we not desiring—much good? Then if we are sad or depressed by them, evidently we do not believe they bring us good. Do we not desire perfection? God says that the Captain of our

salvation was made "perfect through sufferings." If we believe this, will we not rejoice with joy unspeakable, and not care how great our suffering is, if only we can attain to perfection through it? Or do we believe God made a mistake when He said that?

Longsuffering is one of the fruits of the Spirit and God says it is to be with joyfulness (Col. 1:11). Why? Fruit grown with too little sunshine is hard, sour and unpalatable. Even this blessed fruit of longsuffering that is so scarce and yet so desired by God, if grown with too little of the sunshine of rejoicing, will not be sweet and delicious.

God tells us that we are His, and He will keep us through time and eternity, be always with us and supply our every need. If we truly believe this, how can we ever stop rejoicing, even if we have nothing else? God tells us He will give us more than our eyes have seen, our ears heard, or our hearts conceived, and that He, Himself, will, in a short while come and escort us to all this that shall last forever. Suppose all of this life goes wrong, and we meet evil and disappointment constantly—how can we for a moment cease to rejoice in what is just ahead of us, and will never end? A cessation of joy and rejoicing, even for a short time, proves that at that time, at least, we are not believing God. He wants us to believe Him, and prove that we are believing Him by rejoicing that the things

are already given to us, even if not yet in evidence.

God does not say it would be better, and for our good, and that we ought to rejoice, but COMMANDS us to rejoice ALWAY, as positively as He commands us to repent. 1 John 2:5 tells us that the way we know we are in God is because we keep His Word—all of it. John 14:23 says, ". . . If a man love Me, he will keep My words." Then let us obey His positive command, "Rejoice evermore,"—all the time and under all circumstances. In 1 Thess. 5:16, 18, we are told that this constant rejoicing is the will of God for everyone who is in Christ. Surely we wish to do God's will, and this is His declared will. Well, our gracious Father is so good that He seldom tells us to do a thing without offering a reward for doing it. In Isa. 64:5 He says, "Thou meetest him that rejoiceth . . ." What can compare with a meeting with our Lord? Why not obey Him and rejoice evermore, and thus continue the meeting until, like Enoch, we walk with God?

We are told in Heb. 3:6, that if we continue to believe and rejoice we become the house of Christ. Jesus never rents His houses, but always lives in them, so, as we never cease to believe and rejoice, Christ abides within us. Will not that compensate us for rejoicing, even if all is trying? The Bible says, "Let all those that seek Thee rejoice . . ." (Psa. 70:4). Why? It insures the finding of Him, because He tells us He meets those that rejoice, and also because God says, "He that seeketh, findeth" (Matt. 7:8), and if you truly believe this assurance of God, you cannot help but be as joyful as if

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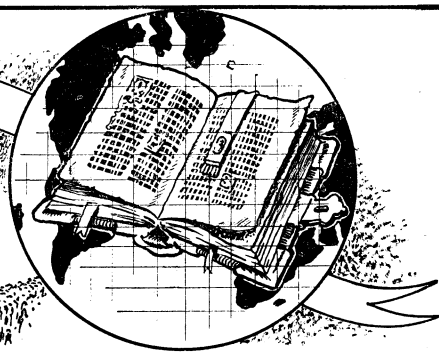
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This is the article which proved a great encouragement to Mrs. Johnson and Miss Roth as they were praising God for healing. See the testimony of Mrs. Johnson in this issue.—Editor.

GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD...

## Seed-Time and Harvest

on the Mission Fields



### Pastor Walter Waldvogel at Kirchheim

January 31, 1953.

Dear Friends:

Warm greetings from Kirchheim-Teck, Germany!

We are very grateful to the Lord for His presence which was manifested to us on the trip. We often sense the power of the prayers which are backing us up, and how thankful we are for your love and prayers.

Pastor and Mrs. Oskar Lardon of Hamburg surprised us at the boat in Bremerhaven. We had both decided that there would be no one at the boat for us, so it was a real surprise and pleasure when we found these dear friends at the gangplank waiting to welcome us. We enjoyed being in their home and also in the church again. They were having a week of prayer, and we were privileged to be in several of these meetings. The turnout was good and the presence of the Lord very wonderful in their midst.

A group of Kirchheimers met us at the Stuttgart *Bahnhof* last Saturday, surprised us on Sunday evening with a visit, and presented us with a lovely set of dishes. We are now in the midst of trying to get settled in the apartment which the Lord has provided for us. Our home is located in Wendlingen, about eight kilometers from Kirchheim, about ten minutes on the *Schwabische Eisenbahn*.

The Lord gave us an especially precious service on Thursday night. Last night we had a service in Weilheim; it was nice to see the folk again.

We know that you will continue to pray for us and again we both wish to say a hearty "Thank you" for all of the love manifested to us. We know that God will unite us more and more in His love in the days to



*Pastor and Mrs. Walter Waldvogel aboard the S.S. United States.*

come. We should just love to hear from any who would find the time to write.

Very lovingly in Jesus,  
*Walter and Bertha Waldvogel.*  
Our address: Weberstrasse 8  
Wendlingen a/Neckar, Germany

### The Mau-Mau Uprising

THE Mau-Mau uprising in Kenya, East Africa, has been striking terror to the inhabitants there and concern throughout the world as the record of its atrocities has increased almost daily. To show something of its growth we quote from a letter received from one of our missionaries December 18th, "We're inland quite a bit so we haven't felt the effects of it too much, although the anti-white

spirit becomes just a little bit more manifest daily."

Only sixteen days later the same missionary wrote: "The Mau-Mau organization is continuing to spread and its influence is being felt not too many miles away from us. There have been many brutal murders, both of white and African and even Indians. They don't care who it is, if you're not in favor with them their only desire is to kill. May God help Africa to wake up to her opportunity of finding God before it is too late."

From the same mission station where this report comes, there is also the report that there has been a continual revival since September; many have been filled with the Holy Spirit.

### Half-Dollar Offerings

One young couple of very moderate circumstances and having a family to support make it a habit to put all half dollars they receive as change in a missionary bank. Then, when a sufficient sum has accumulated, they send this offering together with a personal letter to one of the several missionaries whom they feel God wants them to help. "In this way we have a personal contact with the missionaries," the husband says, "and that makes it more interesting." A good idea which some others might like to adopt.



# SERVICE



# ECHOES

## Daniel Immordino Conducting Services at Camp Darby, Italy

On December 6 *Daniel Immordino* was asked if he would care to be transferred to Italy. Though he enjoyed his buddies in Austria, especially the Christian fellowship he had and was looking forward to celebrating Christmas with them, he felt definitely led to take the transfer. From Camp Darby he wrote on December 28, 1952:

"I have been amazed at the manner in which God has led me. When I got here I was so disappointed to find the post didn't even have a chapel, and none was planned till '54. I was tempted to feel discouraged, but I refused to lapse into that sinful state and instead simply looked to God and asked Him to show me why I was here.

It didn't take long to find out as only two days after I arrived I was teaching a Bible class. Last Saturday I walked into the library when I heard someone playing hymns on the piano in the adjacent "service club." We soon struck up an acquaintance and my newly-met buddy, Jack Moberg, gave me the lowdown of the religious situation. He said there were a number of Christian men around, but little had been accomplished as they had no leader.

That very night we had a Bible study and they asked me to do the teaching. I found that the fellows have been more or less jumping around the Bible, but I thought it wiser to study the Bible as a book and so we've started with Matthew. Our studies last for two hours and still the men are unwilling to quit. Last night we studied for three hours and ten minutes, and I could not believe how rapidly time had flown. It

is so good to see the great hunger for God's Word, and I know the Lord is working in a great way.

"On Friday I went to Florence, about seventy miles from here, with Sgt. Sutherland and his wife to visit some missionaries they are acquainted with. They are Rev. and Mrs. Vincent Casale and he originally hails from Brooklyn. During a conversation the name Joe Genna came up! Only the previous evening he had sung and played his trumpet in the meeting, but three hours before we arrived he had left for Rome! You can imagine how keen my disappointment was at coming so close to meeting Joe and yet missing him. When I get Joe's new address, I plan to pay him a visit.

"Jack Moberg and I had planned on going to Rome in the near future so we could kill two birds with one stone. Rome is about four hours from Livorno and we could get there easily on a three-day pass. I found that Brother Casale knew many of the same persons I'm acquainted with and, of course, we had an enjoyable time conversing. In the evening we paid two other missionary families a visit, the Leymans and the Weims, lovely people indeed.

In January Danny was able to report further: The engineers erected a temporary chapel and that is where we hold our services. The place is by no means all a man could ask for but it's plenty adequate. The stoves do not provide nearly enough heat but warm weather will soon be here and then the place should be ideal.

We hold services three evenings a week and our attendance is growing steadily. Sunday night we had thirteen present, our greatest number thus far. Besides G.I.'s, some government employees, army dependents, and one officer attend. Up to now I have been unable to find any-

one to assist me in the services. At present we are having leaflets printed so we can advertise all over camp and also in Leghorn. I am deeply grateful for the privilege of doing something for Him.

My duty for the Army consists of nothing more than standby maintenance on telephone and radio equipment, and I am by no means being overworked. On some days I do little more than nothing. In a way I am pleased with this set-up as it gives a chance to study my Bible and my Italian.

## Here 'N There

*Rudolph Josenhans* has been discharged. . . . *Fred Ziegler*, aboard the *U.S.S. Black*, is now on the Pacific, expecting to see Korea in the line of duty. . . . *Edwin Fette*, stationed at Norfolk, Virginia, attended church in Washington recently and found himself seated directly behind President Eisenhower. . . . *Cecil Callan* of Degerndorf, Germany, has completed the *Bread of Life Bible Correspondence Course*. . . . In a processing building in Bremerhaven, Germany, *Sal Gaglio* met his buddy, *Stan Hagan*. Were they thrilled! They had a marvelous time together en route home, and the Lord provided a room just for the two of them with all the comforts of home! They are happy to be home and free once more! . . . *Herbert Peterson* has been transferred to Holloman Airbase, New Mexico. . . . *William Liebmann* is to be discharged from the army February 28.

## Receives Baptism in the Spirit

*Carl Sommer* writing from Camp Pendleton, California, January 26, sends this inspiring testimony:

Just this past Saturday while I was on a forty-eight-hour pass, I received the baptism of the Holy Ghost in my hotel room. I was doing my lesson for the Bible Correspondence Course and after I finished I determined to pray for the baptism until I had to leave my room. Something inside of me told me I would receive the baptism if I would do this. It wasn't long afterward that I was speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. I certainly praise God for this experience.

## Rejoice

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you saw and felt what you were seeking. God says, "Let all those that put their trust in Thee rejoice" (Psa. 5:11), because He says He does things for those who trust, and the thing is yours the moment you truly trust, and there is no more to do but to rejoice over it.

It follows, then, that whenever we are not rejoicing, we are disobeying and failing God, and refusing to do His will, and the cause of it is that we are not believing His promises. Let us make the following the language of our hearts, and see that we do it,—“Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls; (all earthly comforts gone) yet I will rejoice in the Lord.” (He has not changed, and I still have riches in Him to rejoice over.) (Hab. 3:17, 18.) “Rejoice in the Lord . . . for you it is safe” (Phil. 3:1). “Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice” (Phil. 4:4).

Obedience to this one command, “Rejoice alway,” would compel us to obey so many other commands. For instance, we cannot rejoice and at the same moment fear, judge, condemn, dislike, be sorrowful, cross, impatient, discontented or covetous, or think on evil, or speak evil, or grumble, or find fault, or criticise. When we rejoice in the Lord, the vision of the Lord will fill us, and shut out things and people. “In keeping of them (His commandments) there is great reward” (Psa. 19:11). Let us secure it.

## Gathered Fragments

*“If My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land . . .”* 11 Chron. 7:14.

“In the week before his inauguration, Dwight Eisenhower thought much about the passage in the Bible on which he wished to place his hand when taking the oath of high office,” says *Time* (January 26). “One morning at his Commodore Hotel headquarters he remembered” and “marked off” the above verse.

“By inauguration time,” *Time* continues, “Eisenhower decided to swear on two Bibles; the historic one used by George Washington, and the one Cadet Eisenhower used at West Point. His own was opened at II Chronicles 7:14. The Washington Bible was opened at Psalm 127:1: ‘Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.’”

Another famous American besides Abraham Lincoln was born February 12—Cotton Mather who for forty-eight years faithfully ministered in Boston and New England, exerting an unusually powerful influence in restraining evil and maintaining righteousness, as a pastor from 1680-1728. “Methods of Glorifying God,” found on page 12 of this issue, is from his pen.

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In the March issue of *Bread of Life* will appear the first in a series of Bible Studies, entitled *Words of Life* by Roy M. Gray.

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Some incidents from the life of G. F. Bender, pioneer missionary in Venezuela, South America, will also be presented in *Bread of Life*.

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**MINISTERS' FELLOWSHIP MEETING**  
Woodhaven, N. Y., January 10, 1953

Front row (left to right): Miss A. M. Schuette, Mrs. G. P. Gardiner, Mrs. Gordon Waldvogel, Mrs. R. Kalis, Mrs. R. Lyon, Mrs. E. Waldvogel. Middle row: Gordon Waldvogel, Miss R. Waldvogel, Hans Waldvogel, Mrs. G. A. Waldvogel, G. A. Waldvogel, Joseph Wannenmacher, Rudolph Kalis. Rear row: Edwin Waldvogel, Arthur Waldvogel, Robert Lyon, Frank Posta, Mrs. F. Posta, Gordon P. Gardiner, Mrs. E. Oldfield, Ernest Oldfield, C. N. Andrews, Paul Mitchell, Walter Waldvogel. (The three children in the picture are the two daughters and son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Waldvogel—prospective ministers!)



## Is Jesus Christ in You?

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conversation of the soul with God; which often causes me joy and raptures inwardly, and sometimes also outwardly, so great, that I am forced to use means to moderate them and prevent their appearance to others. In short, I am assured, beyond all doubt, that my soul has been with God above these thirty years.

"I pass over many things that I may not be tedious to you; yet I think it proper to inform you after what manner I consider myself before God, Whom I behold as my King. I consider myself as the most wretched of men, full of sores and corruption, and who has committed all sorts of crimes against his King. Touched with a sensible regret, I confess to Him all my wickedness, I ask His forgiveness, I abandon myself in His hands that He may do what He pleases with me. The King, full of mercy and goodness, very far from chastising me, embraces me with love, makes me eat at His table, serves me with His own hands, gives me the key of His treasures. He converses and delights Himself with me incessantly, in a thousand ways, and treats me in all respects as His favorite. It is thus I consider myself from time to time in His holy presence. If I dare use the expression, I should choose to call this state the bosom of God, for the inexpressible sweetness which I taste and experience there. If sometimes my thoughts wander from it by necessity or infirmity, I am presently recalled by inward motions so charming and delicious that I am unable to mention them.

"As for my set hours of prayer, they are only a continuation of the same exercise. Sometimes I consider myself there as a stone before the carver, whereof he is to make a statue; presenting myself thus before God, I desire Him to form His perfect image in my soul, and make me entirely like Himself. At other times, when I apply myself to prayer, I feel all my spirit and all my soul lift up without any care or effort of mind, and it continues as it were suspended and firmly fixed in God, as its center and place of rest."

In his letters he wrote: "I received this day two books. I will send one of these books which treats of the presence of God, a subject which, in my opinion, contains the whole spiritual life, and it seems to me that whoever duly practices it will soon become spiritual. I know that for the right practice of it, the heart must be empty of all other things, because God will possess the heart alone, and as He cannot possess it alone without emptying it of all besides, so neither can He act there and do in it what He pleases, unless it be left vacant to Him.

"There is not in the world a kind of life more

sweet and delightful than that of a continual conversation with God. Those only can comprehend it who practice and experience it, yet I do not advise you to do it from that motive. It is not pleasure which we ought to seek, but let us do it from a principle of love, and because God would have us. Were I a preacher, I should above all other things, preach the practice of recognizing the presence of God; and were I a teacher, I should advise all the world to do it; so necessary do I think it, and so easy too. Set heartily about the practice of it in your old age; it is better late than never. I cannot imagine how any Christian can live satisfied without recognizing the presence of God.

"For my part, I keep myself retired with Him in the fund or center of my soul as much as I can, and while I am so with Him I fear nothing, but the least turning from Him is unsupportable. This exercise does not fatigue the body. It is, however, proper to deprive it sometimes, nay often, of many little pleasures which are innocent and lawful, for God will not permit that a soul which desires to be devoted entirely to Him should take other pleasures than with Him, that is, more than reasonable.

"I do not say that, therefore, we must put any violent constraint upon ourselves. No, we must serve God in holy freedom, we must do our business faithfully, without trouble or disquiet, recalling our mind to God mildly, and with tranquillity, as often as we find it wandering from Him. Be not discouraged by the repugnance which you may find in it from nature. You must do yourself violence. At first, one often thinks it lost time but he must go on and resolve to persevere in it to death notwithstanding all the difficulties that may occur.

"We may make a sanctuary of our heart wherein to retire from time to time to converse with Him in meekness, humility, and love. Every one is capable of such familiar conversation with God, some more, some less. He knows what we can do. Let us begin then. Perhaps He expects but one generous resolution on our part. Have courage, we have but a little time to live. You are near sixty-four and I am almost eighty. Let us live and die with God. Suffering will be sweet and pleasant to us while we are with Him, the greatest pleasure without Him would be a cruel punishment to us.

"Accustom yourself to worship Him, to beg His grace, to offer Him your heart from time to time in the midst of your business, even every moment, if you can. Do not always scrupulously confine yourself to certain rules, or particular forms of devotion, but act with a general confidence in God, with love and humility. One does not become perfect all at once. We ought to help

one another by our advice, and yet more by our good examples. Let us think often that our only business in this life is to please God and that all besides is but folly and vanity.

"I am filled with shame and confusion when I reflect, on one hand, upon the great favors which God has done, and incessantly continues to do me, and on the other, upon the ill use I have made of them and my small advancement in the way of perfection. Since by His mercy He gives us still a little time, let us begin in earnest. Let us repair the lost time. Let us return with a full assurance to that Father of mercies Who is always ready to receive us affectionately. Let us renounce, let us generously renounce for the love of Him, all that is not Himself. He deserves infinitely more. Let us think of Him perpetually. Let us put all our trust in Him, for the greatest glory we can give God is to distrust our own strength utterly and to commit ourselves wholly to His safekeeping. I doubt not but we shall soon find the abundance of His grace, with which we can do all things and without which we can do nothing.

"We cannot escape the dangers which abound in life without the actual and continual help of God. Let us then pray to Him for it continually. How can we pray to Him without being with Him? And how can we often think of Him but by a holy habit which we should form of it? You will tell me that I am always saying the same thing. It is true, for this is the best and easiest method I know and as I used no other I advise all the world to do it. In order to know God we must often think of Him, and when we come to love Him, we shall then also think of Him for our heart will be with our treasure. This is an argument which well deserves your consideration.

"You are not the only one that is troubled with wandering thoughts. Our mind is extremely roving, but as the will is mistress of all our faculties, she must recall them and carry them to God as their last end. When the mind has contracted certain bad habits of wandering and dissipation they are difficult to overcome and commonly draw us, even against our wills, to the things of the earth. I believe one remedy for this is to confess our faults and to humble ourselves before God. I do not advise you to use multiplicity of words in prayer, many words and long discourses being often the occasions of wandering.

"Hold yourself in prayer before God like a dumb or paralytic beggar at a rich man's gate. Let this be your business, to keep your mind in the presence of the Lord. If it sometimes wanders and withdraws itself from Him, do not much disquiet yourself for that. Trouble and disquiet serve rather to distract the mind than to recollect it. The will must bring it back in tranquillity.

If you persevere in this manner God will have pity on you.

"One way to recollect the mind easily in the time of prayer and preserve it more in tranquillity is to not let it wander too far at other times. You should keep it strictly in the presence of God, and being accustomed to think of Him often, you will find it easy to keep your mind calm in the time of prayer or at least to recall it from its wanderings."

"As Brother Lawrence had found such an advantage in walking in the presence of God, it was natural for him to recommend it earnestly to others; but his example was a stronger inducement than any arguments he could propose. His very countenance was edifying, such a sweet and calm devotion appearing in it as could not but affect the beholders, and it was observed that in the greatest hurry of business in the kitchen he still preserved his recollection and heavenly-mindedness. He was never hasty nor loitering but did each thing in its season with an even, uninterrupted composure and tranquillity of spirit. 'The time of business,' said he, 'does not with me differ from the time of prayer; and in the noise and clatter of my kitchen, while several persons are at the same time calling for different things, I possess GOD in as great tranquillity as if I were upon my knees.'"

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## Victory by Praise

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pressions, dumps are contrary to the will and Word of God which commands us to rejoice always. They are contrary to being spiritual, for the fruit of the Spirit is joy and peace.

"The Lord showed me that I should pray daily and mightily to be delivered from this condition. As I prayed, however, I saw my terrible condition instead of the Lord, and thereby my difficulties increased doubly. God in His mercy continued to help me and showed me that I must praise as well as pray, and I began a rigid schedule of praising the Lord with a loud voice daily for twenty or thirty minutes. I was also taught that when anything went wrong in my own life or ministry, even in simple things like missing a street car or train, I was to say, 'Hallelujah! Praise the Lord.' At first, when I began to praise the Lord, I said, 'How can I do this? I don't feel like it. It is hypocritical for me to do so.' Then the Lord showed me that I should praise Him, not because I felt like it, but because He is worthy of our praise.

"In the course of this fight, the Lord showed me that these feelings were something more than natural. They were from the devil himself. When I got that light, I said, 'The devil? Then it is the devil who is running me!' Forthwith I determined to fight more earnestly than ever. My victory did not come all at once, but I persisted until God showed me that I had won the fight. As a boy and young man I had loved the funeral dirge and the minor refrain, but after I had really conquered, I loved the peal of a trumpet."

# DIVINE HEALING

## A BIBLE STUDY

by *Martha Wing Robinson*

### FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE BEFORE HEALING

- MATT. 4:23, 24 — Jesus went about teaching, preaching, healing.  
MATT. 9:35 — Jesus went about teaching, preaching, healing.  
MARK 6:5, 6 — Because of their unbelief He went about teaching.  
ROMANS 10:17 — Faith cometh by hearing . . . the Word of God.

### SATAN—AUTHOR OF DISEASE AND DEATH

- MATT. 4:24 — Holden (R.V.) with divers diseases and torments.  
LUKE 13:16 — Ought not this woman . . . whom Satan hath bound?  
ACTS 10:38 — Healed all oppressed of devil.  
I COR. 15:25, 26 — Last enemy—death.  
LUKE 9:56 — Son of Man is not come to destroy.  
HEBREWS 2:14 — Him that hath the power of death . . . the devil.  
I JOHN 3:8 — The Son of God was manifested . . . to destroy the works of devil.

### DIVINE HEALING IN ATONEMENT

- MATT. 8:17 — Himself took our infirmities.  
ISA. 53:4 — He hath carried our griefs.  
LUKE 4:18 — The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me.

### DIVINE HEALING FOR ALL TIME

- MAL. 3:6 — I am the Lord, I change not.  
HEBREWS 13:8 — Jesus the same yesterday, today and forever.

### QUESTION OF GETTING PHYSICIANS

- JAMES 5:14 — Is any sick among you? Call *elders*.  
II CHRON. 16:12 — Asa's sickness—called physicians.  
MARK 5:26 — And had suffered many things of many physicians.

### PRESENT BODY AS LIVING SACRIFICE

- ROMANS 12:1 — Bodies—a *living* sacrifice.  
I COR. 6:19, 20 — Body—temple of Holy Spirit.  
I THESS. 5:23 — Whole spirit, soul and *body* be preserved.

### METHODS OF HEALING

- MARK 16:17 — They shall lay hands on the sick.  
HEBREWS 6:2 — Laying on of hands.  
I COR. 12:28 — Gifts of healings.

### SPIRITUAL CONDITIONS—FORGIVENESS FIRST

- MATT. 13:15 — Turn again—and I should heal them.  
JAMES 5:16 — Confess your sins that ye may be healed.  
PSALM 103:3 — Who forgiveth iniquities—healeth diseases.

- PSALM 107:17-20 — Forgiveness.  
JOHN 9:31 — God heareth not sinners.  
MATT. 6:14 — If ye forgive men their trespasses . . .  
I PETER 3:12 — For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.  
MARK 11:25 — When ye stand praying, forgive.

### SPIRITUAL CONDITIONS—FAITH

- JOHN 14:12 — He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also.  
JOHN 15:7 — If ye abide in Me, ask what ye will.  
JOHN 20:29 — Blessed are they that have . . . believed.  
MARK 11:24 — Whatsoever ye ask for, believe ye receive.

### PROMISES OF ANSWER TO PRAYER

- MATT. 7:7 — Ask and it shall be given.  
MATT. 18:19 — If two of you shall agree . . . it shall be done.  
MATT. 21:22 — Whatsoever ye ask, believing, ye shall receive.

### SEEKING PRAYER

- LUKE 18:1 — Parable of Unjust Judge—not to faint in prayer.  
LUKE 11:5 — Parable of Loaves—importunate prayer.

### RESULTS OF FAITH

- MATT. 21:21 — Moving mountains.  
MATT. 18:19, 20 — Anything shall be done.

### TEMPTATION AFTER HEALING

- MATT. 12:43-45 — When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out . . . Cf. Luke 11:24-26.

### UNLIMITED POWER OF GOD

- MATT. 19:26 — With God all things are possible.  
MATT. 28:18 — All power is given unto Me.

### GOD'S POWER BEYOND OUR EXPECTATIONS

- EPH. 3:20 — Now unto Him that is able to do *exceeding abundantly above* all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.

# Methods of Glorifying the Lord

*Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.—II PETER 1:4.*

LET it be a main part of your business, every day, to be applying the promises. There are certain promises that are of continual use in the Christian's daily walk; and for my own part, I wish that I may not willingly let many hours of a day pass me without some delightful reflections on several of them.

Every day you will have occasion for a promise of supply for all your wants in the day.

Such an one is that in Phil. 4:19: *God will supply all your needs.*

Every day you will have occasion for a promise of grace to manage the day for the glory of God.

Such an one is that in Zech. 10:12: *I will strengthen them in the Lord, they shall walk up and down in His Name; saith the Lord.*

Every day you will have occasion for a promise of a growing victory over sin.

Such an one is that in Mic. 7:19: *He will subdue our iniquities.*

Every day you should have a promise of success in your undertakings.

There is one in Psalm 1:3: *Whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.*

Every day you should have a promise of protection from your dangers.

There is one in Psalm 91:10: *No evil shall befall thee.*

Every day you should have a promise of counsel in your difficulties.

It is to be found in Psalm 32:8: *I will instruct thee, and I will teach thee in the way which thou shouldest go.*

Every day, 'twere worth the while you should have a promise of not being the worse by whatever happens to you.

You have it in Romans 8:28: *All things work together for good.*

Every day you can't be without a promise of eternal happiness in case you are taken out of the world.

Here it is in Luke 12:32: *It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.*

Oh! Be almost every hour of the day glancing at such promises as those.

'Tis heaven upon earth to be doing so!

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