

Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

—PSALM 16:11.



But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

—PHILIPPIANS 4:19.

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The Way of True Happiness

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"Happy is the man *that* findeth wisdom, and the man *that* getteth understanding." Prov. 3:13.

Most people are familiar with the life of King Solomon who wrote the above passage. History teaches us that he lived in earthly splendor, having, as the ordinary man would say, "everything that a person could wish for." Yet toward the close of his life he wrote the proverbs wherein he expressed his conclusion that earthly things in general were all vanity; and he advocated the need of seeking after true wisdom and of obtaining understanding and favor from the Lord.

It is human nature to wish for and to seek after those earthly treasures which will enhance our standing with our fellow men, and provide the things which we feel will make our lives, and the lives of those who are dependent upon us, more pleasant and secure. In so doing, unless we are very careful, we may become so engrossed therein that the efforts expended toward those things that would bring true and lasting happiness into our hearts are thereby neglected. Years slip by one after the other, as in the case of the past year (we wonder where it has gone so quickly) and we find we must come to the conclusion that the effort for these earthly benefits has all been vanity, and that more time should have been spent working in the vine-

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A GOLDEN RULE

By Elder Emil Schubert, Peoria, Illinois

It is an established fact, that success and good results in man's search and enterprises are achieved by observing strict rules and certain laws. In order to work out our soul's salvation, it is not less needful, and of great importance to observe the rule as set forth in the scripture, Paul, the Apostle of Jesus Christ, making that outstanding sentence: "Neither is

ing of the human mind, that we may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God. Romans 12: 2.

Not a little preaching is done, and much effort is made for bringing about an understanding of God and His divine will and ways, and it may be worth while giving above mentioned most notable rule a sincere thought.

Taking into consideration, that for nearly 2,000 years the message of salvation in Jesus Christ to men has been proclaimed, we hardly can otherwise but admit, that human nature is rather hesitating in recognizing and accepting the noble truth in God. It may finally not be too ill suited to state that the world is much more inclined to believe the lie than the truth.

As at the dawn of a new morning, darkness is replaced by light, so will the human heart and mind become enlightened by acknowledging Jesus Christ, and in faith embracing the wholesome teaching and exemplary life of Him, who said: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." St. John 14:6. Any theory, as true and as beautiful as the same may be, would finally be of no avail nor of any blessing to men, if said theory would not be put into practise and lived. That knowledge and faith alone does not place us in the ranks of those being called "The Blessed of the Lord." We may learn to understand from Christ's conversation with a Lawyer, who, al-

TREASURED VERSES

If ye love me, keep my commandments.

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

—St. John 14:15-18.

circumcision anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature," hopefully and wishfully said: "And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God." Gal. 6:16.

To enjoy this blessing, soon and easily may become the wish of man's heart; the birth of a new creature, however, requires the death of the old one and a transformation by the renew-

though being in full knowledge of God's law: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God . . . and thy neighbour as thyself," yet had to inquire: "And who is my neighbour?"

The proof of the genuineness of our regeneration in Jesus Christ, can be shown only by actually living our faith in God, who is "Love." In order thereby to overcome the limitations and handicaps of human nature, it is well, to take Christ's wonderful teaching to heart, which indeed does not allow an escape from our just Christian duty, by advising us, as a new creature, in our daily life and dealings with our fellow men, to apply and heed the following beautiful and true Christian rule: "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that man should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets." Matt. 7:12.

In all the teachings of Christ and in His mode of life the simple truth of the above beautiful passage is noticeably followed. The existing problem and the present day plight of the human heart would become inclined and willing, while refraining from selfishness and distrust, to apply and follow above mentioned advice of Christ. Also many a harm and heartache would be healed or avoided, if said Golden Rule would be more observed by those, who by the grace of Jesus Christ are privileged to share the fellowship of a most precious faith in the living God, in whom we live, and move, and have our being. Acts 17:28.

Upon our pathway through life, exposed to life's temptations, and now and then meeting with undesirable conditions, the spiritual horizon sometimes seems rather darkened; and the human heart, more or less discouraged, wishes for comfort and light. That light, by which those wise men from the East were led to the humble place of abode at Bethlehem to render homage to the new-born Christ, yet today surely and faithfully will guide the weary pilgrim upon his journey toward that heavenly Home, of which we love to sing:

In realms above, with my dear
Father,
A Home eternal I shall gain;

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"I have been receiving the Silver Lining for nearly a year and enjoy it very much. A friend sent a year's subscription for me and since that is nearly ended, it is my wish to renew it. . . . Your paper was and is a blessing to us in the service and no doubt to others, also. I always look forward to the day when the next issue will come, and especially while I was overseas." **Glenn R. Banwart.**

"I feel I should write and tell you that I am receiving this paper regularly and I want to tell you that I greatly appreciate it. I always look for it before it gets here, as I am so far from church and get to attend so little because of old age infirmities. The sermons are a great help and comfort. I pray there are many others who look for it as I do." **Mrs. Wm. Stuber.**

"I have been receiving the "Silver Lining" very regular and certainly appreciate it very much. So many times have I found it strengthening to the soul, especially in these trying times. I wish to thank you one and all for your efforts in preparing the paper, which is certainly an inspiration to all who may read it. In the near future I expect to set sail for the good old U. S. A. So would appreciate it if the following issues would be sent to my home address, Princeville, Illinois, R. 2. Thanking you very

There also I shall see my Brother,
Who in eternity as King shall reign.

What a calming and consoling feeling we may experience by setting our affection on things above, feeling assured that when Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall we also appear with Him in glory.

May the eternal God, our Father in heaven, deeply impress into our hearts and minds the fact that faith and hope together with all knowledge cannot bring us into those blessed realms above, if, there is not a pure unselfish love dominating our heart; that love which convinces men to follow the "Golden Rule"—"And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise." St. Luke 6:31.

kindly." **1st Sgt. David A. Ehle. Manila.**

"I want to thank you one and all for sending me this nice paper while I was in the service. It has always been a favorite to me, and I enjoyed it as I did the letters from home. It always came as regular as the months went by and I don't remember missing a copy. I'm looking forward to receiving it when I'm back in civilian life again, that is if it is your custom to do so. Many thanks again for remembering us in the service, and may God's blessings be your reward for your fine work. Please accept this small sum to further your efforts, as I realize there are many yet less fortunate than I, and I'm sure we all want them to have the Silver Lining to brighten their remaining days in the service." **Samuel Blunier.**

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

The New Year has come
As the annals record,
What an opportune time,
'Tis the year of our Lord.
Awake, O my soul,
This year is not mine!
For His is the day,
And each moment of time.
If life be my portion,
And health be my lot,
Improved every minute
And squander them not.
Shall striving for riches
Or honor or fame,
Shall transient possessions
Become my soul's aim?
A higher objective
My soul would pursue
For things everlasting
More blessed and true.
My soul's meditations,
My life may He bless;
He came to give all,
Ought I then give Him less?
It is the Lord's year,
If I'm granted to live
What privilege my all
In His service to give.
For faithful endeavor
I give Him my word.
By His grace I shall make it
A year for my Lord.

Rev. Henry Beer.

A Letter from France

Orly Aerodrome
Paris, France
Jan. 14, 1946

I am sending you an account of my recent trip to Switzerland, which, if at all possible, I would like to have you publish in *The Silver Lining*. During the visit, I had so many greetings entrusted to me that it would be a great task for me to find the addresses of all and send them personal notice of my seeing how conditions are in Europe today in reference to our church. I feel it almost a duty to let others share in the good fortune that I had to be able to visit the members there, and your paper offers such a wonderful means of getting word to most all of the communities in America that I feel it is the best medium to use. . . .

I was recently on a furlough through Switzerland and Alsace. During that time, I was able to contact many from the church, visit a number of the churches themselves, attend services of one of the congregations, learn something of the plight of the congregations in Alsace and in Germany since the war, and even to visit the grave of the founder of the Apostolic Christian Church, or the Evangelical Tausgesinnter, as it is called in Europe: Brother Henre Samuel Froelich. In the hopes that what I have to relate may be of some interest to many of you, I shall ask the staff of the *Silver Lining* to help me contact as many of you as possible through the unique means at their disposal.

A number of others from the church back home have been to Switzerland; among them were Brothers Everett Schladenhauffen, Ervin Schwartz and Millard Aschlimann from Bluffton, and Norman Schneiter from Rockville. So far as I know, however, not many of them were able to attend services or to contact any great number of the members. Whatever their opportunities may have been, I may be able to add a little of interest.

We crossed the Swiss border early in the morning of the last day of the year. After passing through the customs, I found I had almost an hour

to spare before the train left for Lucerne, so I telephoned to the home of Br. Alfred Merz and family in Basel. I had received a number of addresses to contact in the event I should be successful in getting to Switzerland. One of the Merz family came immediately to the station to meet me, and after arranging with the guide of my tour for me to remain in Basel that day and rejoin the group that night at Lucerne, we went to the Merz home. There I met Br. Alfred, his wife, and one by one, his entire family. One of the sons is associated with his father in the paint and varnish manufacturing business in Basel, and the other sons are all in various businesses in Basel, also Br. Alfred has considerable correspondence with many of the members in America, particularly Brother Ernest Graf and several others who have made return trips to Switzerland prior to the war. He is acquainted very well with, and is very much interested in, the congregations in the States, and hopes to be able to visit them sometime soon.

In the afternoon, one of the sons accompanied me on a tour of Basel. From the Basel Cathedral one can see very distinctly the mountains of the Schwartzwald, or Black Forest, of Germany, on the other side of the Rhine, as well as other parts of Switzerland and parts of France. Basel is today, more than ever, outstandingly beautiful, situated as it is at the junction of three nations, and only its own unscarred by the ravages of war. We visited the church house—a beautiful, three-story structure, and the meeting place of the largest congregation of our denomination in all Europe. In one of the rooms is stored a large quantity of clothing and supplies to be taken to Germany for distribution to the destitute of the faith there. One such shipment has already been taken to the churches in Alsace. This material was collected entirely from or purchased by the congregations in Switzerland. I understand that an appeal has been submitted to the congregations in America for additional help, but that it is practically impossible for us to send

either money or material. Certainly, it would be for a worthy cause; one needs only to see the appalling conditions today to realize that. For example, I learned that the church in Heilbronn was completely destroyed, and many of the members in the city were killed by the terrific bombardments. In Alsace, also, many of the churches were damaged or destroyed, and some of the members killed. During the German occupation, the congregations in Alsace were forbidden to assemble, but despite the order, they met almost every Sunday at private homes.

Services were held the evening of December 31st at the Basel church; it is their custom to hold services on the last day of the year as well as the first. To my disappointment, I was unable to stay for the services, as I was obliged to leave for Lucerne, but I looked forward to returning the following Sunday once more to Basel, on my way back.

The tour left Lucerne early New Year's morning, heading southward. We passed through ever more-beautiful scenery, as we were now entering the Bernese Oberland, the land of the Swiss Alps. We passed through the town of Brienz, where most of the wonderful wood carving is done in Switzerland. As we climbed higher and higher, the temperature dropped steadily. When we reached the resort town of Grindelwald, high in the mountains, it was well below zero. Here we were to remain almost four full days, to ski, take excursions to Jungfrauoch, or enjoy the splendid scenery. I, however, had made arrangements to break away once more and visit the town of Frutigen, not far distant, where I have relatives. I agreed to rejoin the tour at Bern the following Sunday morning.

I left Grindelwald the next morning for Frutigen. I transferred to another train at Interlaken, from which we followed the shores of the Thunsee, or Lake of Thun, to Spiez. This is some of the most beautiful country in the world; to one's left are the majestic Alps, and to the

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NEWS

The community for many miles around Grabill will again receive canning service. The Grabill Canning Factory which was closed since the early part of the war will reopen under new management. David Lantz, the new owner, will commence operations in the near future.

The contract has been let to install two Modernfold doors in our Sunday School room. This will divide the room in three sections creating better conditions for teaching.

Robert Stavenik S 1-c is now located at Camp Downs, Great Lakes, Illinois, which is the demobilization center of Great Lakes. He is to be there until the end of March.

Ens. Arthur Schwartz is home on leave. He expects to become a civilian in a few weeks.

Joseph Bahr is now enjoying civilian life.

We welcome them both back to our Sunday School.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Martin are the proud parents of a baby girl, Joan Elaine, born January 4, 1946.

Funeral services for Judy Coles, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Coles, were held January 23. Burial was in the Leo Cemetery. Mrs. Coles was the former Philipina Levy.

Elders Elias Dotterer of Paulding, Ohio and Samuel Aeschliman of Bluffton, Indiana held communion services with the Apostolic Christian Church, January 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Frautschi and little son, Edward J., visited with the Jacob Frautschi family at Toledo, the week end of January 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Getz and son, Conrad, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Getz and daughter, Sharon, visited with relatives at Elkhart, Indiana on January 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Norr and children are spending sometime with Mrs. Norr's parents at Cissna Park, Illinois.

Mr. Andrew Bertsch and Misses Mina and Rose Bertsch are enjoying a pleasant trip to Florida.

Elder and Mrs. Samuel Aeschliman, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gerber of Bluff-

ton, Elder Elias Dotterer, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Mantz of Paulding, O., Mr. and Mrs. Elias Farney and daughter, Lena, Misses Joan Gudeman and Lena Knochel of Fort Wayne were dinner guests at the home of Elias Souders on Sunday, January 20.

Mr. Donald Zeltwenger visited in Grabill, Sunday, January 13.

Cornelius Levy at the present time is making his home with his daughter, Mrs. Joel Souder, of Grabill.

We welcome back: Sgt. Louis F. Getz, son of Mr. Edward Getz, was inducted into the army January 19, 1943 at Camp Perry, Ohio. He received his basic training at Miami Beach, Florida, and his technical training at Ft. Collins, Colo. He was then assigned to the Quartermaster Corp and left for the European Theater of Operations in August, 1943. There he served in the QMC attached to the 8th Air Force in England, and later being transferred to the 9th Air Force thus serving in France, Belgium, and Germany, he was transferred to the Army of Occupation and served with them for six months at Kassel, Germany. He returned to the U. S. in December, 1945 and received his discharge at Camp Atterbury, Indiana. Louis and his wife, the former Bernice Conrad, and their son are at home in Grabill, Indiana.

Chicago, Illinois

Olga and Ida Laubecher and Mrs. Clarence Wenger attended the wedding of Miss Lulu Eglin at Roanoke, Illinois.

Miss Clara Hofer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hofer, has been seriously ill with pneumonia the past six weeks. Since New Year's day she is again able to have visitors but will remain at the hospital indefinitely.

Miss Emma Gerst will attend the wedding of her brother, Richard Gerst, at Oakville, Iowa, January 13th. He was recently discharged from the army.

A supper was held at the church, January 10th in honor of Raymond Schrenk and his family. Raymond was discharged December 19th.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Winzler entertain-

ed a group of friends at a New Year's dinner.

Sgt. Clarence Wenger, who recently underwent an operation in the Galesburg Hospital, is improving nicely and expects to get his discharge soon. He and his wife plan to live on a farm near Roanoke, Illinois.

Elgin, Illinois

S/Sgt. David Steffen who has been stationed at Camp Crowder, Missouri, after a year spent in England with the 141st General Hospital, has been spending a furlough at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Steffen. David expects to get his discharge from the Army sometime this month. He has been in service since November of 1942. His brother, Pvt. Melvin Steffen, has recently arrived in Siapan, but expects to leave there for Guam in the near future.

Pvt. Robert Scheitlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Scheitlin, spent a furlough over the holidays with his parents.

Milford, Indiana

Corporal Robert Kaiser has received his discharge and has rented the home of Lean Merkle for the coming year.

Miss Kathryn Graff has resumed her studies at Goshen College for the second semester.

Corporal Victor Beer is stationed at Namur, Belgium. He states the winter in Belgium has been mild.

Harvey Stieglitz has received his discharge from Camp Blanding, Fla.

Frank Junior Beer has reached home from Japan on January 13. He is in good health and has received his discharge from the armed forces.

Morton, Illinois

The next Young People's Meeting will be held at Roanoke, Illinois, on February 3.

Miss Norma Jean Stieglitz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Stieglitz, and Donald Getz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam J. Getz, were married January 12.

Mrs. Rosa Krug went to her final rest at the age of 85 after having been confined to her bed for five years. Funeral services were held Friday morning, January 11, at the Apostolic Christian Church.

Remington, Indiana

Edwin Bahler S 2/c of Great Lakes spent New Year's Day with his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Bahler and family. Since his return to Great Lakes he has been sent to Shoemaker, Calif.

Marvin Nussbaum and Marvin Clauss were discharged from the army before Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Huber and children of Francesville visited Mrs. Marie Schieler and family. Eugene was recently discharged from the army.

Word was received by Mrs. Jacob Bahler, Sr., of the birth of a son, Walter Lee, born on New Year's Day to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Steffen of Cropsey, Illinois.

Visitors here at church, January 20th, were Emil Bauer and family of Cissna Park. John Kilgus and two daughters and son Alfa, Mr. Frank Honnegger, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Lehman of Fairbury. They had supper and spent the evening visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kilgus to help them celebrate their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Miss Doris Scharlach returned to Chicago to work January 14 after spending some time at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Scharlach.

Miss Lena Knochel, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Farney and daughter, Lena, of Wolcott spent the last three weeks in Florida and have returned to live in Fort Wayne until spring. Mrs. Henry Frey spent two weeks with them in Florida.

Taylor, Missouri

Cpl. Laverne Wiegand who is stationed in Paris, France hopes to be home the later part of January.

Mrs. Perry Yackley and two daughters, Faye and Eleanor, visited in Goodfield, Illinois with relatives and friends the week end of January 13.

Miss Madalyn Gerber of Chicago spent a few days in the Ben Wiegand home before accompanying her sister, Mrs. Conrad Hauseman, to New York. Mrs. Hauseman is awaiting the return of her husband who has been in Japan for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. William Cottrell are living in Chicago. William who is discharged is attending school there.

Bluffton, Indiana

Twin brothers Robert C. Aeschliman and Harold J. Aeschliman, returned this week from the South Pacific.

They entered the army together, served together three years ago next March, and were discharged together.

Both are married and each is the father of a child. Mrs. Robert C. Aeschliman was formerly Miss Ida Ringger, Mrs. Harold J. Aeschliman formerly was Miss Louella Steffen.

Parents of the twins are Mr. and Mrs. Noah Aeschliman, east of Bluffton.

Pfc. Joseph Kipfer, son of Mrs. Mary Kipfer, 404 W. Wabash St., received his honorable discharge Sunday after having served 31 months in the army, 22 months of which were spent in New Guinea and the Philippine Islands with the 80th General hospital.

Pvt. Max E. Meyer was summoned home on emergency leave to attend the funeral services of his daughter, Judy Ann Meyer. After a short leave at home, he reported to Camp Miles Standish, Mass., for further service.

Toledo, Ohio

We welcome home both Richard Fetter and Arthur Frautschi. Richard Fetter was in the Pacific theatre of war. He is the last of the four Fetter boys to be discharged from the army.

Arthur Frautschi was in the navy, Ph. M. 1/c on L.S.T. 911. He left from New York in June, 1944 and has been in the Pacific ever since.

Kathryn Stevens left January 16 to visit relatives and friends in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gerber, Mrs. Beulah Clark and Miss Elizabeth Kaehr of Bluffton, Ind., visited friends and relatives here January 19 and 20.

Eureka, Illinois

Miss Ann Feller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Feller of Cissna Park, Ill., and Dave Leman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Leman, Sr., of Eureka have chosen January 27 as their wedding date.

Mr. and Mrs. David V. Hodel of Roanoke have announced the engagement of their daughter, Mary, to Rudy Hoffman of Kockville, Conn.

Mrs. Elmer Blunier of Roanoke has announced the engagement of her daughter, Irma, to Richard Moser of Morris, Minn.

Mrs. Esther Klaus, her sons, Jim, Fritz, Tommy, Miss Ruth Schumacher, and Willis Mangold are spending a few weeks in Texas.

Pfc. O. William Leman has returned to camp at Goldsboro, North Carolina, after spending 30 days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Leman of Eureka.

Joe Schumacher writes home to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schumacher of Eureka, that he will be eligible for discharge, Feb. 12.

Just before going to press, we received the sad news of the death of T/Sgt. David Frautschi, son of Rev. and Mrs. Jacob Frautschi, of Toledo, Ohio. We deeply sympathize with those that mourn the loss of their dear son and brother. Let us hope, however, that in the golden age of eternity they will gather in a sweet reunion where partings are unknown. Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 28, at the Apostolic Christian Church, Toledo, Ohio.

"JESUS, SAVIOR, PILOT ME"

As we travel through this life from earth to heaven, we, as sailors on life's sea, encounter many storms; often we become lost, and the old ship is helpless while riding the angry waves. And on the other hand there are ships that weather the storms and drop anchor in that peaceful harbor where the sea is calm. You know God does not send His sailors on any voyage defenseless. He gives them His blessings, courage, and faith, and He is ever present as a compass. There is only one wind that blows, and our Lord controls that wind, but the direction in which we set our sails will determine our destination. So let us all, as good seamen and sailors, elect God, the Master of wind and water, as the captain of our ship. With Him on deck we cannot lose our way.

"Wondrous Sovereign of the sea,
Jesus, Saviour, pilot me."

J. Steffen, Elgin, Illinois.

SALVATION

Rev. Philip Gutwein, Jr., Francesville, Ind.

The subject matter I endeavor to present under the chosen heading of Salvation, I am trying to group as follows:

I. The utter ruin in **sin** and **death** of the first Adam, and "**in him**" of the entire human race, and even the entire material **creation** of which Adam is the crown and which, as it came from the Creator's hand, was once pronounced "**very good**," but **now**, because of **sin**, groaneth under a curse and the **bondage of corruption** and is **subject to vanity**; yet in **hope** of deliverance from this bondage and subjection into the glorious **liberty** of the children of God and the **new things** of the **new creation** "**in Christ**," the last Adam.

II. The perfect **redemption** and **salvation** to the uttermost by—and in the second Adam of the entire creation forever, as a whole, of **man** and **things** and heaven and earth.

This is not by angelic intervention, though it might be if it were but a question of **wisdom** and **might** and not also of **right** and **love** and **grace**. It is purposed that: "as by **man** came **ruin**, by **man** should come also **redemption**." (1 Cor. 15:21.) To qualify the Redeemer had to be perfect in His **humanity** but also wholly **sanctified**, that is "set apart," in His conception, birth, and person and life from even a trace of sin. This perfection could only be met by God Himself, Immanuel—God with us—by perfect **Divinity**.

III. Having then considered the position of the "first man" and the "second man" in God's revealed over-all purpose with **man**, who will seek to find and exhibit, in a practical application, the position of "**every man**" in this great program and drama of **all the ages** and world without end: "Ah-men, A-man and Amen."

The **First Adam** and the **Last Adam**.

By the first Adam "**sin** entered into the world, and **death** by sin;" (Rom. 5:12). The second Adam "in the end of the world hath appeared to **put away sin**" (Heb. 9:26) and "hath **abolished death**." (2 Tim. 1:10.) The fact that **both** bear the name "**Adam**" indicates a close relationship between them, the second being **kinsman** to the first. They are both **men**, bearing the **image** of the earthly, as we now see "Jesus" the Lord's earthly name, "made a little lower than the angels," and a partaker of **flesh** and **blood** and in all things made like unto his brethren, in order that He may obtain eternal salvation for them, and "bring many sons to glory," who then will bear with Him the **image** of the heavenly, as He first stooped not only to bear

Adam's earthly image but also his **sins** and **sorrow**, his tears and **death**.

Once more we would point to the indelible and violently penetrating nature of sin, which becomes even more apparent from the fact that its destructive power and corruptive impact did not spend itself upon its first and directly responsible victims, Adam and Eve, but: "death passed upon **all men**." Thus did Adam's sin not only corrupt his **own blood** and render his body **mortal**, but it **corrupted** at its source, the **blood-stream** of the entire human race, which was then yet in his loins, so that "**in Adam all die**," even innocent babes.

In fact, sin has so interwoven and entrenched itself as to plight human existence from "the cradle to the grave" and more. For the Bible tells us that man is "conceived in sin," "born in sins," he lives in sins and "dies in his sins," unless he is redeemed. The outlook would seem hopeless that unto us a child could be born and a son given which would be untouched by the plight of sin and yet be the "**Son of man**" so much so that He can rightly bear the name of the "first man," Adam, seeing he "was made in the likeness of **men** and being found in fashion as a **man**." (Phil. 2:7, 8.)

Yet to qualify as our Redeemer, He had to be our near **kinsman** (by **blood-relationship**), and to "put away sin by the **sacrifice** of Himself," His **blood**, as the **price** of our redemption, needs had to be "**precious blood**, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot," seeing that we cannot be "redeemed with **corruptible things**." (1 Pet. 1:18.)

Again to offer sacrifices under the law, one had to be ordained a **High Priest**, who alone could enter within the veil with the **blood** of the sacrifice to make an atonement for sins. So "Jesus was made an **High Priest** for ever after the order of Melchisedec." For such an High Priest became sin for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens." (Heb. 7:26.)

That the Lord Jesus lived a sinless life, and which made Him the **one** exception of the human race, cannot be questioned. "He was in **all** points tempted like as we are, yet **without sin**." He could say, "Which of you can convince me of sin?" and none came forward. On the other hand, could He challenge the multitude? "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her." And again none came forward; they all had sinned. God did send His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh; yet was His body of flesh and blood holy, undefiled, and separate from sinners in view of the fact that He "was made of a woman"? What saith the Scripture?

"God hath made of **one blood** all nations of men . . ." (Acts 17:26.) This establishes a common **blood-stream** for our race. Again we read: "The life of the flesh (body) is in the **blood**." This indicates that the blood-stream is also the **life-stream** of our race, by which physical **life** flowed from Adam down through generations of "all nations of men," and, as we know, always making the **man** the carrier of **new life** and **never** the woman. Thus in tracing back the genealogy of the Lord Jesus in Luke 3:23, the name of Mary, the mother, is not even mentioned, she being a daughter—**sons only** are in the line back to Adam, "which was the Son of God."

Thus the **blood** or **life-stream** of a race flows exclusively through the sons; the daughters terminate this stream, the family dies out and the family name disappears. The Mosaic law recognized this and provided that a brother or nearest kinsman, take the widow of a childless brother as his wife and "raise up seed" for him. And not only does the "daughter" lack the ability to pass on **life** to her child, but, since the "life is in the blood," the child has none of his mother's blood, not a drop. Medical research is said to support this conclusion to be a scientific fact as also it is a creative truth.

In the light of these considerations, it is evident that Mary, the mother of our blessed Lord, shared with ev-

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A LETTER FROM FRANCE*(Continued from page 3)*

right lies the calm and colorful lake. At Spiez I again transferred trains, and from there it was but a very short journey to Frutigen. There I was met at the station by Mrs. Otto Stoller and daughter Susan, to whom I had telephoned from Grindelwald the preceding afternoon. Mr. Otto Stoller is a notary in Frutigen, and is very well versed on the history of both the town of Frutigen and the Stoller family. Consequently, I learned much of interest concerning both, but as this would be of interest only to those concerned, I shall omit the account of it here. Frutigen was bathed in sunshine that day; it is nestled in the valley between gigantic mountains, so few places surpass it for beauty. It is a prosperous and busy community, somewhat in contrast to what I had rather expected.

In Kandergrund, very near to Frutigen, I contacted some from the church, also. We have a small congregation there; they hold meetings two or three times monthly in a small church house there. There is no minister in Frutigen or Kandergrund, but they are visited regularly by ministers from other congregations. I stayed overnight at the home of Walter Gehring and wife, members of the church and owners and operators of a match factory and a coal mine in Kandergrund. I also visited Br. Peter Schenk and family, who have a small shop in Frutigen, as well as the Muller family, and several others. They all send hearty greetings to their relatives and the members in America.

I also called to Sister Bertha Kuenzi at Lutzelfluh; the congregation there meets at her home. She is well, and wishes to be remembered to all who know her, especially to her relatives in Sabetha, Kansas.

I left for Bern Saturday morning, and was met at the station by Bro. Karl Hani, at whose home I spent that night. During the afternoon, we made a tour of the points of interest in Bern, including the world-famous bear dens, the parliament houses, and our church there. The church building has three floors; on the top floor is the congregational room, on the

second is the dining room and the Sunday school, and on the lower floor live the Elder of the Church and his family. That evening we visited the home of Rudolph Ruchti, a brother to Sister Locher of Bern, Kansas. Earlier, I had called to the home of Alexander Ruchti, another brother. They were well and pleased to hear news from the States.

Later in the evening we visited the home of Bro. Werner Selvisberg and family, who have a bakery in Basel. They extend greetings to the members in America, as does the Karl Hani family, especially to the Hany families in Rockville, New York, and Detroit.

I left Bern Sunday morning for Basel, where I was met at the station by Bro. Werner Merz. After lunch at the Merz home, we paid a brief visit to the new hospital in Basel, from which we went to the church to attend afternoon services, commencing at 2:00 o'clock. In addition to Bro. Merz, there are two ministers at Basel, Brothers Jacob and Paul Buchman. Jacob is the Elder; Paul conducted the services this afternoon. It was a rare privilege for me to be attending services once more at one of our churches, after being deprived of the privilege for so long a time.

After the services, I met many of the congregation; we called at the home of the Theodor Walder family. They send hearty greetings, particularly to the Rudolf Grafs in Akron, and the Steiners in Sabetha. I also met Friend William Moser, the owner of a shipping firm in Basel and a relative of the Mosers in Sabetha, and the Bahlers in Rockville and Remington. After supper at the Merz home, we were for the evening at the home of Sisters Elisabeth and Martha Bertschi and the Grollimund family, relatives of the Bertschis in Peoria, to whom they send special greetings. I also met Bro. Adolph Keller, Sister Emma Bauer, and Bro. Theodor Bauer and wife. All wish to be remembered to their relatives and the members in America.

After spending the night at the Merz home, I left Monday morning for France once more, and on to Strasbourg, Alsace, that evening, where I spent the night. The next morning I

set out for the Hellene Friedhof, in which cemetery Bro. Froelich is buried. I found the grave very well kept, in a large and beautiful cemetery. By generous access to the cemetery records, I was able to gather some detailed information of Brother Froelich's history, and to locate the home of the Albert Klein family, in whose charge the grave is at the present time. I paid the family a visit, and met several more families from the church. I also visited the church house in Strasbourg. After supper at the Klein home, I left on the evening train for Paris, and "home."

In closing, I wish to convey once more the many greetings that were entrusted to me by the members throughout Switzerland, and in Alsace. In Switzerland, I found the conditions exceedingly favorable; in Alsace and in Germany, there is much yet to be overcome, and our Brothers and Sisters in the Faith are patiently awaiting the arrival of more cheerful days. Let us join with them in imploring Almighty God that those days shall be not much longer delayed! The horror of war itself has ceased, but its terrible consequences are yet to be reckoned with.

Norman Stoller.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our dear dad and husband, who passed away, January 31, 1945.

HE IS GONE—BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Safe in His refuge, sweet is his rest,
Ill cannot harm him, nor fore'er molest,
Jesus his spirit so tenderly calms,
Holding him close in His mighty arms.
Oh, what wonderful, wonderful rest,
Trusting completely in Jesus, he's blest,
Sweetly He comforts and shields from alarms.

Holding him safe in His mighty arms.
Pressing my tear-stained cheek to His own,
Hushing my grief with His sweet, gentle tone,
Touching my heart with His healing balms,
Holding me still in His mighty arms,
This is our comfort since he is gone.

Mrs. Cora Swing and Family,
Francesville, Indiana.

THOUGHT GEMS

No day is well spent without a talk with God.

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"Whence came ye?" is not as important as "Whither goest thou?"

THE WAY OF TRUE HAPPINESS

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yard of the Lord, thereby storing up treasures in the heavens above, which will remain as an eternal heritage.

Therefore, as the new year is before us, we should take sufficient time to ponder over the year gone by and be frank enough with ourselves to admit the mistakes made and the many things left undone which should have been done and which we would have been able to do; and to resolve, with God's help and favor, to improve our standing in His sight during this coming year.

The conditions in our country today present problems for the working man, owners of business, and farmers alike, over which each one in his own particular station appears to be gravely concerned; yet we know that it all will have no further value beyond this present life. God has promised that if we first seek after those things pertaining to His kingdom, our daily needs will be provided for. So let us, who have been redeemed and hope for that eternal home beyond this life, put forth during this new year more effort, and be willing to expend more of our time and to share of our goods in furthering the work of salvation and redemption of the souls of men, the results of which are happiness and peace of heart and mind during the time of our life, and an eternal reward which will follow us beyond death and grave. Therefore, "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom and the man that getteth understanding."

SALVATION

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every other member of our fallen race, as the source of her physical life, our common, **Adamic**, "sin and death" contaminated, corruptible blood-stream; but being a "daughter" of our race, she had **no capacity**, as a fact of original creation, to pass on to her **great Son** any of either **her life** or **her life-blood**. The **life** and the **blood** of the **body** which was "prepared for Him" by God, as "He cometh into the world" (Heb. 10:5), had its source directly at the uncontaminated fountain of the beginning of **all life: God**, the **Holy Spirit**. Mary nourished and

nursed this **Holy Life** from its conception as a **human mother** her child, but He was and is **God's Son** as well.

"Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee." (Heb. 1:5). And again: "that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost." And again: "Behold a virgin shall be with child." (Matt. 1:18-23.) On this point the testimony of the holy scriptures are overwhelming and clear and a denial of the fatherhood of God and the "virgin birth" of Christ is a basic denial of the faith of—and in Christ as the Saviour of the world and the mark of the spirit of **Antichrist**, which should come and even now already is in the world." (1 John 4:3).

(To be continued)

"Let us not be weary in well doing:" Galatians 6:9.

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A good investment — is the time spent in God's House.

Hymn For the Month THE HAVEN OF REST

My soul in sad exile was out on life's sea,
So burdened with sin and distressed,
Till I heard a sweet voice saying, "Make
Me your choice;"
And I entered the "Haven of Rest."

I yielded myself to His tender embrace,
And faith taking hold of the Word,
My fetters fell off, and I anchored my soul;
The "Haven of Rest" is my Lord.

The song of my soul, since the Lord made
me whole,
Has been the old story so blest,
Of Jesus who'll save whosoever will have
A home in the "Haven of Rest."

How precious the tho't that we all may re-
cline,
Like John the beloved and blest,
On Jesus' strong arm, where no tempest can
harm,
Secure in the "Haven of Rest."

O come to the Savior, He patiently waits
To save by His power divine;
Come, anchor your soul in the "Haven of
Rest,"
And say, "My Beloved is mine."

Refrain:

I've anchored my soul in the "Haven of
Rest,"
I'll sail the wide seas no more;
The tempest may sweep o'er the wild
stormy deep;
In Jesus I'm safe evermore.

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