

Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and OF a good conscience, and OF faith unfeigned:

I TIMOTHY 1:5

God IS faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

I CORINTHIANS 1:9



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Fellowship

By Andrew Nussbaum

"That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that you also may have fellowship with us: And truly our fellowship is with the Father, and his Son, Jesus Christ." So writes the Apostle John in his first epistle, chapter one, verse three. What was his thought or object in this message? Namely, that in all ages, and especially we who are living in the closing days of this dispensation, should be brought into the same inward experiences and in the knowledge of the Word of Life, such as was manifested to the Apostles in the first century of the Christian era, that we should live in the same life and power and enjoy the same liberty and freedom from the dominion of sin in which the Apostles lived and labored here on earth.

"In the beginning was the Word (Christ) and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God." (St. John 1:1, 2.) Here we see the eternal oneness of the Father and the Son, in the blessedness of divine life and the fellowship in divine operations. "All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made." (St. John 1:3.) The 17th chapter of St. John shows how we may be brought into this blessedness or fellowship, through sanctification of the Truth (the Word of God), "That they may all be one: as Thou, Father,

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CHARITY

By Guy Miller

Charity, which is love, is the greatest of all gifts that God bestows on man. It is the only virtue that we can take with us beyond death and grave. As we read in First Corinthians 13:8, "Charity never faileth." So we should diligently strive for that precious gift of love. Sometimes we wonder in our weak human mind as

much this means and the good we can do by being kind. It often encourages and helps a weary soul if we show them kindness.

Charity envieth not and is not puffed up, so if we have the true love of God in our hearts, we will esteem others higher than ourselves. We read in the Word of God that Charity thinketh no evil; this is a passage that causes us to stop, pause, and examine ourselves, as we would question very much if there is anyone who does not have evil thoughts at times, but this should not discourage us. We all must strive with the help and grace of God to overcome all evil thoughts. Oh, it is indeed well worth-while for us to diligently strive for those blessed virtues which we receive through charity. Let us consider the great love our dear Lord Jesus has for us—that He gave His precious life—yes, died the cruel death on the cross so that we can be saved.

Now, as this time of year "Mother's Day" is drawing near, our thoughts turn to her, and we dare say that we believe that a Christian mother comes as near possessing those blessed virtues of Charity, as anyone can in this world. Consider her true love and devotion, for her family, and how she loves to do good to others who are not of her own household. We have contributed a short poem in honor of Mother's Day!

TREASURED VERSES

St. John 19:25, 26, 27

Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the WIFE of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene.

When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son!

Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own HOME.

to the being and existence of the Almighty God. Again we read, as the beloved apostle, John gives us the definition of God, in his first epistle 4:8, where he said "God is love." Now let us consider what the works of charity are, as we find it recorded in the Word of God, where the apostle Paul writes in the first epistle to the Corinthians, chapter 13—"Charity suffereth long and is kind." Oh, how

*A mother is a needful soul—a comfort
in the home;
We find so many different kinds while
on this earth we roam.*

*I know of mothers in distress—their
bodies poor in health;
They care not for this earthly fame—
they care not for its wealth.*

*A mother's courage often fails when
dark clouds hover o'er;
The heavy mist oft seems to hide the
view of heaven's door.*

*What can be done? What shall they
do? Is any comfort left?
Oh, let them flee to Christ, the Lord,
who comforts all bereft!*

A MOTHER'S PRAYER

Almighty God, gracious Father in Heaven, I thank Thee with all my heart for my son and for all the joy and comfort I have experienced through this gift of Thy love. Above all, I praise Thee that by Holy Baptism and by faith in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ Thou hast made him Thy child and an heir of Heaven.

Enable him to prove his Christianity by good, faithful, and conscientious service in the armed forces of our country; comfort him with Thy gracious presence when he is lonely and sad; keep him in good health and spirit; grant him wisdom and courage to be a witness for Christ to his unsaved companions; enable him to stand firm against temptation, and make him eager to help others resist evil; and when Thine hour has come, restore him to us with a heart set to obey Thy commandments.

O Thou Lord of Hosts, command Thy holy angels to encamp around him, and to keep him in all his ways, and to guard him from all evil; bless all who minister to his soul; grant him an abiding faith in Thee and in Thy Word, and fill his heart with Thy peace; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

The Lord said—We are the salt of the earth. Therefore we should make other people thirsty for what we have.

Easy going religion makes the going easy for the Devil.

My Mother

Who fed me from her gentle breast
And hushed me in her arms to rest,
And on my cheek sweet kisses prest?
My mother.

When sleep forsook my open eye,
Who was it sung sweet lullaby
And rocked me that I should not cry?
My mother.

Who sat and watched my infant head
When sleeping in my cradle bed,
And tears of sweet affection shed?
My mother.

When pain and sickness made me cry
Who gazed upon my heavy eye
And wept, for fear that I should die?
My mother.

Who ran to help me when I fell
And would some pretty story tell,
Or kiss the place to make it well?
My mother.

Who taught my infant lips to pray,
To love God's holy Word and day,
And walk in wisdom's pleasant way?
My mother.

And can I ever cease to be
Affectionate and kind to thee
Who wast so very kind to me—
My mother.

Oh, no, the thought I cannot bear;
And if God please my life to spare
I hope I shall reward thy care,
My mother.

When thou art feeble, old and gray,
My healthy arm shall be thy stay.
And I will soothe thy pains away,
My mother.

And when I see thee hang thy head,
'Twill be my turn to watch thy bed,
And tears of sweet affection shed,—
My mother!

BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE

If you've a gray-haired mother
In the old home far away,
Sit down and write the letter
You've put off day by day;
Don't wait until her tired steps
Reach Heaven's pearly gate,
But show her that you think of her
Before it is too late.

The tender words unspoken,
The letter never sent,
The long forgotten messages,
The wealth of love unspent—
For these some hearts are breaking.
For these some loved ones wait;
So show them that you care for them
Before it is too late.

Author Unknown.

FELLOWSHIP

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art in me, and I in Thee, that they may also be one in us." (St. John 17: 21.)

Fellowship—There is the fellowship of life, in which, by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost the children are fitted for the Father's house, where all will be welcome to share Eternal Glory. For Christ having loved His own which were in the world, He loved them unto the end.

Then there is the fellowship of service or partnership. "The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into His hand." (St. John 3: 35.) As the Father does all things through the Son, so the Son would work through His disciples. We have a beautiful illustration in the parable of the vine and the branches, the vine needs the branches as much as the branches need the vine, unless they remain together there will be no fruit to cheer the heart of the Husbandman. The unseen Saviour would communicate Himself through us to others and through us bring fruit to the Glory of God, the Father, and the blessing of men.

Great as is the fellowship of service, there is still a deeper fellowship — the fellowship of love — it is the deepest of all. Whoever has entered into this fellowship lives a hidden life with Christ in God. He is likely to be a silent man and his words will be few and fragrant. He has found true satisfaction, for he is at the fount of love. "Perfect love casteth out fear." (1 John 4:18.) John did not flee when the disciples were scattered but went with Jesus right to the Cross. He was the only Apostle who saw the piercing of the side of Jesus and the double stream of blood and water flowing out of His sacred heart. This bosom fellowship is of more value than much fine gold, and whoever has entered into this bosom fellowship shall be suffused all over with the Heavenly fragrance of that sweet communion.

I challenge any infidel to put his finger on any promise that God has not kept.—D. L. Moody.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I started receiving the Silver Lining a year ago not knowing where it was coming from. I found out later that it was coming to me as a gift, which was a rich gift, indeed. The first issue impressed me very much and I have received many blessings since. I feel that the Silver Lining had a great deal to do with my repentance. . . **James Ringger**, Gridley, Illinois.

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May your kind efforts in publishing the Silver Lining prove beneficial to many dear friends. . . I look forward to each copy and enjoy it very much. . . May God richly bless your efforts. **Mary Heiniger**, LaCrosse, Indiana.

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I had the privilege of coming across the Silver Lining paper of February 15, 1946, and read it. In it was a letter from France written by Norman Stoller. We personally know about two-thirds of the people he met in Switzerland. To read all those names made us homesick. May we ask if you still have one or two copies of this issue? Could you please send them to us? We would be very thankful. . . I have been in the States only thirteen years and it is hard for me to write English. I do hope that some of the brethren can read German. Hoping that soon we will receive the Silver Lining. Thanks from the heart for your kindness. — **John and Elizabeth Erismann**, Rockville, Connecticut.

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Your labors in "The Vineyard of the Master" through the many beautiful writings and poems you have gathered—to bring joy untold to the thirsty and hungry in Christ and for Christ's love and compassion shall receive its reward, I know. What patience it must take to assemble the material for each Silver Lining edition! And, dear ones, I, in my humble corner of life, want you to know I love and appreciate each Silver Lining issued; especially the many beautiful and spiritual writings of the brothers in faith. I trust God will continue to bless their labors and yours and that many souls will be benefited by the contents of your paper. . . **Lydia Meister**.

I want to thank you again for sending the paper, and tell you that I am looking forward to the next issue . . .

Paul R. Wagenbach, Saipan.

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I have been the recipient of the Silver Lining during the past few years that I have served in the Armed Forces of our Country, and I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation of the copies which I received regularly while overseas. I enjoyed and appreciated each issue to the fullest. The news and the messages it contained were both interesting and inspiring to one far from his home and loved ones. . . I trust that your good work may continue and that God will reward your efforts. — **Emery Getz**, Morton, Illinois.

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My sister and I enjoy your paper very much, and may God bless you for the time you spend in publishing

Hymn for the Month

IF I COULD HEAR MY MOTHER
PRAY AGAIN

How sweet and happy seem those days of
which I dream,
When memory recalls them now and then!
And with what rapture sweet my weary
heart would beat,
If I could hear my mother pray again.

She used to pray that I on Jesus would
rely,
And always walk the shining gospel way;
So trusting still His love I seek that home
above,
There I shall meet my mother some glad
day.

Within the old home place, her patient,
smiling face,
Was always spreading comfort, hope and
cheer;
And when she used to sing to her eternal
King,
It was the songs the angels loved to hear.

Her work on earth is done, the life crown
has been won,
And she will be at rest with Him above;
And some glad morning, she I know will
welcome me
To that eternal home of peace and love.

Chorus—
If I could hear my mother pray again,
If I could hear her tender voice as then!
So glad I'd be t'would mean so much to
me,
If I could hear my mother pray again.

your paper. . . **Kathryn Getz**, South Bend, Indiana.

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Almost a year has passed since we first received the Silver Lining which we have enjoyed so much, especially the sermons, letters from the boys, and in fact, everything. The news is so interesting. . . I will close with love and greetings to the staff and a prayer that the Silver Lining will always be published.—**Anna V. Lehman**, Lowville, New York.

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Today I received my first issue of the Silver Lining dated April 15, 1946. I think it is a nice publication, and is very inspiring and encouraging. . . I was in Ravenwood Hospital in Chicago. I had my left leg amputated, but am home now and am getting along well—so the doctor says. . . May God bless you and us all.—**John Alt**, Cissna Park, Illinois.

From the Silver Lining Staff—May God soon bring back happy days with blessings from above, and show you in a hundred ways the tokens of His love! "He shall give thee the desires of thine heart."—Psalm 37:4.

GO

Let not your exertions end in tears, mere weeping will do nothing without action. Get on your feet, ye that have **voices** and **might**, GO forth and preach the gospel, preach it in every street and lane of this big city; ye that have **wealth**, GO forth and spend it for the poor and dying, the uneducated, the unenlightened; ye that have **time**, GO forth and spend it in deeds of goodness; ye that have **power in prayer**, GO forth and pray; ye that can handle the **pen**, GO forth and write the good news of Salvation—every one to his post, every one of you to your gun in this day of battle; now for God and for His truth; for God and for the right; let every one of us who knows the Lord seek to fight under His banner!

—**Chas. Haddon Spurgeon**.
Submitted by **Kathryn Getz**.

"If Jesus Christ be God and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him." — **C. T. Stedd**.

NEWS

Our Young People's Meeting was held Easter Sunday evening in the Church Auditorium. It consisted of readings and gospel hymns commemorating the day set aside to our Lord and Savior for the sacrifice He gave that all may be saved.

T/4 Ephraim Kipfer arrived home from duty in Germany for a forty-five day furlough. We are glad to see you, Ephraim.

We are expecting Sgt. and Mrs. David Bertsch home soon. We are glad they will again make their home in our community.

Robert W. Bollier, Richard Klopfenstein, and Hilmer H. Drayer received their honorable discharges and are welcomed home.

Richard Winzeler of Chicago is residing at present with his brother, Raymond Winzeler, of near Woodburn. Welcome to our community.

Ensign Edward G. Souder is expected home on leave soon. His duties on board the U. S. S. Adain will cease with its decommissioning, May 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. Elias Souder and son, Henry, attended the funeral services of John Hueni, Sr. of Bremen, Indiana, April 25th.

Bluffton, Indiana

Pfc. Richard Fiechter, who spent a 14-day furlough at home recently, has returned to Camp Stoneman, California. He was accompanied to Chicago by Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Gerber and son, Milton, and Mrs. Fred Fiechter and Nora Fiechter.

Mr. and Mrs. Gauis Gerber are the proud parents of another son.

Glen L. Moser S. C. Ic, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Moser, was discharged from the Navy Service March 21, at Great Lakes, Illinois.

Former Sgt. Everett Schladenhouffen and Louella Gerber of Bluffton were united in marriage Sunday, April 21. Everett served twenty-three months overseas in England and Germany. He is now discharged from the Army.

Pvt. Robert Kaehr has been in the hospital with rheumatic fever. He

is improving at this writing. Following is his address: Pvt. Robert Kaehr 45039046, Ward 44 Regional Hospital, Fort McClellan, Alabama.

Chicago Illinois

Rev. and Mrs. Joe Zimmerman and daughter of Roanoke, Illinois, and Rev. and Mrs. Henry Grimm and daughter of Morton, Illinois, spent Sunday, March 31, with us. They visited their sons who are stationed at Great Lakes, Illinois.

Miss Clara Hofer, age 40, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hofer, passed away Monday morning, April 1, after a long illness. Short funeral services were held at the Senne Funeral Home in Maywood, Thursday morning, after which the body was taken to Cissna Park, Illinois, which formerly was her home. Services were also held in Cissna with Rev. Eli Winzeler officiating.

Rev. and Mrs. Eli Winzeler and family and Rev. and Mrs. Al Fisher and family spent Sunday, April 14, at Grabill, Indiana.

Reverends Robert Haas and Albert Scheitlin and others from Elgin spent Sunday, April 14, with us.

Miss Marie Beery, of Rittman, Ohio, spent several days here attending a Nurses' Convention, and also spent Sunday, April 14, with us at church. The Misses Helen, Elva, and Ruth Wuethrich and their brother, Willis, of Valparaiso, Indiana, also spent the day here.

Fairbury, Illinois

A reception was held Sunday evening, April 21, for Alphie Kaeb and his bride, Hermina Wieland (formerly) of Bay City, Michigan. It was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Feldman, close relatives of the groom.

This community grieves the loss of a faithful member Mrs. Joe Hohulin, whose funeral was on April 1.

After two rehearsals, one at the Edw. Huber home and the other at Eli Meiss', the Fairbury Sunday School presented its Easter program in commendable fashion this past Easter Sunday.

Francesville, Indiana

T/Sgt. Sidney Leman received his honorable discharge at Camp Atterbury last Saturday, April 13, and arrived home early Sunday morning. He has been stationed at Fort Dix, New Jersey, for several months and has been in the service two and one-half years, of which he spent twelve months in the ETO. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Leman. His wife was the former Fern Gutwein. They are living at present with his parents and assisting his father on the farm.

Cpl. Doris Kopka, of Fort Sam Houston, Texas, arrived home last Saturday, April 13, to spend a thirty day furlough here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kopka and other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Tobel, Jr. and family, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Von Tobel, Mrs. Paul Von Tobel, Sr. and daughter, Miss Kathryn, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Winzeler and family at Leo, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gudeman and sons attended the funeral of Mr. Orville Streitmatter at Princeville, Illinois, Sunday, April 14, 1946. Orville was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Streitmatter. He was killed instantly Thursday night at a railroad crossing near his home. Mrs. Streitmatter and Mrs. Gudeman are sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard J Houk and daughter, Barbara Ann, visited with Mrs. Mary E. Wuethrich and family the forepart of the week. They have gone to Chicago, where Mr. Houk has accepted a position in the Agr'l Economics Research Department of Armour and Company. Hr. Houk was recently discharged from the U. S. Army. Mrs. Houk was formerly Bernice Wuethrich.

Mansfield, Ohio

Mrs. Jemima Ingold died April 2, at the age of 87 years. She had been sick more than eight years; most of which time she was confined to her bed.

Mrs. Mary Beer died April 13 at the age of 96 years 4 months 10 days. She fell five weeks before and broke her leg. Funeral services were conducted by Bros. Henry Dotterer of

Bluffton, Indiana and Elder Ernest Graf of Akron, Ohio. Others attending the funeral were Mrs. Henry Dotterer, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kipfer of Bluffton, Mrs. Ernest Graf and daughter, Edith, and Mrs. Ann Hanlan of Akron, Ohio.

T/4 Harvey L. Sauder was discharged from the army at Ft. Lewis, Washington, March 7.

T/5 Paul J. Sauder received his discharge at Camp Atterbury, Indiana March 27.

Pfc. Chas. J. Sauder spent the week-end of April 7 with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Sauder. Charles is stationed at Camp Crowder, Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Pulfer and family spent Easter Sunday with relatives in Indiana.

Milford, Indiana

Miss Marguerite Ann Beer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theo Beer, became the bride of Pfc. Robert J. Hoerr, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hoerr of Peoria, Illinois and grandson of Mrs. Sophie Weisser of Milford, in a service read April 14, by the Elder Elias Dotterer. The newly-wedded young couple left Milford on Monday for Peoria, Illinois, where they spent several days before leaving for Oakland, California where the groom is stationed at Camp Knight.

Brethren, friends, and visitors, enjoyed the Easter Young People's Meeting in Milford Easter evening. The program committee, Carl and Ann Frautschi, Mary and Evelyn Beer, favored us all with a most inspiring evening dedicated to the risen Lord.

We enjoyed having Brother Andy Nusbaum of Remington, and Ezra Feller of Cissna Park with us Easter Sunday, also their contributions to our Easter program.

Funeral services were held at the Apostolic Christian Church April 24 for Godfrey Schori who passed away Easter Day following a prolonged illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Gaff have announced the engagement of their daughter, Mildred, to Raymond L. Levy, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Levy of Bluffton.

Sgt. Luther Steffen has been discharged from the army. While in service, he served as postal clerk in Japan.

Morton, Illinois

The young folks Sunday School program of Peoria, Roanoke, Princeville, and Morton gathered at Tremont on April 7, and had a very nice evening in which there were many questions discussed pertaining to the Resurrection of Christ.

On Sunday, April 21, the Sunday School held a special Easter program instead of the regular Sunday School. The program consisted of many Easter songs and readings.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rapp observed their 25th Wedding Anniversary on April 7th. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Anlicker and family, Mrs. Tillie Gyer of Francesville, Indiana, and her mother, Mrs. Kibler of Cissna Park, spent the day with them.

Peoria, Illinois

Elder Emil Schubert and wife had their Fiftieth Golden Wedding Anniversary Sunday, April 21, 1946. They were remembered with many gifts and cards.

The Rev. Mike Weyeneth's, Mr. and Mrs. David Hodel of Roanoke, and Mr. and Mrs. John Schrock of Kiowa, Kansas held their Silver Wedding Anniversary March 27, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hodel of Roanoke. Mrs. Weyeneth, Mrs. Schrock, and Dave Hodel are sisters and brother and were married on the same day. It was the first time since the war that the entire family had been together.

Melvin Mangold, who has been with the occupation forces in Japan, is now enjoying the freedom of civilian life. We hope he decides to remain in Peoria where he was prior to his entry into the service.

Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Stephen, formerly of Fairbury, are now making their home in Peoria where Emanuel is employed. They were married on March 31, at Cissna Park.

Eunice Funk of Roanoke, who has been working in Peoria for some time, was married on Easter Sunday in Roanoke to Edwin Schupbach of Cissna Park. They will make their

home in Tremont, Illinois, where Edwin is employed.

Wilbur Hoerr is now working in Chicago at an art studio. He likes Chicago very much.

Al Fisher formerly a Peoria Sunday School teacher, now a ministering brother in Chicago, paid us a visit recently, which was enjoyed by the congregation. We hope he will return again soon.

Otto Schaffer of Morris, Minnesota has been visiting relatives in Peoria after his release from the service.

Two announcements of marriage were made in Peoria: Bob Weyeneth of Peoria to Irene Knoblich of Princeville, and Julia Meyer of Peoria to Dave Messner of Morris, Minnesota.

The Sunday School had a wonderful program Easter Sunday which was enjoyed by everyone.

Remington, Indiana

A number from here attended the funeral of Mrs. Joe Gudeman at Elgin, Illinois on April 1.

The barn on the farm tenanted by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Siebentnal was completely destroyed by fire on April 17.

A number from here, mostly relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Streitmatter of Princeville, Illinois, attended the funeral of their son, Orville, on Sunday April 14.

Visitors at our church on Sunday, April 21, were Mr. and Mrs. Obed Gerber of Bluffton, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Steffen, and Mrs. Walter Steffen of South Side Fairbury.

The Sunday School Class gave a very interesting Easter program on Palm Sunday evening in the church assembly. It was well attended. Several of the Francesville folks were present, also.

The Primary Sunday School Class visited the elderly and sick people on Monday, April 22, entertaining them with the dialogue and songs which they presented at our Easter Program. Both young and old enjoyed it.

Robert J. Schieler E. M. 2/C, son of Mrs. Marie Schieler, of Remington, Indiana, arrived home on Easter Sunday after receiving his honorable discharge from the Navy at Great

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SALVATION

"THE JUST FOR THE UNJUST"

By Philip Gutwein, Jr.

"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust . . . being put to death . . ." (I Pet. 3:18).

These inspired words direct our attention to the great Biblical doctrine of "**substitutional suffering**" for sins. The one for the other, "the Just for the Unjust." They also imply **Judgment**, which is the due and orderly process by which, upon due examination, men are divided and classified as "Just" or "Unjust."

Justice requires that the Just be protected against suffering for the wrongs of another and that the Unjust escape not the suffering due his wrongs. "And every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward." (Heb 2:2.) To administer **Justice** is the basic function and responsibility of all Government, be it heavenly or human. All authority exercised by rulers is, for the time being, authority delegated to them by Christ, who is "far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion." (Eph. 1:21.) While **Justice** under Human Government too often suffers a miscarriage with terrible chaotic results, and especially so in the end days of Human Government, (Matt. 24:12), the messianic government of Christ, the Prince of Peace now, and the King of Righteousness and the King of Peace (Heb. 7:2), in the millennium is thus described: "Of the increase of his Government and Peace **there shall be** no end, upon the throne of David, and upon His Kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with **Judgment** and with **Justice** from henceforth even for ever." (Isa. 9:7).

If then the throne of God is for ever and ever and a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of His Kingdom. (Heb. 1:8), it is evident that to save "Unjust" men from their sins and the "Just" condemnation of death already upon them, presented an overwhelming judicial problem, that is a problem of **Right** rather than one of **Might**. "Shall not the Judge of all

the earth, (yea, all the universe) **Do Right?**" (Gen. 18:25). Yes, He did **Do Right**, for instance, by Sodom: Just Lot was delivered (2 Peter 2:7), and the "Unjust" for an example, "suffered the vengeance of eternal fire." (Jude 7.) There was no "**Substitutional suffering**" here of the "Just for the Unjust." It was a righteous judgment dealing out **Justice**.

The same kind of a righteous judgment of a righteous Judge was executed over the former world in the days of Noah. Here too, righteous Noah with his house as a gift to him, was saved and the wicked destroyed from the face of the earth. Neither did here the "Just suffer for the Unjust." The Just one even condemned the world of his day in that he built the ark. (Heb. 11:7.)

These are terrible judgments, but they are absolutely **Just** and based upon the inviolate and inflexible **Law of Sin and Death** (Rom. 8:2) also embodied in the Law of Moses and reflected even in the Laws of Nature, which underlie the material creation, so that: "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." (Gal. 6:7.) And God is not mocked if some one would trifle with this law and "do evil, that good may come? whose damnation is **just**." (Rom. 3:8.)

Moreover, the law of sin and death will never **forgive** and is never at rest until it is vindicated in bringing the **sinner into death**. So we must say that a sin once committed is **never forgiven**, until a **just** recompense of reward has been **suffered** for it. If the **sinner is forgiven**, — as we hear so much about,—it is **not** because his sins were forgiven, for they were **not**, —but because **they were suffered for by another, a just one**, who had no sin, no not a **one** of his own to suffer for. This requirement of absolute sinlessness on the part of the **substitute sufferer** eliminated at once **every human being** as a candidate for a

sacrifice for sins and pointed to perfect **Diety** as being alone eligible. But perfection is not the only requirement,—countless **angels**, created perfect, may have qualified on this score but are eliminated because there exists no **kinship** between Angels and the Human Race; their "natures" are different; nor is there any likeness in the Image they bare. (Heb. 2:16 and Gen. 1:26.) They may "judge" one another, but they cannot "suffer" one for the other. Here, too, **Diety**, God the Son, alone could qualify as the Sacrifice, and a Sacrifice is an innocent one given up to suffer for another's cause or good.

Nor are perfect **sinlessness** and **kinship** the only conditions to be met by the **substitute sufferer**. The **law of sin and death** operates without respect of persons, but with inflexible respect to **deeds**: where ever the **misdeeds** are found, there it strikes surely, inescapably and unerringly. Even if there was among humans a person, made "just" by his deeds, which there is not, no not one, this law could not allow, much less compel, one intelligent **CREATURE** to suffer for another such **CREATURE**, without losing its character of being "holy, and just, and good." (Rom. 7:12.) And without discrediting the Law-Giver and His holiness, and making the law an instrument of **injustice**, oppression and violence.

Therefore, the **substitute sufferer** can be none less and none other than the **Creator** and Law-Giver Himself, acting in a sovereign will and wisdom and such a manner that every right and security of any other **creature** are kept absolutely inviolate and unprejudiced and that not "one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled."

Between the Judgment of Adam in Eden and the Great White Throne Judgment, there are others, past and future, which are "righteous judgments of God," as in 2 Thess. 1:6-9. All based on simple Justice and man's works, recorded in "books."

Let us contrast now with these Judgments another very unique, out-

standing and distinct judgment; none like it ever before, none like it ever again! It is the judgment at **Calvary** and of **the world**. As it is written: **"Now is the judgment of this world."** (John 12:31.) Again, as in the days of Noah and Lot, there was but **One Just Man**, Jesus of Nazareth and a **world of sinners**,—living, dead and yet unborn,—**now to be judged**. But lo, and behold, this time the judgment is in **reverse**:

**The just died and the sinners lived.
"The just for the unjust."**

By **JUSTICE** He should have lived, but by **GRACE** He could die. By the **grace of God**, He tasted **death** for **every man**. (Heb. 2:9), He died **representing every man**, and the believer **reckons himself now dead**. (2 Cor. 5:14.) And he that is **dead** is **free from sin** (Rom 6:7),—he through the law is **dead to the law**. He passed beyond its jurisdiction, "is not under the law but under **grace**." "For the Law of the **Spirit of life**, in Christ Jesus hath made me **free from the law of sin and death**." (Rom. 8:2.) **It is nailed to the cross**. (Col. 2:14.)

(To be continued)

OBITUARY

John Hueni was born in Switzerland, October 11, 1860 and passed away at South Bend, Indiana, April 23, 1946 at the age of 85 years.

He was married to Mary Steidinger at Fairbury, Illinois on March 16, 1890. She preceded him in death eight years ago.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Walter Annis and Mrs. B. A. Ewing, both of South Bend, Indiana, two sons, John F. Hueni of Lansing, Michigan and Herman Hueni of Bremen, Indiana and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were held April 25 at The Apostolic Christian Church in Bremen, Indiana. Rev. Philip Gutwein and Elder Eli Dotterer officiated. —May God be near to comfort you in this, your hour of sorrow, and in His goodness, lead you to a happier tomorrow. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Psalm 46:1—Silver Lining Staff.

Seeing God

There are a number of Scriptures in the Old Testament which speak about various ones seeing God and other passages in the Old and New Testaments say that no man hath seen God at any time, nor can see Him and live, etc. On the surface these statements seem contradictory and they are readily seized upon by unbelievers as proofs that the Bible is imperfect and not inspired of God.

First we shall quote the various passages on the subject and then we shall consider them. Here are some that speak about seeing God: "And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face" (Gen. 32:30). "Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel: And they saw the God of Israel . . . they saw God, and did eat and drink" (Ex. 24:9-11). "And the Lord spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend . . . thou shalt see my back parts" (Ex. 33:11, 23). "In the year that King Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne . . ." (Isa. 6:1).

The following are passages that say God cannot be seen: "And he (God) said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live" (Ex. 33:20). "No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him" (John 1:18). "The King of kings, and Lord of lords; Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see" (1 Tim. 6:15, 16).

To begin with, we may say that the subject of divine manifestation is one of which man can know but little, and that little is revealed through the imperfect forms of human speech, which often fail to represent clearly spiritual and divine truths. Human language is very meagre and inadequate to express fully and properly things pertaining to God. And in our usage of words each science has its own technical expressions and uses many words in special and peculiar senses, so that the same word may have widely different meanings when used with relation to one science or to another branch of learning. So the Bible, or the so-called science of theology, uses language in senses foreign to other departments of human thought.

We speak of seeing the sun and say that it is beautiful to look upon, whereas in reality no man has ever seen the sun. If one were to draw near and gaze upon the sun in its unveiled

glory, he would vanish into nothingness before its awful power. We see a few faint beams of sunlight struggling through the atmosphere that shrouds our globe, but no man has ever seen the glory of the sun. And yet we speak of seeing the sun and no one contradicts our statement.

In the same way Scripture speaks of some having seen God, while it is also true that no one has nor ever will see God in all His intrinsic glory and in His full splendor of divine majesty. We may see God in various ways; we may see Him in His works, in the wonders of creation and in the mysteries of our own existence; that is, we may behold His power, and witness the manifestations of His wisdom and the workings of His hand, and yet we do not see God Himself; He is still "the invisible God," "whom no man hath seen, nor can see."

Though God is invisible, yet He does manifest Himself in various ways, so that His creatures are conscious of His presence and say they have seen Him. In the Old Testament there were manifestations of the Divine Presence, as in the form of a man to Abraham and in the man that wrestled with Jacob (Gen. 18 and 32), and in the form of the angel of Jehovah to Moses and others (Ex. 3). Thus they saw God, though His divinity was veiled and His glory concealed. In the New Testament we see God manifest in flesh in the Man Christ Jesus and we behold "the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (2 Cor. 4:6).

There is, therefore no difficulty or discrepancy in the various passages in the Bible about seeing God. If we consider them in the light of our own expressions about the sun, we see how logical they are even from this standpoint.

In closing our remarks on this subject we would add the following incident. "Show me your God," said an unbeliever. The believer led him out and bade him look on the sun; but he turned his eyes away and could not gaze upon its glory. "Ah," said the believer, "if thou canst not look upon one of His ministers, how canst thou expect to behold God?" It is only through the Man Christ Jesus, the Son of God and Son of Man that we can draw nigh to God and behold Him.

God sometimes washes His children's eyes with tears so they can see straight.

NEWS

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Lakes, Illinois. He has been in the Navy thirty-four months, of which twenty-six months were spent on the U. S. S. Barnes, an escort carrier, on the Pacific.

Roanoke, Illinois

Sunday, March 31, a Sunday School meeting was held at Tremont. It was well attended by Morton, Peoria, Goodfield, Princeville, and Roanoke.

Miss Jean Sauder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Sauder, and Charles Kuperschmidt were married at Roanoke Church, April 7.

Rev. and Mrs. Joe Hodel have announced the coming marriage of their daughter, Edith, to Robert Schrock, son of Elder and Mrs. Noah Schrock of Oakville, Iowa.

Pvt. Roland Lehman arrived home from the Phillipines the past week.

Elder and Mrs. Dave Mangold received a telephone call from their son, Melvin, who arrived in the States this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Klaus have taken into their home a little girl seven months old, Christine. The Klauses a short time ago took a little boy three years old, Bobby, to live with them also.

Merle Wuetrich, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Wuetrich of Eureka, was in the army twenty-eight months. He returned home Wednesday following discharge at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin. He had served in the Pacific and Japan.

Toledo, Ohio

On April 10, the following enjoyed a fish fry in the home of Walter and Hilda Bauers in Detroit, Michigan: Mr. and Mrs. Ben Schlatter, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Newman, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Reineck, Mr. and Mrs. George Laidig, Misses Elsie Fetter, Miriam Miller, Emily and Mary Frautschi. Those there from Detroit were Mr. and Mrs. Ben Maibach, Sr., and daughters Frances and Donna, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Maibach, Jr., and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Weiland, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Schmitt and Paul Waibel.

On April 14th, Palm Sunday, we

SLEEP, MOTHER, SLEEP

Home is so lonely since mother's not there
Dark is her room and vacant her chair;
Angels have taken her out of our care,
Still we recall our dear mother's sweet
pray'r.

While she is sleeping the seasons I know.
Cover her grave with blossoms and snow;
Snow on the bosom that sheltered me so,
So cold and bleak are the north winds that
blow.

Her loving eyes were oft dimmed with sad
tears,
Guiding our feet through long weary years;
Planning our future while reading God's
Word.

Faithful and true admonitions we heard.

Mother, sleep, your trials are o'er,
Sweet be the rest you have needed before;
We loved you, but God loved you more,
For He called you to that bright happy
shore.

In memory of **Mother Gerber**, Bremen, Ind.

I am a joint heir with Jesus Christ,
and you must find out how much He
is worth in order to estimate my
wealth.—**D. L. Moody**.

had our annual Sunday School Easter Program in the Church Sunday School. The following visited friends and relatives in Toledo on that day: Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Hurt and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Maibach and daughter Frances, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Troxel and family.

Pvt. Edward Stevens came home on a two-day pass from the Aberdeen Proving Grounds. On his return he is to report for maneuvers in Virginia. He hopes to have another furlough soon.

The following were guests at the wedding dinner of Lillian and John Schlatter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Rager, Latty, Ohio on Easter Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. Homer Reineck, Misses Elsie Fetter, Elizabeth and Miriam Miller, Emily and Mary Frautschi, Josephine Rehlklu, Tillie Laukhau, Minnie Zeltwanger, Katherine Rager, Rose Rager, and Carrie Miller, Mr. and Mrs. George Jewell, Mr. and Mrs. George Laidig, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rehlklu and family, Mrs. Phillip Stevens, Bob Stevens and Tom Grant.

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