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# AMAZING GRACE By Kenneth Smith (Minister of Elim Church, Pontardulais) 1 Corinthians 15:10.

TAVE you ever passed someone so obviously deep-dyed in sin that your heart cries out in gratitude, "Thank God I am saved"? One cannot see men in sin without feeling that way, and vet desiring their salvation. Saintly Richard Baxter, of Kidderminster, on seeing someone steeped in sin, exclaimed "But for the grace of God, there go I," and that is true of every child of God. In this text is seen a threefold description of the grace of God operating in the life of the believer.

#### A CONFESSION OF A SAVIOUR -a sinner saved by grace

Every Christian can look back on Calvary as the work of Christ for us as the Divine Substitute for a life of sin and shame, and to a past experience when the transaction took place and the soul was born again of the Holy Spirit. Brethren, we are the trophies of His grace, won from the thraldom of Satan. Hallelujah! Paul, writing to the Ephesians, discounts any self-righteousness in the work of Divine grace, claiming that grace and faith are not merited or earned, but are gifts from heaven. Grace is the unmerited favour of God, undeserved, and unattainable by human endeavour. Salvation is all of grace, and grace is free!

#### A CHALLENGE TO THE SOUL —a saint sanctified by grace

Thank God Christ not only forgives the old man but seeks to fashion the new man, for saving you from hell is only half the story; He seeks to fit you for heaven. Here is a present enjoyment of Divine grace, for the trophies become objects of His matchless grace, as Christ seeks to do a work of grace in us, transforming our lives by His Spirit until we shall be like Him by His grace! As the clay responds to the potter's skilful touch, yield your life to Him in order that His grace may make you the person He would have you to be. The grace that saves a sinner may take only a moment, but the sanctifying grace He gives is more often the process of a lifetime of knowing Him. There is no room for pride or selfrighteousness, but do remember that although good works never merit salvation they do reveal it to others. Paul exclaimed "I am what I am by the grace of God," not so much a past experience or a

future hope, but a present enjoyment, and the question for you as a believer to ask is "What is my present spiritual condition?" How much has your life been transformed by His grace? May you and I grow in the grace of God day by day.

#### A CONSECRATION OF OUR SERVICE -a servant strengthened by grace

It is often said that a Christian is "saved to serve," and how true those words are. Christ wants to do a work through us, for we are the objects of His grace. Christ seeks to transfigure Himself in a living personality wholly yielded to Him in loving obedience and service. What a future is envisaged in this thought: lives given to Him as willing bondslaves of the risen Christ! Paul claimed in his Ephesian epistle that it was through the grace of God he was made a minister, for he was "separated . . . unto the Gospel," sold out for God, as he points out to the Galatians. Even in our service for the Lord there is no room for pride or self-righteousness, for the Scriptures declare that even at best we are "unprofitable servants."

This text has shown that Divine grace is a positive blessing, for grace does something for a man, to a man, and through a man! Let the words of this text and of hymn No. 325 in the Redemption Hymnal thrill your soul; revel in them, rejoice in their truth, and from a thankful heart exclaim:

"All of grace, and grace is free! Hallelujah!"

#### **IBRA RADIO**

Radio Africa, Tangier

"This is Life" programme, presented by the Elim Church WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18th, 1959, at 9.15 p.m.

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Programme produced and announced by DOUGLAS B. GRAY (Director of Music)

Readers are requested kindly to pray for these broadcasts, also for programmes now being devised and transmitted over the Christmas Island broadcasting network, Radio Formosa, and for ships of the Royal Navy. Your gifts towards this ever-widening radio world-wide ministry are greatly needed. Support us well and kindly send your gifts to the Elim Radio and Music Department at Headquarters, London.

# Middlesbrough Crusade NOTHING LIKE IT FOR TWENTY YEARS!

**DLAST** and counterblast just describes our position in Middlesbrough during the crusade. As we went down the streets with our revival campaigners' loudspeaker car we were surrounded by the election campaigners with theirs. Despite this difficulty God has mightily blessed the crusade in the Town Hall. It was a weary group that met on the Sunday night for the opening service, having just distributed 25,000 handbills in five days! However, within a short time we lost our tiredness as the people came in and the power of God began to be felt. That night there was a mighty move—over fifty men and women made their decision on this opening night. So great was the spirit of conviction that, the moment the evangelist commenced his appeal, all over the building hands were raised to surrender to Christ.

This spirit of conviction remained right throughout the two and a half weeks of the crusade, so that night after night the evangelist was compelled to stop preaching and reap the harvest of souls, without any "appealing." Many Christians said that nothing like it had been seen in the town for over twenty years. Truly God was with us.

Several outstanding miracles of healing were witnessed, the most touching being that of a three-week-old baby with complete paralysis of the nervous system in the spinal cord. After prayer she moved her head, then her arms and legs. So outstanding was this that, in the hospital where we prayed for her, the next time we went all the babies in the ward were lined up for prayer. Another woman with



Section of congregation at Middlesbrough.



Platform party at Middlesbrough crusade.

curvature of the spine straightened instantly as hands were laid upon her. One woman with arthritis who could not bend her legs, the moment she had been prayed for, without prompting, went and knelt at the front of the hall.

A very dramatic incident was the conversion of one young woman of twenty-five years, married, with two children. She accepted Christ one night, then two days later was stricken down with polio and encephalitis. Despite earnest prayer and the fact that the evangelist stayed in the hospital till 1 a.m. she passed away before the crusade finished. How thankful we were to God that she found eternal life so soon before losing her mortal one. Rev. David Hathaway, the evangelist, conducted part of the funeral service and was able to witness of her newfound experience. The husband, brother-in-law and mother-in-law all came also to accept Christ.

Night after night the crowd was held captive by the singing under the leadership of Pastor Eddie Lamb and accompanied by Pastor Neville West at the piano. This musical talent and the magnificent paintings that were completed in the services and given away each night became an attraction not only to the crowds, but also to the local press.

We had much opposition, but a very lively church has been established, and is continuing in a centrally situated hall under the leadership of Pastor Norman Orsborn.

Thank you, Elim friends, for your prayers. We pray that the great spirit of conviction which was felt in Middlesbrough may be known as we go on to Dewsbury. "Brethren, pray for us."

Gifts for the support of Elim campaigns should be sent to the Secretary-General, 20 Clarence Avenue, Clapham Park, London, S.W.4. Your gift will help our campaigners to go forward on their great soul-saving ministry.

## EDITORIAL-

#### PLAYING TO THE GALLERY

TUST how far can churchmen go in pandering to the Communists, and how long will it be before the ranks of the ecumenical movement are fully permeated by the fellow travellers of the Iron Curtain bloc?

At a recent British Council of Churches conference, Dr. Fisher, the Archbishop of Canterbury, is reported to have sung the praises of Mr. Khrushchev and his total disarmament proposal, saying: "No Christian could possibly have put forward a better programme. What surprises me is that no Christian body has come out and said: 'This is what we have been praying for for years—total disarmament and full control.' Mr. Khrushchev could not have more effectively read the New Testament."

I suppose before long someone will suggest that this same gentleman should be portrayed in stained glass and incorporated in the windows of one of our cathedrals as the supreme benefactor of mankind! When will such churchmen learn that it is deeds that are required to show peaceful intentions, not just words. Words, words! These have poured incessantly from the lips of statesmen since the world was formed, promising peace with the lips while preparing war with the hands. Has Dr. Fisher forgotten Hungary? Has he forgotten the thousands, if not millions, of martyrs who have given their lives rather than obey the atheistic dictates of the Soviet leaders? To suggest that the proposals of this arch-criminal, this personal embodiment of the greatest anti-Christian power this world has ever seen, derive from the New Testament is little short of blasphemy. At any rate, Dr. Fisher is in good company with Dr. Soper, who considers that "Khrushchev and the Kremlin have done more for Christianity than the fundamentalists," and with the "Red Dean," who spends so much of his time hobnobbing with the same company.

How different was the voice of the Master, who said concerning the evil Herod: "Go ye, and tell that fox, Behold, I cast out devils, and I do cures..." Nor is the veiled imagery of the Revelation so veiled that the readers of that day could not identify the persecuting power of the Roman empire, in whom "was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth." That these prophecies look beyond the local fulfil-

ment to another day when an even greater persecuting power will hold sway is the belief of thousands of evangelical believers today.

The world of the first century acclaimed the "pax Romana" brought by the Roman emperors, but it was a "peace" that brought our Lord to the Cross, and thousands of His followers to the blood-drenched arenas of Rome. In these days too we are warned of those who *cry* peace and safety, when there is no true peace—while multitudes of God's children languish in jails and concentration camps, and others are daily dying for their faith.

We shall be the first to hail any real endeavours to achieve peace, but are not inclined to pluck the sweet flower of peace from the blood-stained hand of tyranny, for such peace is short-lived, to be followed by the "sudden destruction" foretold in God's Word.

Meanwhile our task is to herald the greatest peace plan of all—the peace which can only be enjoyed by those who are "redeemed by the precious blood of Christ." And this is a full-time job!

#### **ONE-MINUTE SERMON**

By Selwyn Hughes

E certainly are living in the "space age." Talk about around the world in eighty days—sputniks fly around now in less than eighty minutes. One minute from Manchester to Paris, and right across India in the time it takes to boil an egg. Not only do these special objects make rings round the nations of the earth, but they chatter away to the earth at the same time.

Yet I know of something faster and more wonderful than all this! It is the speed by which God stoops to forgive a sinner who calls upon Him for salvation. When a sinner stumbles out his confession of sin and takes his place as a sinner before God, swifter than a lightning flash the Lord is there to save. And He is not just tied to one place; it goes on all the time. Around the world and across the nations, wherever men call upon Him for salvation He is there at hand to deliver. Why wait another day, or hour, or even for that matter another minute? Call upon His name now this very second and see if what I say is true. You will find that the moment vou call the Lord is there to answer. In fact sometimes His eagerness to save is so swift that before we call He is there. Maybe now at this moment as you call upon the Lord you will find Him hastening to your side. He is so eager to save!

# "" If I make my bed in hell!"

By Hugh Sawyer

"WE make our own hell on earth!" is the familiar retort of the cynic, so self-opinionated, so devoid of scriptural knowledge.

"I have friends in both places, so why worry?" quips the flippant worldling, gazing at you in apparent amazement.

Both remarks are true to a certain degree. We are warned that what we sow that shall we reap. If a man goes through life sowing discord, can he expect to reap harmony? His little self-created hell on earth is but a fleeting shadow of that awful state reserved primarily for Satan, his angels and those who, rejecting Christ Jesus, follow him!

The vicarious sacrifice of Jesus, the laying down of His life for the sins of men, means absolutely nothing to those so spiritually blind that they have no desire to see the things of God! They prefer a bird in the hand to two in the bush. Social security to them is a tangible reality more important than eternal security, a presumed fantastic state in the dim shadows of a far-off future!

Cynical bravado concerning the hereafter is not heroic but starkly tragic! We quote a paragraph concerning a man's will in the press recently. Wishing to be cremated with as little ceremony as possible, his desire was: "I hope enough money can be found to make all those who attend as drunk as the devil, with whom, by then, I will be."

"If I make my bed in hell, behold, Thou art there!" declares David in Psalm 139:8. No matter who, what or where we are, we cannot blot Almighty God out of our lives. He is everywhere! In hell of a surety, not in the role of a compassionate Father but as a Judge, cold, stern, impartial; gazing upon those dead in spirit, conscious of tormented minds and keenly aware of the unspeakable horror and misery which is now their self-determined fate, because it was never God's will that man should find himself in such an awful predicament! Did not God decree, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord"?

A teenager in a recent television interview, when asked his opinion concerning religion, cynically remarked, "What's it matter? We all go six feet under!" To him the grave meant finality, the end of all things!

"The living know that they shall die," said the "Preacher" (Ecclesiastes 9:5), "but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten." Presumably this is the modern rendering of "six feet under." The interred physical body, the flesh now dead, certainly knows not anything! The soul which gave it life and expression is severed from it till resurrection day. The released soul, now free, never enters the grave, but immediately wings its way back to the Giver of all life to obey the Divine decree. "After death, the judgment!" Well may the child of God rejoice, for he knows that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord!

The man with no time for religion has no time for God! For him God does not exist! Hence the "six feet terminal" theory. Such a man, says David, is a fool!

Blessed is he who with the psalmist can sing, "I will praise Thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are Thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well."

No man need make his bed in hell! Jesus invites whosoever will to come to Him and find salvation and rest unto his soul!

Why not let the word of God be the soothing mattress upon which your weary soul will find restful comfort? Let the everlasting arms enwrap you as a covering, giving warmth, peace and happiness. Lay your restless head upon the atoning pillow of Christ's love and therein enter into your rightful heritage!

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# George Canty

# describes a recent experience "I HAD A TWENTY-FOUR-HOUR PASSPORT TO ANOTHER WORLD"

VISA to China could scarcely have provided me with an experience so completely different. The Fellowship of St. Albion and St. Sergius (president the Archbishop of Canterbury) graciously invited me to travel to Broadstairs to address a joint conference of Anglican and Eastern Orthodox representatives on the subject of Pentecost.

For thirty-six years Elim has been my entire world, but now for a day and a night I joined a company of men and women of a kind whom I had not contacted in all my past life in so much as a single conversation. Priests of two great religious communions, from Britain and abroad, with their wives, the Russian Orthodox Bishop of London, some laymen of academical and intellectual interests and nuns received me with an overwhelming display of interest and friendliness.

Some had never even heard the word "Pentecostal," others knew us very well, but to most we were only a name. My address, once begun, must have sounded to them as if I ought to have announced myself as the first man from Mars. In the afternoon I had listened to men like Archimandrite Alexis van der Mensbrugghe discussing the technicalities of the liturgical Amen and the niceties of the correct forms of printed prayers, and in the evening they were hearing me tell how the love of Christ had swept over my being in such a heaving tide that I had found myself praying in the Holy Ghost in other tongues, laying my hands on the sick and seeing miracles taking place before prayers were half spoken.

After my address I was deluged with questions—but not drowned. In fact I was surprised at both the nature and the simplicity of the points raised. They covered an extremely wide field, from our link with the Kathari of the Middle Ages to our relationship with Baptists in Russia and Anglican missions in India. There was a genuine curiosity about every aspect of Pentecostal services and method. But not one question put to me indicated that these men were in "he slightest opposed to speaking with tongues, or to other supernatural phenomena. Private conversations indeed showed that they were quite happy to think that God was granting these things again. One Anglican clergyman said: "You can-

not oppose speaking with tongues. It is too deeply embedded in the Scriptures." And on Divine healing, when I referred to the idea of the Brethren (whom he did not know) that the miraculous ended with the apostolic dispensation his remark was: "What a strange kind of unfaith!"

But here is another fact that should disturb us. Not one question revealed the slightest desire to share our Pentecostal experiences. They did not covet what we had. The question is, whose fault is that?

I must be fair to ourselves. Only a small percentage of my distinguished audience had ever met a Pentecostal before and most were ignorant about us. We had no reputation with them at all, good or bad, so they had not been prejudiced by our behaviour. But even on those grounds I am wondering if we are wholly excusable. The Pentecostals claim to have had an extraordinary enduement of power these forty years, and yet till that moment no ripples of it had reached these Anglican and Orthodox believers. May it not be that an instinct in my audience was at work suggesting that the experience could not be of much effectiveness and power, seeing it had not forced itself upon their notice before through the dynamic lives of those who claimed it?

And what is more, some of these men had chanced to rub shoulders with Pentecostals, and had still not been sufficiently impressed to wish for what the Pentecostals had. They did not question its reality. Healings, tongues, foresight, visions, prostrations—nobody had any difficulty in accepting such things as Divine in origin. That the Pentecostal movement enjoyed these manifestations of God was neither doubted nor belittled. But nobody asked me how they could receive the like gift.

This brings me to emphasise what I have said before on my page—namely that the supernatural (Continued on page 622)

#### REMEMBER

to pray for the Elim campaigns in Dewsbury and Ebbw Vale

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KINGSWAY HALL FILLED TO CAPACITY

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THE annual event of the London Crusader Choir known as a Symphony of Praise reached records this year in every way.

The Kingsway Hall, with its new modern seating and the fine acoustic properties (appreciated by leading recording companies), provided facilities greatly welcomed by those taking part in a programme full of rich choral and musical fare.

This year's guests received the great welcome so deservedly due. Rev. René Robert from Switzerland, known throughout Elim, contributed in varied ways. His fine tenor voice and gifted musicianship rose to levels seldom heard in present-day Christian circles. Mr. Robert's closing epilogue and thoughts of the Cross brought to a climax a festival long to be remembered. Musicians of many schools and colleges were present, and the skilful and artistic renditions of the Upper Norwood Salvation Army Band, conducted by Norman E. Tolliday, were magnificent. From the majestic symphonies of Tchaikovsky to the moving melodies of the simple but soul-stirring hymns, these all "caught the breath" and moved all hearts to quiet meditation and worship. The singing of the combined male voices of the Crusader Choir and the band, with René Robert as soloist, was somewhat unique and stimulating. This male chorus, accompanied by a brass ensemble of six instruments, was conducted by Brigadier Bernard F.

J. Adams, the conductor of the Army's premier band—the International Staff Band. Shall we ever forget this item and the majestic climax by soloist, chorus and ensemble:

> I bring Thee all, I bring Thee all, Give Thou Thyself to me-I BRING THEE ALL!

It is true to say that the London Crusader Choir is nationally known for its repertoire of Gospel songs. The choir has, over the years, sought to set an

present for such an uplifting and happy occasion. Last, but not least, the easy progression of the festival was due to the able chairmanship of Rev. J. Hywel Davies (National Youth Director), Students from the Elim Bible College and a team of attracive teenage ladies from the London churches carried out with decorum and dignity the duties so vital to the success of such a gathering. To Him be all the glory, and to all who served we say thank you! (The programme was devised and directed by Rev. Douglas B. Gray, founder-leader of the London Crusader Choir).

example and a standard for the best in Gospel song.

Its contributions at the Kingsway Hall festival

confirmed such a presentation. From the hymns of

Sankey and Moody to music of the masters all told their story—the evangel of the Cross. The Ladies'

Chorus always strikes a special note! Its lilting and

scintillating messages in song never fail to gain warm appreciation. Familiar voices in solo numbers and

duets contributed in varying ways impressed and

made their impact and challenge. These included

Rosemary Brown (choir secretary), Marie Hamilton,

Irene Mayor, John Phillips (deputy conductor), Alfred Winnett, Ruth Campbell and the fine accompanists

-Ronald F. Cooper (organ), and Geoff, Cooper (piano). William J. Snowden (deputy leader) voiced

in his usual effective manner the appreciation of all

### THE LONDON CRUSADER CHOIR

THE Devil is all out in his attack against the Word of God. He is bent on dethroning God (see Ezekiel 28; 2 Thessalonians 2:3,4). Satan is making supreme efforts in these days against spiritual and supernatural Christianity (and in reality there is no other kind of Christianity). The Devil is bent upon wreckage, trying to wreck the Church of God on the rocks of formalism, fanaticism, ritualism and modernism, the latter being the arch-enemy of Christianity. Modernism is a diabolical and deceptive cult. It minimises sin. It humanises God and deifies man. It is a mixture of atheistic science and godless education. Everything is at stake upon the truth of the facts which modernism denies—our Lord's character, nature and work, also our faith and experience, in fact the whole structure of Christianity. If the modernist is right, Christianity is humbug. If modernism is right, Jesus Christ is not the "good man" they declare Him to be and the teaching of the Bible is absolutely false, for sweet and bitter waters cannot come from the same fountain. I know that there are many unsuspecting people who look upon modernism as a modern application of Christianity to this advanced age. Such is not the case. In the final analysis, when stripped of its high-sounding religious phrases it is found to be absolutely anti-Christian. Of what modernist can it be said as was said of one of our great fundamentalists? Mr. Lloyd George, speaking of Dr. Dinsdale Young on the occasion of his diamond jubilee celebration, said that if the two generations of people to whom he had preached had followed his teaching it would not have mattered what ministers sat around the table in Downing Street. What a statement from a great statesman regarding a great fundamentalist! It implies this, that the "old-fashioned Bible" and the "old-fashioned Gospel" hold the key to many of our national problems. This is by no means new information, for wherever the Gospel has been received men's hearts have been changed, and the result has been seen also in changed conditions. No form of earthly government could ever accomplish this. This is the work of Christ alone—the Christ who is blasphemed and robbed of His deity and even of His character by these modernists; the Christ who "came to break oppression, to set the captive free, to take away transgression and rule in equity."

#### TODAY'S BETRAYAL

Today we find the very truths which have brought untold blessing to this earth being denied by those who are paid to proclaim them. Nineteen centuries ago religion and the world joined hands to crucify the Lord of glory; it would appear that this union

has never been dissolved, for today we see a determined opposition to Divine revelation. While we are not pessimistic regarding the ultimate issue, because truth will triumph, we are concerned for multitudes of people who while having a cloak of profession are being deluded, and instead of rejoicing in the truth are lost in the fog of modern theology. One of the favourite taunts of infidel speakers is that "Christians do not half believe what they profess to believe." Alas, we fear this taunt is sometimes justified. Those who reject Christianity altogether are prepared to do some hard thinking, while many who declare themselves Christians are content to let others do all the thinking for them. If the godless conditions experienced on the Continent ever prevail in this land, it will be because the Church is either ignorant of the power of the Devil or is not willing to make sacrifices for the defence of truth. Christians of other lands are well aware of the dangers that threaten them, but here in England a

# SABOT the Cl By John Woodhead, F.R.G

condition of apathy prevails. The low standards of spirituality and the lack of Bible knowledge witnessed today are the outcome of modern theology proclaimed from many pulpits. Congregations who sit under and consent to these modern perversions are not willing to fight their way back to fundamental and historic Christianity. It was when General Foch issued the command for the allied armies to put their backs to the wall that the advance which ended World War I began. It is high time we Christians put our backs to the wall and begin to contend earnestly for the faith which was once delivered to the saints. The activities of the Devil in this country are different from those in Russia; instead of mass attack from outside, he is bent on sabotage within. The raging storm outside fails to injure the Gospel ship, so he tries to get those within to hole the vessel from inside. Those who ought to be feeding the guns which defend the castle are spending their time pouring water on the powder. To cover up their failure, they compromise with the world to hide their ever decreasing statistics. Sunday films and dances are introduced. Yet it is only this old-fashioned Gospel that is the power of God unto salvation. Let us briefly review some of the fundamentals that are being denied today.

#### THE INFALLIBILITY OF THE BIBLE

An infidel speaker in one of London's parks was asked why he always attacked the Bible and no other book. "Why cannot you let it alone?" he was asked. "Because it won't let me alone," he replied. I believe this is the difficulty with many of our Bible critics. I may be asked, "But surely you do not believe in an actual Garden of Eden?" Yes, I believe in it just as much as I believe in those beautiful gardens I was privileged to visit this summer. "But really you do not believe that the sun stood still?" I certainly do. Surely it is not unreasonable to believe that He who created the sun should possess the power to control its movements. Yes, I even believe



the story of Jonah and the big fish in spite of all that the critics have to say. This account of Jonah has been confirmed by more than one well-authenticated incident.

Sixty-three years of Engineering Science and Social Work, by Sir Francis Fox, records this incident told to the engineer by the manager of a whaling station. "In the vicinity of the Falkland Islands in February 1891, two boats attacked a sperm whale which, with a lash of its tail, upset one of the boats. One of the men thrown into the water, James Bartley, could not be found. The whale was killed, and next morning the stomach was hoisted on board the whaling ship. The sailors were startled by something which gave spasmodic signs of life, and inside was found the missing sailor, doubled up and unconscious. He was kindly and carefully treated by the captain and officers and gradually regained consciousness. At the end of the third week he was entirely recovered from the shock and resumed his duties. Bartley affirmed that he would probably have lived inside his house of flesh until he starved, for he lost his senses through fright and not from lack of air. It finally dawned on him that he had been swallowed by a whale and he was overcome with horror at the situation. He could breathe easily, but the heat was terrible. Death stared him in the face, he tried to look at it bravely, but the terrible quiet, darkness and heat, combined with the horrible knowledge of his environment, overcame him."

Other incidents could be given to prove this longassailed Bible story; but without outside confirmation the fact that our Lord believed it is enough for us. The modernist says the Bible cannot be accepted as infallible because much contained therein is not fit for young people to read, and again because parts of the Old Testament encourage cruelty. Against this I would say that in the whole of Christendom it would be impossible to find one life which has been made impure by reading the Word of God. An unclean book would cause its readers to be unclean, but the noblest lives have been those shaped by the Word of God. No one has ever been ruined by reading the Bible. It is because the Bible has been neglected in our homes that many of the young people of this generation are so godless and immoral. The person who does not like the Bible, who is critical of its contents and shocked at its records. has never experienced its power in his or her life. A lady who excelled in making wax flowers and fruit was criticised severely by her friends and her work unjustly derided. She convicted them by showing them an apple, with which they, as usual, found fault. One complained of the colour, another of the shape, and so on. When they had finished she silently took a knife, cut the apple and ate it. In like manner test the Bible-prove its power and its truth and cease criticising it.

#### THE VIRGIN BIRTH

The virgin birth of Christ was prophesied by Isaiah and announced by angels to both Mary and Joseph (Luke 1:34,35; Matthew 1:20-23). These angelic announcements leave no doubt whatever in the mind of the child of God of the supernatural manner of the birth of our Lord Jesus. The chapters containing the accounts are in every ancient manuscript. If these chapters are to be rejected, the entire books must be rejected. This fact was accepted by the apostles and early Christians and by the whole Church right down the ages. For over 1,900 years the virgin birth has been believed by the main body of Christian believers. The greatest proof of all is the pre-existence of Christ. In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God and the Word was God. He came out

of eternity into time. Bethlehem did not mark the beginning of His life, but was just an incident in it. These words "in the beginning" carry us back beyond even those early records of creation, for "by Him were all things created" (Colossians 1:16). And the Word was made flesh. The wise men recognised that He was God, and worshipped Him. If He had not been God their worship would have been idolatry. It was God taking upon Himself humanity, not merely God dwelling in man. He was God and man combining in one personality the two natures. It is impossible to accept Jesus as teacher, leader or example and reject the virgin birth.

Another question being asked today is: "Can the miracles of the New Testament be accepted?" One

of the greatest proofs of the New Testament miracles is that Jesus Christ, who is always the same (Hebrews 13:8), is performing like miracles in these days. Inspiration foresaw that a time would come when attempts would be made to take away portions of the Bible and recorded a warning to all such (Revelation 22:19). The result of accepting these very truths that are being challenged today is that lives have been changed, lost hopes regained, fetters snapped and slaves released. The Gospel is still "the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." The theme of the Bible is Jesus; you will find Him the key to all your problems, the panacea for all ills, the refuge in storm, the defence in battle and above all the Saviour and Redeemer of your soul.



## Women's Column

By Gladys Gorton

#### THE SHARP KNIFE

DON'T know whether you are like me or not, but I am rather conservative in what things I use when cooking. For instance, I have a short knife, broken at the top, which I prefer to use to peel potatoes rather than a potato peeler, and I have a knife with a thin, pliable blade which I always use when making pastry. It is ideal for trimming pies, tarts and plate-cakes.

One morning—I was rather rushed—I was making pastry for an apple tart when I was called away to see to another matter. Upon returning to the kitchen table I picked up the knife, probably with my mind still upon this matter, when I carelessly cut my finger. (Isn't it a nuisance when you cut your finger in the middle of baking?) Being so used to the *feel* of the knife, I knew that it would not have happened if it had not been sharpened. The man of the house likes to use this knife occasionally as well, and he had sharpened it!

There are other knives I could use, but I like this one. Sir Winston Churchill said during the war, "Give us the tools and we will finish the job." This knife—one of my kitchen tools—helps me to do my job. Just because it cut my finger I am not despising

it or putting it aside for another. Oh no! It serves me well.

You have a friend. She has been a wonderful help to you down the years, loyal, dependable and reliable. Now she has been sharp with you over some trivial affair. Are you going to quarrel with her and remember for ever the cutting words she said? If you are a wise woman you will realise that there must be a cause for her sharpness—worry, weariness, anxiety, illness perhaps. Don't arrive at a hasty conclusion. Overlook it and extend to her all the help you can. It will bring you both into an even closer friendship.

There is somebody in the church who occupies an important position. Much is demanded of her and from her. Usually she is gracious and understanding, but the other day you thought she was a little sharp in how she spoke to you. Don't be hard on her and criticise. She may have a heavier heart than yours. Remember our daily prayer, "... forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us." Pray for the grace of forgiveness. Learn to forgive and forget the cutting offence. I could not cast my knife away because it once was oversharp. It still helps me in my pastry making.

Never let your thoughts thrive on a matter in which another has cut and wounded you. A hundred aggravating and amazing incidents will leap up in your mind if you do, making the slightest offence swell up to the most formidable dimensions.

Text: "Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven" (Matthew 18: 21, 22).

Thought: "For every vexation caused by people the great balm is love."



#### FAREWELL TO PASTOR A. A. BIDDLE

Saturday, October 3rd, was the Rotherham Elim Church's farewell meeting to Pastor A. A. Biddle.

Without a doubt Rotherham has lost an outstanding Christian worker, and the local church has lost a faithful and untiring pastor. Fifteen years' ministry is no mean record. His forthright Gospel messages, pungent biblical expositions, vociferous singing and fervent prayers will long be remembered by the people.

Over all the years of ministry we can truly say that Rotherham has been a revival centre. Even the most remote citizen knows of "Uncle Archie" and "Sunshine Corner." On a different note, the various hospitals, the sanatorium and the old age pensioners will miss his jovial smile and regular visits.

The farewell tea was arranged by Mrs. Yeardley and Mrs. Barnes. Church deacons, trustees and Sunday school superintendents spoke words of appreciation and a cheque from the assembly was presented by the senior deacon, Mr. Horace Godley. The four

Presentation to Pastor A. Biddle by Mr. Godley. Mrs. Biddle, David and Ruth may also be seen.

Sunday schools also presented a clock, suitably inscribed, together with a monetary gift.

A presentation to the pastor's son, David Biddle, next took place, when William Craven, the Crusader secretary, presented him with a travelling clock. Brother Craven spoke of the fine work that David had done in the Crusaders. The assembly also does not forget Mrs. Biddle's constant devotion to the work of God. Little Ruth Biddle received a purse from the Sunday school.

So our farewell meeting came to a close, with a deep appreciation and esteem for a "man of God." Rotherham's loss is Portsmouth's gain. May God richly bless him and his family in their new sphere of labour.

FRANK MIDDLETON.

#### ELIM JUNIOR CRUSADER IN RIVER RESCUE

Jumping fully clothed into the River Lea, thirteenyear-old David Butcher rescued non-swimmer elevenyear-old Henry Canfield at Rye House on September 9th.

"I was helping the proprietor at a boat-house on the Lea at Rye House, when I heard a splash, and an elderly man on a nearby bridge shouted out 'Someone's fallen in the river,'" David told our representative

"It was Henry Canfield, who had been washing down a cabin cruiser for the owner. I jumped in from the cruiser, fully clothed, and managed to pull him to the bank.

"I slapped him on the back several times to get the river water out of him, and after a while he seemed to be all right and he said he could get home on his own," David concluded.

A pupil of Hoddesdon Secondary School, David told our representative not to mention his gallant action to his headmaster. "I shall only be called out in assembly, and I don't want that to happen," he added.

Hoddesdon Journal.

#### LATE NEWS

Thirty-nine decisions for Christ on opening Sunday of Ebbw Vale campaign, conducted by Rev. P. S. Brewster.

# Testimony Corner

#### MIRACULOUS HEALING IN GLASGOW

My name is Agnes Hancock. When I was sixteen years of age I sought and found Jesus as my personal Saviour, On September 25th, 1958, I took very ill and had to stop work. I was taken into the Royal Infirmary, where tests proved I was suffering from Parkinson's disease. I was told I would be unable to work again and was advised to go in for a brain operation to the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary. While waiting to be admitted, my illness was such that I felt the only one I could turn to was God. Turning to the Scriptures, I read James 5:14, 15. Here was the answer to my illness. I went that same night to the prayer meeting at the Elim Church, Glasgow, and called for the pastor and deacons to pray on my behalf. I was immediately healed. As Pastor Kelly spoke the first words of prayer I felt God's healing power. On hearing what had happened, my doctor's words were: "This is indeed a miracle." To God be the glory, great things He has done.

## REV. P. S. BREWSTER AND TEAM NOW MOVE INTO EBBW VALE

FOLLOWING his successful evangelistic crusade in Derby, Rev. P. S. Brewster commenced another crusade in the industrial town of Ebbw Vale on October 31st, 1959. The Workman's Hall has been reserved for one month's crusade meetings, the first being conducted by an evangelist of a Pentecostal denomination.

Numerous healings have been witnessed in Derby, where 549 persons registered their decision to follow Christ. The Churchill Hall in the centre of the city has been leased for twelve months for continuation services. A centrally situated site is being acquired and the new converts to Christianity have already subscribed £1,000 for the new Elim church. A manse has been provided for the new minister, Rev. I. Wynne Lewis.

In Paisley and Middlesbrough similar successes have been experienced. In the former, Rev. Alex Tee continues in the newly formed Elim church (having left Motherwell), using the main hall of the Paisley Y.M.C.A. until the erection of a permanent building.

## Calling BOYS AND GIRLS

#### By Bernard Norris

Hello again!

Here are the answers to last week's puzzle. Peter, Paul, Ruth, Lord, Herod, Mark, Saul, Mary, Noah and Pilate. There you are, ten Bible names. How many did you get? I will tell you the prizewinners next month.

Oh, oh! If I'm not mistaken that streak that flashed past the window just now was Benny!

- "Uncle Bernard." (I thought so, it was Benny). "Uncle Bernard, I know how they did it. My teacher told me at school."
  - "You know how who did what?"
- "Well, you know you told me about Moses leading the Israelites through the Red Sea?"
  - "Yes, I remember."

"Well, my teacher says he knows how it was done. There was a ford just there, and the people just walked across because the water was lower at that time and so they could do it, and it wasn't a miracle at all!"

Benny rushed the whole lot out in one breath, and then stood looking at me with a victorious look on his face.

"That's very clever, Benny." He grinned. "Very clever indeed." Benny smiled broadly. "But not clever enough!" Benny's smile vanished!

"What do you mean, Uncle?"

"Just this, Benny. If the people were able to cross the Red Sea because there was a ford there and the water was low, how were all the Egyptians drowned when they tried to follow? Now go and ask your teacher that one!"

Benny frowned, thinking hard. At last he shrugged his shoulders and said, "Yes, that's a bit hard, that is."

"I'll say it is. That's the trouble with so many who say they know better than the Bible, they don't stop to think. And shall I tell you something else, Benny?"

Benny shifted from one foot to the other. It was getting a bit too hot for him. Benny wasn't keen on "religious stuff" as he called it.

"Well, akshully Uncle, I've gotta go now for my tea. I'll see you again."

With that he shot out of the room and tore down the garden path.

I wonder what he'll have to say next time he comes.

Cheerio for now, and God bless you.

BERNARD.

# The advance of science and the unchanging Bible

THE leaders of Pentecost here in Britain have been talking about you. To make it clear whom I mean by "you" (I hear that even old-age pensioners read this page), you had better add th.

Youth and the problems posed by increasing scientific knowledge. Lessons at school, lectures at college, talks over the radio and television, all moving young people to re-think their position relating to immortality, the existence of the spirit and soul, the value of the Bible as the Word of God. It is a formidable problem.

I left the place where I heard many of these matters mentioned, and I thought of the many young people I have met recently who were finding it difficult to find their feet. The surface of their circumstances is very slippery. I wondered if some of us have wrongly presented Bible truth. It was not so very long ago that to believe the world was more than 6,000 years old automatically resulted in a person being branded a modernist. The danger in being dogmatic in one's interpretation of Scripture when applied to science is now evident to the majority of evangelicals. It is far better to admit frankly "I don't know." The alternative? The young child will accept all that teacher says, but a day of reckoning is ahead. The child will become a man, and he will inquire into what he has been taught. This period of questioning is most acute in teenage, and here is the greatest leakage from the Church. Not that I am attempting to lay all the blame at the door of those who have unintentionally misappropriated Bible statements which have a bearing on scientific knowledge. However, in far too many cases the whole of Christian truth becomes suspect in the minds of many inquiring youth when they find intellectual restrictions imposed upon them, restrictions which are not authorised by Scripture.

Whatever may be the subject, science or Pentecostal doctrines, we must be frank and admit ignorance where revelation is lacking. It was with thoughts such as these that I took hold of a recent copy of the Sunday School Times, a soundly evangelical periodical, and to my delight read the following . . . Actually, it will follow in next week's page, because there is not enough room to contain the whole here. So look out for next week's Youth Page entitled "Scientific Discoveries and the Christian," by J. T. Bayly.

#### GOOD NEWS FROM NEWQUAY

The letters which flow into Elim Church Headquarters vary in content, style and value; some carry encouragement and some call for help. Here is a letter which encouraged us, and we who have received a blessing now pass it on:

"Just a short line to let you know how the youth work in Newquay is faring. During our Sunshine Corner crusade sixty-four decisions were registered; average weekly attendance is now about fifty. At the branch Sunday school in St. Columb Minor we now have forty-two on the register; average attendance in the first four weeks has been twenty-five. We have now commenced a Boys' Guild on Monday nights; on the first night there were twenty-two boys between the ages of eleven and fifteen years present. We are now launching our Junior and Senior Crusader work in Newquay; I would be grateful to receive from you enrolment cards, etc. I am glad to say that already young people both from the branch and the local youth work are coming into the church." This letter came from the minister, Pastor Glvn Taylor.

You do not need to ask what this young man is doing with his time. This letter was indeed inspiring reading. Seaside resorts are notoriously difficult places for youth work, yet this church is making progress. There are many other churches engaged in "Operation Extension" on this scale, much larger than even we have suggested. What about your church? Yes, what about you? Write and tell us of your experiences.



# THE FAMILY ALTAR and

### ELIM PRAYER CIRCLE

Scripture Union Portions. Notes by R. B. Chapman (Minister of Elim Church, Sheffield)

Monday, November 16th. Romans 11: 25-36

These verses conclude Paul's great controversy concerning Israel, speaking forcibly of her eventual restoration through the immutability of God's character and calling. The final verse (36) is a masterpiece of incorporative and conclusive truth. "Of Him... are all things"—here is creation. A simple statement of fact, excluding all evolution theories (John 1). "Through Him... are all things"—here is completion. Every need completely met through Him alone (Philippians 4: 19). "To Him are all things"—here is consummation. Ultimately all must be directed back to the King supreme (1 Corinthians 15: 28). To this God of unsearchable wisdom and inscrutable integrity we owe continued praise.

Tuesday, November 17th. Romans 12:1-9

The reading today suggests two things. (i) **Knowing God's will** (vv. 1, 2). This knowledge is gained by fulfilling certain conditions: surrendering to God the total life in holiness; a full, positive separation from the world; a Divine remoulding of the thoughts so that the outlook is completely transformed and then one can prove God's perfect will. (ii) **Doing God's will** (vv. 3-9). Revealing sobriety (v. 3) when self-importance is lost before God's gracious dealings; unity (vv. 4, 5) for which Jesus prayed (John 17) and which the early Church enjoyed (Acts 2:1); sincerity (vv. 6-8)—all service must be real, devoted and the best possible; charity (v. 9a), which is not assumed to play a part but is true to practise (1 Corinthians 13); purity (v. 9b)—we must hate wrong and be severed from it (John 8:11), and passionately cling to that which is righteous.

#### Wednesday, November 18th. Romans 12: 10-21

Here the principles of the Sermon on the Mount are reiterated in a church epistle, emphasising that these noble aspirations, so unnatural to the human heart, are intended to be practised in this dispensation. The tenet of this teaching is the very antithesis of all human reasoning, and care is needed lest we drift from these essentials and are caught up in the general practices of worldly procedure, thought and ambition. "Be not overcome of evil"—there is the righteousness of conquest. "Overcome evil with good"—there is the conquest of righteousness.

Thursday, November 19th. Romans 13: 1-14

The writer first mentions our Christian responsibility to the civil authority (vv. 1-7), showing that constructional government should receive the respect and loyal support of Christ's followers—especially in mind, no doubt, would be the defiant bigotry towards Rome which was to lead to such bloodshed and tragedy ere long. The Christian is not the rebel or the anarchist, but the law-abiding and rule-respecting citizen. Next is mentioned our Christian responsibility to the social community (vv. 8-14); once again love forms the soil for the lawful harvest of the fruits of right living—love for our neighbours making us live honestly and not owing or stealing; restraining us from lies that would injure, adulteries that would shame and murder that would deprive.

Friday, November 20th. Romans 14: 1-12

Verse 12 reminds us of a solemn reality: account must be made to God; there is a reckoning day at the judgment seat. We must answer for our own actions, therefore our vital concern should relate to the manner and motive in which we personally live and serve. It is easy to criticise and condemn others, their convictions and conduct, but we shall not have to answer for them, they will have to speak for themselves. We should heed our own lives, making sure they are examples to help others and that in them we serve the Lord faithfully so that we shall not be ashamed in His presence (Luke 19: 12-26).

Saturday, November 21st. Romans 14:13-23

This passage, which continues yesterday's theme, deals with a subject important to Paul's heart and which he elaborated upon in his first Corinthian letter (chapters 6, 8, 10). He contends strongly for a man's individual right to obey unmolested the convictions and dictates of his conscience, but reveals that conscience is not the final court of appeal. Our responsibility to our fellow man, our weaker brother, our more sensitive neighbour, places a higher demand upon the intricacies of our conduct than even conscience. "All things are lawful [the conviction of conscience], but not expedient four responsibility to others!."

Sunday, November 22nd. Romans 15: 1-16

"We . . . ought . . . not to please ourselves." How often we hear, "Oh, please yourself" or "I'll please myself." How contrary this is to biblical teaching. Jesus, the very creator of the universe, "pleased not Himself" (v. 3). If He did not, upon what grounds can any Christian attempt to justify his determination to please himself? There exists no such ground. First and foremost we should always seek to please God (2 Timothy 2:4; 1 Thessalonians 4:1). The next consideration should be to please our neighbours (v. 2), not by pandering to whims and fancies (Ephesians 6:6), but by doing the things, even at personal sacrifice, which will tend to build up good character in others. The thought to please ourselves should never enter our minds, but only the thought of denying ourselves for Christ's sake and others.

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#### GEORGE CANTY (continued)

alone is not Pentecost. Where the supernatural is, there is the sign of Pentecost, and the proof and evidence that a mighty potential exists. A potential for what? So much! So much that the churches would covet! Irrepressible zeal, unflagging service, authoritative witness, undeterrable faith, imaginative evangelism, and every believer baptised in the spirit has that potential. But in the end, no matter what God does for us, every Pentecostal can choose to be like the baptised believers of Laodicea: hot, cold or lukewarm.

We have the same story in the Acts of the Apostles. The power of the apostles to heal a sick man made no recorded impression on the religious leaders of their day. But something did impress them, far beyond the miracle. Mark it: "When they saw the boldness of Peter and John . . . they marvelled . . . and took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus."

Need I, indeed can I, embellish that unanswerable scriptural summary?

## **COMING EVENTS**

(Please pray for these services)

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HOVE. November 21, 22. Elim Church, Portland Road. Special visit of Donald Gee. Sat. 7.30, Sun. 11 and 6.30.

ILFORD. November 14. Elim Church, Scrafton Road. Monthly rally. Speaker: J. C. Kennedy. 7.30. November 21-23. East London Revival Rally. Speaker: J. Gardiner (Halifax). Sat. 3 and 6.30 (Newpark Hall Male Voice Choir 6.30), Sun. 11 and 6.30, Mon. 7.30.

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Bynon: Gold. On Saturday, October 24th, Paul Arthur Bynon to Janet Elsie Gold (both Elim Crusaders, Leyton). Officiating ministers: J. J. Way (Hove) and L. N. Knipe.

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Ingram. On October 17th, Violet Ingram, a faithful member of Elim Church, Coulsdon. Officiating ministers at funeral: Ronald A. Gordon and G. H. Thomas.

Meston. On October 24th, Helena Jessie Meston, aged 66, beloved member of Elim Church, Seaview Road, Southend. Officiating minister at funeral: J. A. Wright.

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