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LOOK UP!

"If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes."—Luke 19:42.

The Kingdom of Heaven on earth — here, now — with an allegiance to the Kingdom above any earthly allegiance, is God's solution to our problems.

At the beginning of Christ's ministry He stated the purpose of His coming:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he that anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of our Lord." Luke 4:18:19.

Deliverance to the captives

Millions today are captives, confined behind high walls of prejudice and hate, sickness and despair. Millions are imprisoned in petty denominationalism, millions are bound behind barriers of race and nationalism. Prisoners, when Jesus came to set them free! And the tragedy of it is that many of these teeming millions consider themselves free.

Prisoners, and unaware of the fact! — Prisoners, and living in the delusion that they are free! Prisoners, so blind that they cannot see the walls that shut them in!

The primary purpose of walls is for protection; to keep out enemies, or noise, or the elements. But walls once built for protection, can become prison walls merely by the turning of a key.

In II Kings 6 and 7 we read the story of the people of Samaria "shut up" behind the walls which they had built for their protection. Because of the Syrian siege the people of Samaria were starving, eating their own children. And afraid to venture forth seeking life and freedom.



Millions today are starving spiritually because they have shut themselves in behind high and narrow walls and are afraid to venture out into the abundant life which Christ came to bring.

"I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." John 10:10.

"If ye continue in my words, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:31-32.

*"I bargained with life for a penny,
And life would pay me no more,
No matter how I begged at evening,
When I counted my scanty store . . .*

*I bargained with life for a penny,
Only to learn, dismayed,
That any wage I had asked of life
Life would have paid."*

—Jessie Rittenhouse.

Denominational walls

Many people give higher allegiance to their particular denomination and its doctrine than they do to Christ and His teachings. They would whittle the Son of the living God down to fit into their denominational moulds and make a Baptist, Methodist, Pentacostal or some other limited model of Him. Instead of living up to our inheritance — creatures made in the image of God — we make God in our own image, and so limit both God and ourselves.

Race

Millions, in reality, worship a white skin more than they worship Christ. They would make of Christ a white man, forgetting that two thirds of God's children are not white. These millions of whites are today fearfully peering out through the crevices of the crumbling walls of race and anxiously wondering what the colored majority in the world mean to do to them. They have shut themselves in from freedom and brotherhood and peace.

Sickness and inadequacy

Millions today are sick with no hope of getting well; are frustrated and defeated with no hope of victory — prisoners of today's thinking, teaching, customs, society. To say nothing of the millions who are slaves to liquor — bound by evil task masters.

When, if they but knew it, if they could but lift up their eyes and see over these high prison walls, see Jesus and the Kingdom of Heaven with all its joys and its promises; they would shout and leap for joy. Free!

Christ promised victory to those in the Kingdom. Christ promised health to those who will believe.

Jesus "went about doing good and heal-

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"If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

THE FULL GOSPEL

"For now we see through a glass, darkly; then face to face: Now I in part, but then shall I know even as also I am known." (1 Cor. 13:12)

Today we have the sad spectacle of 250 denominations, each founded on a few verses of Scripture, and each claiming to have the whole truth. Some refuse to fellowship or commune with the others, some refuse to recognize the others as "saved" or Christians.

"I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. Is Christ divided?" (1 Cor. 1:12-13)

Faced with this terrible situation many are working for some kind of union: Federal Council, Federal Union, World Council, etc. Others fight this movement, claiming it would destroy or bury the truth; thinking, of course, that what they have is the Truth.

Unity will not come through union, but by recognizing every other follower of Christ as a fellow-Christian. By acknowledging that each one of us is but a "sinner saved by grace," that "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God," and that is true of you and me, whether we are in or out of some church.

Here is a church that honestly believes in a great human organization. Their belief was handed down to them by a leader who has long since gone to his reward, where he undoubtedly sees that he preached only a part of the fulness of God. But his followers carry on in his footsteps. Their organization does a great deal of good. They raise enormous sums of money, send out many missionaries, build colleges, train ministers. But still they have only a part of the Truth.

On the opposite corner is another church. They denounce the highly organized church (because their leader, long since dead, saw its evils) and insist that the true church must be democratic and autonomous. They struggle along alone, with little organization, little money, and little world-wide effect; until spreading units of the church compel some sort of organization; call it convention or conference or whatever you will. They, too, do a great deal of good, but have only a part of God's great goodness to offer to hungry men.

Another leader, through prayer and meditation over God's Word, is impressed with the absence of something important in both these churches. He is inspired, "called of God," to proclaim his discovered truth to the world—and another denomination is born.

When men realize that denominations are merely God's emergency measures to insure that none of the fragments of His broken body—the true Church of Jesus Christ—be lost; and are willing to accept the humiliating truth that they are only a crumb instead of the whole loaf of Heavenly Bread, the Kingdom of Heaven can come on earth.

"Take eat. This is my body, which is broken for you." (1 Cor. 11:24)

"Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost." (John 6:12)

Your denomination or mine is then but a basket to hold some of the fragments of the Bread of Life, rather than Truth itself.

God will not be without a witness to His Truth. If He cannot find it in one denomination He permits another to rise up, even though it mixes many errors with its one truth.

If He cannot find a witness in any denomination, He raises up a witness outside the church, to shame and shock the church back to His Truth.

"I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out." (Luke 19:40)

When, in the corrupt middle ages, the Catholic Church insisted that all the Truth resided in the Church and its priests, regardless of their corrupt practices; God raised up a witness—Martin Luther. Luther gathered up the great principle that salvation and truth were in the Word of God and not in man. But Luther was far from perfect or from having all the Truth. He witnessed to as much of the truth as he saw.

When the Church of England became formal and sterile, God raised up John Wesley who fired the world with his conviction that method and "heartfelt religion" were necessary to save man and the world. Millions follow in his train, though Wesley's strict discipline and his fervor (called emotionalism and fanaticism then and now) have long since vanished from the church that bears him method's name.

Other men saw that immersion had been dropped, and built churches on the verses, "down into the water" and "up out of the water." At the same time they overlooked many other critical verses. Their present day followers merely follow in the leader's footsteps, repeating mechanically the formulas that gave birth to "their church."

When the church became so formal and modern and apostate as to deny the Virgin Birth, the stonement, etc., the Fundamentalists grew loud in protest. When the Fundamentalists shut their eyes to human need and the brotherhood of man, the Liberals sprang into action.

When the church no longer believed in miracles and God's power to heal the sick, Christian Science, Unity and the sects sprang up to bring back this lost fragment of God's Word.

When worldliness and scientific knowledge smothered any reliance on the Holy Spirit's working, the so-called "Full Gospel" churches sprang up to loudly shout the need and the existence of a power beyond ourselves.

Each in turn, obsessed with the fragment he is raised up to salvage, sees what he has as The Truth.

The "Full-Gospel" folks may have more of the Gospel than some; but they too, being still human, have overlooked other necessary and important fragments contained in other baskets. They are in general staunch supporters of racial prejudice and militarism.

You may see miracles of healings at their hands and hear prophetic words from their tongues, but you will rarely hear a sermon on the texts: "God . . . hath made of one blood all nations of men." (Acts 17:24-26); or "Put up thy sword" (Matt. 26:52)

A good, kind and humble man of this school of faith proclaims to the world that their church has denounced all the errors of the (other) denominations and preaches the Full Gospel; that he has been baptized with the Holy Ghost; speaks in tongues; casts out demons and heals the sick in Jesus' Name. To listen to him one would think, "Surely, this is It!" Yet he denounces anyone who favors the end of racial segregation, anyone "who would sit in the same seat with a Negro," as a Communist.

And thou preaching that men should not lean on doctors and surgery for health, but trust all to God's power; he seems to advocate destroying "the Godless Russians" and approves his young men who go off to war to help with the killing.

His part-truth (perhaps a great part) has blinded him to the rest of the Word. He doesn't see that if faith in part of God's Word can heal the sick without the aid of knives or pills; faith in other Words of the same God could protect His followers and bring peace without the aid of swords and bombs.

"Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy that it cannot hear." (Isa. 59:1)

"Who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?" (1 Peter 3:13)

"Resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also." (Matt. 5:39)

"When a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him." (Proverbs 16:7)

All churches denounce war as un-Christian, while condoning the participation in war by their members when war comes.

When the great truth (perhaps the greatest of all) that God's love is the greatest protection and power in the universe, was being lost in all the churches (except in a few small groups: Quakers, Mennonites, Brethren, etc.), God permitted a non-Christian to gather up this fragment in his unique basket.

Gandhi has put to shame much of the loud claims from the so-called "Christian" churches that they have The Truth or the "Full" Gospel. He proved to a doubting church that the love for God and man, outlined by Christ in the Sermon on the Mount, is more powerful than armies or empires.

But seeing is not always believing. The church in general still refuses to exchange its trust in the sword for trust in the naked word of God, and thus becomes an accomplice in the crime of war.

Perhaps the great revival campaigns now sweeping America with faith in His power to heal will some day be used of God to strengthen our faith in His power to protect, as well. He has promised both.

There is yet no perfect denomination. There is yet no "Full Gospel" church. Christ is the only perfect One, and the only one with all the fulness of God.

"For whosoever shall keep the whole law and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.

"For he that said Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law." (James 2:10-11)

We do not have unity or the full Gospel because we do not have love, for God is Love.

"What (then) shall we do?"

Repent or perish.

"Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things?

I tell you, Nay: but except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." (Luke 13:2-3)

The only place where unity will be found is on the common ground of repentance. "God have mercy on me, a sinner" must be our universal cry instead of the pious prayer: "I thank God that I am not as other men."

"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." (John 13:35)

"We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren." (1 John 3:14)

VICTORY IN JESUS

"If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me. (Luke 9:23)

"To cure mankind, we must conquer matter; to conquer matter, we need faith; to get faith, we must learn to die daily: and to learn this, we must go with Jesus through His crucifixion."

"We learn to remove our inner mountains of care, concern, and taking thought. The name of the first mountain is "fear of failure." - Fritz Kunkel in *Creation Continues*, Pp. 229, 230.

Before we can cast out demons in others, we must first cast out the demons within ourselves. Not ask God to cast them out, but cast them out ourselves, in Jesus' name and by the power of God.

"Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you." (Luke 10:19)

"He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." (John 14:12)

I cast out the demons of fear, resentment, jealousy, inferiority, ego. I say, "Depart," "Get thee hence," "In the name of Jesus."

The steps to victory over fear of failure (really fear of ridicule, shame—hence pride) are:

1. Never 'swear.' Never state what you are going to do, except you add, "If the Lord wills." (James 4:13-16) This removes all fear of ridicule for starting to do something and being "not able to finish it." (Luke 14:28-30)

2. Never buy or contract for anything until you have the money to pay for it in full.

"Owe no man anything." (Rom. 13:8)

"Forgive us our debts." (Matt. 6:12)

This removes the liability of failure to pay, with its threatened disgrace. It also removes all temptation to extend yourself beyond your present capacity, teaches patience and absolute trust in God.

"Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have." (Hebrews 13:5)

3. Be economical and frugal in your desires and purchases, especially for yourself. This removes the danger of future anxiety and remorse should times of leanness come, when otherwise you might worry, "If I hadn't spent so much for "that," I would not now be in want."

4. Learn the "fellowship of His suffering" (Phil. 3:10) and of suffering humanity through fasting. This removes most of the remaining fear of failure or fear of lack of bread. If God wants you to eat, He will provide the day's bread or the means by which you can supply it. If He doesn't, you can fast and rejoice just the same. Fasting is the process of dying. You have learned to "die" daily.

These steps, acquired only through self-discipline and prayer, will remove fear. You have "cast out" a demon, a very powerful one. The next ones should be easier.

You realize that you do have the mastery over matter, that you do live in the Spirit.

"The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." (John 6:63)

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." (II Tim. 1:7)

"If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit." (Gal. 5:25)

Jesus lived in the realm of spirit. His faith was always strong because He knew something we have not yet learned. He knew that matter is subject to spirit, God's Spirit. Spirit controls matter. Spirit made matter, the world and all that's in it. Spirit is a superior realm, a "ruling class" over matter, somewhat as management in business is over labor. When Spirit speaks, matter must obey.

"And God said, Let there be light: and there was light." (Gen. 1:3)

"He spake, and it was done." (Ps. 33:9)

"Arise . . . and she arose straightway." (Luke 8:54-55)

So long as we live "in the world" and "of the world" of matter, we cannot command matter.

When we live "in the spirit" and "walk in the spirit," we can command matter. We, like Jesus, can cast out demons, heal the sick, in His name, of course, and by God's power. For the only spirit that has dominion over matter is the spirit that created matter—God's Spirit.

"Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." (Acts 1:8)

"Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgements because as he is, so are we in this world." (1 John 4:17)

FRUSTRATION ON THE POTOMAC

More than ever Congress in these tense days is living up to its reputation as the Nation's "cave of the winds." On and off the floors of the two houses, members indulge in wild words on all sorts of matters of government policy. Little legislation has so far been enacted. An observer familiar with the ways of Washington might, at this stage in the current session, conclude that with partisan passion running verbal riot as it now is doing, not much legislation ever will grind through the congressional mill. But all this violence of debate, formal and informal, really means little. It is, in fact, the way by which members of the legislative branch of the government seek to compensate for their sense of frustration. And the noisy proceedings on Capitol Hill will not be understood unless this frustration is taken into account.

Under the Constitution of the United States, ours is supposed to be a government of clearly divided powers, with three coordinated branches providing checks and balances for each other. The Founding Fathers, steeped in Aristotle, Locke and Montesque, believed that they were thus providing against too great a concentration of powers in the executive and for the subordination of the military to the civil authority. Congress was granted constitutional duties and powers which it was thought would make it forever the source of all laws and the ultimate arbiter of National policy. Senators and representatives, important figures in their local communities, go to Washington expecting to fulfill these constitutional functions. But they soon find, after they get there, that their control over the most important measures of state is more theoretical than real. They resent being cast in a rubber-stamp role, but they quickly discover that there is not much they can do to escape it. Hence their sense of frustration, which they try to appease by noisy, though largely empty, threats of legislative revolt.

The current hullabaloo over sending American troops to Europe is simply one more example. The Senate — and possibly to a lesser degree the House — will rant and rave over the president's assumption of authority in this vital matter. Before the session ends, however, Congress will approve whatever President Truman, Secretary Marshall and General Eisenhower demand. It will do so because it cannot do anything else. The senators who are now holding forth on executive invasions of the war-making powers of Congress know this. They know that when the decisive vote comes they will have to go along with the decisions which the executive, acting on the advice of the military, has already made. In an issue of this sort Congress has no genuine independence. It takes out its sense of helplessness, therefore, in tall talk.

The perfervid wrangling over executive assumptions of the Senate's treaty-making powers is more of the same. Under the Constitution, the executive negotiates treaties, but the Senate must ratify them before they go into effect. In actuality, however, the growing practice of making executive agreements with other governments has all but emptied of meaning the Senate's participation in foreign relations. President Roosevelt carried this development to previously undreamed-of lengths during the war. The precedents which he established then are being continued in this period of at least theoretical peace. Accordingly, strident demands arise from Congress for reassurance as to what promises the executive may have made to our allies in the North Atlantic military alliance. Before long we expect to hear as loud demands for reassurance concerning the promises made to France regarding help to Indo-China. These assurances are given, but so slippery is diplomatic language that no matter what Secretary Acheson tells his congressional inquisitors, Congress is not reassured. Yet the Senate knows it can really do nothing. As a result, more loud talk which changes the realities of the situation not at all.

So it goes in all fields of government action. Under the Constitution, Congress remains the law-making branch, and therefore might be thought to be the actual governing body in Washington. Thousands of classes in the nation's schools are still being taught that this is so. Yet in reality it is not so. The real centers of autho-

rity in Washington are three — the White House, the Pentagon, and the administrative agencies. Not one of the three is to be found in the Capitol.

Aside from the check which remains in the provision that Congress must enact appropriation bills — a check which, as has been said, constantly diminishes in actuality — the White House has almost no limitations left on its exercise of power. The President, appealing to his authority as Commander in Chief, now claims almost un-limited war-making powers. By executive agreements with foreign governments he continually bypasses limitations over his control of foreign policy. The Vatican embassy has given public demonstration to the way in which he can, and frequently does, ignore the constitutional provision for Senate participation in the appointment of ambassadors. Two years ago he claimed implied powers to intervene in labor disputes by drafting striking railways workers. Even in financial matters, he now demands and receives secret funds which he distributes without congressional check. The President of the United States thus has accumulated far more power than any other head of a supposedly democratic government on earth. Once in a long while Congress tries to stand up against this current of growing executive power. The last instance came in the revolt against President Roosevelt's Supreme Court-packing plan. But such occasional revolts do not alter the general trend. That is toward investing the President with ever accumulating powers.

The Pentagon has become almost a law unto itself. Each new crisis in our international relation adds to its freedom from civilian control. In this session it is demanding astronomical sums of Congress without giving more than the haziest suggestions as to how it intends to use the money. Every member of Congress knows, moreover, that after these enormous appropriations have been voted the Pentagon will be back before the session ends, with demands for many more billions in supplemental appropriations. If any significant body of Congressmen dare to question the Pentagon's demands, it has only to fling out the magic word "security" and the opposition collapses. The prospect of a permanent military establishment of great size at last confronts the republic with a permanent military caste—the very thing which the Founding Fathers were most determined to prevent. Not only is the defense department for the first time in our history headed by a professional military man, but the fate of Louis Johnson is a reminder of what will now happen to a civilian who tries to impose his authority on the Pentagon. From now on, civilians in the Pentagon will be tolerated only if they understand that they are there to do as the generals and admirals tell them.

As for the administrative agencies—Washington's "alphabet soup"—they proliferate endlessly and accumulate authority all the time. Whence come the laws which actually rule American life today? Business men have long known that they come from the tens of thousands of executive regulations which pour out of the administrative agencies. Now the rank and file of our citizens will be taught the same lesson. Wage and price controls will not let them forget this, and these are only a start in the flood of administrative regulations which are to be expected now that we are heading into another war crisis. Does Congress have no control over these agencies? Well, it must appropriate their running expenses, to be sure. But ask any candid congressman how much control this is in actual practice. Ultimate power, of course, inheres in the President who sets up these agencies. To that extent, the growth of the authority of the regulatory agencies is a growth of White House authority. Working together, White House and alphabetical bodies constitute a government which is virtually independent of Congress.

What all this means is that the theory of the United States government, as embedded in the federal Constitution, is one thing; its actual working is something far different. As our drift into the conditions of a militarized state continues this divergence will become ever more marked. Congress is headed towards becoming as vestigial as was the Roman Senate under the Caesars. Is there anything that can be done about it?

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"He Sent His Word and Healed Them." Ps. 107:20.

GOD HEALS BY HIS WORD

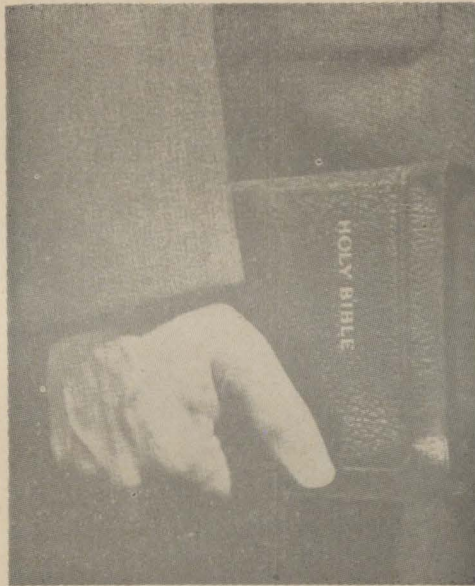
Jesus healed the sick, stilled the tempest, raised the dead, with His WORD! Not with a look or a touch or a prayer, though sometimes these were also used. But in almost every recorded healing He spoke a WORD and, when obeyed, the work was done.

"He cast out the spirits with His WORD." Matt. 8:16. "Arise, and walk." Matt. 9:5. "Be thou clean." Matt. 8:3. "Go thy way, thy son liveth." John 4:50. "Thy faith hath made the whole." Matt. 9:22. "The WORD was with God." John 1:1. And without Him was not anything made that was made." John 1:3. "He spake and it was done." Ps. 33:9. "The WORD was made flesh and dwelt among us." John 1:14. "Speak the WORD only and my servant shall be healed." Matt. 8:8. "The WORDS that I speak are life." John 6:63.

If you want God's forgiveness, God's healing, or God's power — you will find them in and receive them through — the WORD.

Don't rely on some minister's faith, or your faith, some elusive thing called "faith" that you have or don't have, but rely upon the WORD!

What is faith? Faith is confidence in God that He will do what He said — con-



fidence in His WORD. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Heb. 11:1.

Faith is not some mysterious thing in you. It is believing God's WORD, to the extent that you are willing to trust yourself on His promises and obey His commands.

How do we get faith? "Faith cometh by hearing by the WORD of God." Rom. 10:17.

Many people are wishing for faith, praying for faith, trying to pump up their faith; when they should be reading His WORD—feasting on it, digesting it, until they believe it and are willing to obey it.

Some people think they should get things from God merely by loving Him. Without obedience, so-called love is sentimental mockery.

"If a man love me he will keep my WORDS." John 14:23. "Whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight." 1 John 3:22.

If your faith is weak, examine your obedience. When you love Him enough and trust Him enough to obey the commands in His WORD, you will have enough faith to be saved or healed or receive His other promised blessings.

"When we walk with the Lord,
In the light of His Word,
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will,
He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust
and obey.

—Hymn, J. H. Sammis.

Obedience is the test of faith, the proof of love.

LOOK UP!

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ing all that were oppressed of the devil." (Acts 10:38.)

Nationalism

Most of the people in the world are prisoners behind the walls of national patriotism and blind militarism. The imprisonment is encouraged — nay, enforced — by governments for reasons of pride, profit and power. The Iron Curtain around Russia is not the only impregnable wall surrounding nations. The so-called democracies are also guilty here.

This explains the impotency of the United Nations. Its delegates are not yet world citizens with allegiance to humanity and to God. They still think and act in terms of national interest and expediency.

Free!

How free men would be if they could look up — up above these imprisoning walls of denomination, race and nation — and see and enter into the freedom that Christ died to bring them: the Kingdom of Heaven on earth — here and now!

Picture for a moment what it would do

to our churches. With the narrow, competitive walls broken down, no longer would there be a different church on each corner of the block, each proclaiming its own partial truth as THE Truth. One church in the neighborhood would be sufficient and it would matter little which church got there first.

For when we are willing to be honest with ourselves, free from the surrounding walls, we must admit that there is little difference in the actions of church members during the week, regardless of their differences of opinion on Sunday.

Free!

And just there to think what would happen if we could break out of our imprisonment to racial prejudice!

In the South, a great moral and financial burden would immediately be lifted from our hearts, permitting us to straighten up — free! No longer would we be compelled to keep up our dual systems of church, school and transportation with their double expense. No longer would we have to watch ourselves every minute to make sure we did not step over the iron-clad rules of segregation which we have imposed upon ourselves.

Free, at last, to judge a man as God

judges him — on the basis of character rather than color.

Free!

And picture if you can the tremendous burden that would roll off our backs if we could see over and break over the steel wall of helmets and bombs that confine us to selfish nationalism.

What price we pay to worship America, or England, or Russia, instead of God!

If our nationalistic barriers were torn down and all men acknowledged as our brothers, immediately all need for spending billions for armament would cease. Imagine what good things to eat and wear and enjoy could be bought for the world's hungry, with the untold billions now spent on weapons of death!

Selfish trade barriers would crumble, military alliances and pacts fade away. A starving baby in India would be as important (as it is in God's eyes) as the baby across the street.

Free!

These things are just a part of the good things God has in store for His people as soon as they will dare to break out from

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The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord. Luke 4:18, 19.

I would like you to go back with me tonight to the little city of Nazareth. It is the Sabbath day and the worshippers have gathered in the sacred confines of the synagogue. Suddenly the Master walks in. The ruler or elder quickly picks up the scroll of Isaiah's prophecy and hands it to Him.

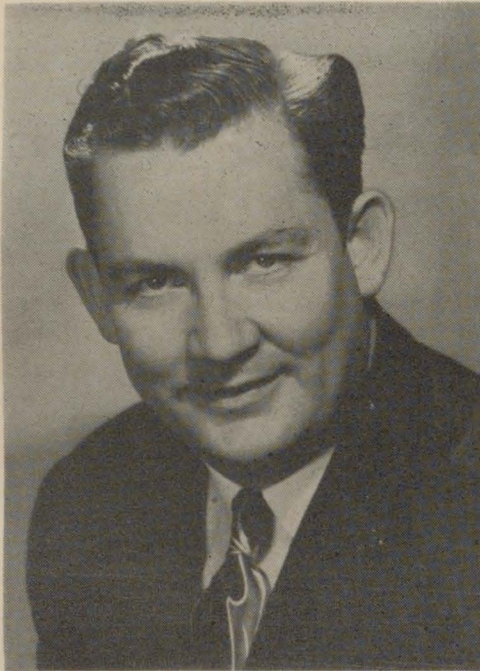
The Master looks out over the congregation as He begins to read. Many of them are people He has known throughout His lifetime. But of late a fame had spread about this Nazarene, and a strange feeling comes over them as they hear Him say, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor. . . ."

All eyes were fastened upon Him as He finished and sat down. He began to say unto them, "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears."

I think this is one of the most dynamic portions of the Word of God. It is the portion that brought courage to my heart when I stood in the valley of decision, some months ago, wondering just what would happen if I stepped out on what I felt was the direct call of God. After many days and weeks of prayer and seeking the face of Almighty God, this Scripture gripped my heart. I saw that if we have the same power that the Son of God had, we will be able to do the same mighty works that He did.

Jesus Christ stood and made no claim of the various gifts that He possessed; but there was one claim that He did make, and that claim can be made humbly by all Spirit-filled believers. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me." The Spirit of God that quickens the mortal body, and that wrought miracles in the day of Jesus Christ, is as powerful tonight as He ever was.

Some say, "The days of miracles are over." Let me tell you something. If there ever was an hour in the history of this world when the church of the Lord can arise and expect the miraculous, it is now. Revival is here. The mighty Pentecostal revival that shakes the country from one end to the other is on tonight. Literally hundreds and thousands, with tears streaming down their faces, are coming to Pentecostal altars, crying out for God Almighty to forgive their sin. They are seeing the mighty miracle-working power that delivers the sick from



Evangelist Gayle Jackson

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all manner of disease and drives out demon power. Halleluia! There is no devil in the courts of hell that can stand against the mighty power of the Spirit of God.

Jesus could have said a lot of things, and He could have read a lot of things, but He never could have read anything that would have meant more on this occasion than this portion of the Word of God—"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me." Ah, brother, "It is not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." Not by the might of a great organization. Not by the power of the intellect of mortal. But with the Spirit of Almighty God, the church of Jesus Christ marches on to glorious victory.

We are marching into the greatest day that has ever dawned upon the church of Jesus. I believe that tonight. It is impossible to fathom or measure what God Almighty is about to do for this generation of mankind. We have the power. We have the opportunity. We have that something that will get the job done—the power of the Spirit of God. You don't have to worry and try to discern what gifts you have. If you get the Spirit of God in your heart, the great Administrator of the gifts, He will make a place for you and you will have

some real activity in the body of Christ.

"The Spirit of God is upon me." I can't tell you how many guts I might possess. If I thought I might possess some, it would pay me to be modest enough not to speak of them. But there is one thing that all God's ministers ought to be able to say tonight. They ought to be able to stand before a sin-benighted world, a world that is sinking tonight, a world that has apostatized and drifted far from God, and shout, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me." Hallelujah! I know what it is to try to preach when the Spirit of God isn't on me. I know what it is to stand before suffering mankind with the Spirit of God on me. Let me tell you, there are no failures when the Spirit of God is upon a mortal. It takes courage. You have to step out.

Jesus did not begin His ministry until after the Holy Ghost came upon Him in the form of a dove at the time of His baptizing. Isn't that significant? He never worked a miracle, never preached a sermon, never went out on His ministry of mercy until first the Spirit of God came upon His life; and then He walks to the synagogue of Nazareth and declares to the people, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me." Ah, brother, God can take Spirit-filled illiteracy and make it a means of dynamic power. God can take a worm and thresh a mountain with it. God takes the weak things of this world and confounds the wise. The person that will do exploits for God in this generation is the person who knows that the Spirit of God is upon him, and who dares to claim deliverance for the captives in the human family.

Jesus tells us what the Spirit is on Him for. He says, "Th Lord hath anointed me to preach." The Bible says that the Holy Ghost made a preacher out of Jesus Christ. If He did it for Jesus, He will do it for you and me.

He says, "He hath anointed me to preach the gospel." Now we appreciate music. That was beautiful music tonight. The great revival tents are almost like cathedrals, with their organs and music, but it isn't music that draws the crowds. The revival that is on tonight is a revival of the preached Word of God, and we see thousands coming. It seems we can't run them off. They will pack the tent and stand around it. The people stand for an hour and fifteen or twenty minutes, night after night, as we preach the Word of Almighty God. Without a song or much of an invitation, we only need to open the gate and here they run to the invisible cross of Jesus Christ to find pardon and deliverance from the sins that bind them.

SPIRIT OF THE LORD

Wayle Jackson

Jesus says, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor." Oh, how the world needs the gospel tonight.

When I started in my meetings across the country with the large tent, somebody said to me: "Brother Jackson, you will never be able to carry on mass evangelism and preach the Baptism of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues. You'll not be able to do it. You will be able to preach Salvation. You will be able to preach the Second Coming. But you will not be able to preach the Baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues." I went before God in Biloxi, Mississippi, during one of my campaigns, and prayed until I almost fell on the platform of a night as I would speak. God showed me that He would baptize men and women with the Spirit of God. I don't know if it was a vision, or what it was, but it seemed that I could see men and women as far as I could look. They seemed to be coming up a hillside. God said, "I will baptize them by the hundreds with the Holy Ghost, and that with power."

God said, "You shall lay your hands upon them and they will receive the Holy Ghost instantly." I told the audience in Biloxi what God had told me He was going to do. We moved from Biloxi to the next meeting. One night the mighty power of God fell, and 1,500 men and women came rushing to the front to be filled with the Spirit of God. The mighty receiving meeting was on, and that night 500 men and women were baptized in the Holy Ghost. Every one of them spoke in tongues and glorified God. They were lying there all over the hillside. God had fulfilled the vision He had given me.

If you preach the miraculous gospel of Christ you don't have to worry whether God will vindicate His Word and stand behind it. God is anxious to prove His Word. When I was just a boy preacher, I had an idea that the disciples went out sort of weak and trembling-like and stood amazed as the miracles began to happen. But now I know better. When I began to claim the promise and the power, and to shout to America that God Almighty had anointed me to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, I stood amazed when the miraculous did not take place. Somehow the Word of God builds faith in your soul. You believe the miraculous. You expect the miraculous. It becomes a part of you. It takes hold of you. You just have no doubts and no fears, and that is exactly what brings the mirac-

ulous to pass. This gospel of deliverance is a part of my life.

I maintain tonight that the ministry of the church of 1900 years ago is the ministry that we ought to be enjoying right now. I believe it because the Bible says, "In the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh." Acts 2:17. Joel in his prophecy said, "It shall come to pass afterward," but when Peter quoted Joel he said, "It shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh." What God promised is bound to come to pass; there *must* be a Holy Ghost revival in America. These

"O God, send us a revival without fanaticism if You can, but if not, in any case send us a revival," John Wesley prayed. Only men bent on revival can pray that prayer. Many fundamental leaders would tolerate sin, but not fanaticism. But it is a fact of history that there have been few revivals without streaks of wild-fire.—L. E. Maxwell.

meetings where brethren come together and forget what denomination they belong to, are an indication of the mighty revival that is stirring in the hearts of Christians. A revival starts with the Christians, and when Christians are revived they bring the lost to Christ. I have read about revivals—but I'll be honest; I've never read about anything in history such as I see taking place now. Thank God we have it. The revival is here, right now. The thing that our hearts have always desired is here. God's mighty Spirit is moving among His people in an unusual way today, with all the apostolic signs and wonders and miracles following. The Bible says, "He whom the Son sets free is free indeed." Don't go around with your head down. You're free tonight. You can look the devil in the face and say, "Get behind me, Satan." I remember the time in my life when I wouldn't dare say that to the devil. I had the idea, like a lot of other people, that if I said anything bad about the devil he would make it harder than ever for me. God Almighty spoke to my heart and I woke up one day to the fact that I stood victor over the thing. My Jesus said, "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give you power to tread on serpents and scorpions . . . and nothing shall by any means hurt you." Glory to God! He that is in you is greater than he that is in this world. The devil is a defeated foe. By the power of the Spirit of God we can place our foot on his ugly neck and claim deliverance. Hallelujah! We are free tonight.

Jesus didn't do miracles alone because He was the divine Son of God. But the water turned to wine, and the sick bodies were made whole, and the lepers were cleansed, and the blind received their sight, because Jesus was anointed with the power of the Holy Ghost. Watch Him as He walks up to the tomb of a man that has been dead three days already now, and a loved one says, "By now, Master, he stinks." But Jesus calls out, "Lazarus, come forth." Thank God, from the grave of three days the dead man arises. Why? The Spirit of God was upon Jesus.

See Him as He stands under the low, sweeping bows of the old olive tree around the corner from the gate of Nain. He hears footsteps and the gruesome noise of mourners. He watches the funeral train as it moves out of the gate of Nain. He sees the broken-hearted mother, and here Jesus moves into action. He lays His hand on the dead boy. There is a flush of the cheek, a twinkle of the eye, and the boy rises up. Jesus says, "Mother, here is your son back." That was my Christ in action by the power of the Holy Ghost. I tell you tonight that the ministry that Jesus Christ enjoyed is ours today by the same power that Jesus Christ had.

But the time came when the job got too big for the Lord alone. So He called twelve and sent them out. Then He called seventy. Finally, just before He left the earth, He called five hundred and said, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me."

When He told the disciples He was about to leave them, they were discouraged. What would they be able to do without Him? Jesus knew what they were thinking, so He said, "Let not your hearts be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me . . . The things that I do shall ye do also."

Then in the same chapter He said "Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son . . . If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter . . . even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you." Oh, yes, He told them He would send them a power, the power of the Holy Ghost. The power to heal the sick; the power to cast out devils; the power to preach the gospel of deliverance; the power to bind up the brokenhearted; the power to declare the acceptable year of the Lord—this power is on me tonight. If a man

has the power of the Holy Ghost in his life, He can expect the same miraculous ministry that Jesus had when He was here. And because we expect it, we see it.

When the day of Pentecost came, the disciples were endued with power from on high. Did it work? Surely it worked. After Peter preached the sermon that turned thousands to Christ, he reached over and got old Brotnar Jonn by the hand and said, "I feel as though I want to go down to the temple and pray awhile." Jonn said, "I believe I'll go along." They marched into the street and down to the temple. A crippled man had been lying at that temple gate for 38 years. He had been there all the time that Jesus was here on earth. Why he didn't get healed I don't know, but he didn't. When Peter and John walked up, the man held out his hand and said, "Give me something." No doubt Peter and John had passed him many times before, but formerly they didn't have what they have now. There is a difference before and after. Don't let the Holy Ghost lie dormant in your soul. Let Him work.

Peter said, "Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I unto you." He had something and he knew it. You don't have to be so modest about what you have. If you have the Spirit's power you have it. If it works, you have something. Why, when old Elijah stood there on the mountainside and the false prophets ripped and ranted all day and prayed to Baal and cut themselves, he said, "I guess your god is off on a vacation. It is about time for the evening sacrifice. Let me do a little praying." He fixed the altar as he wanted it, then looked up to God, and said, "Now God, that the people might know that I am your servant, and that I am doing what you told me to do, send the fire." Praise God, the fire fell. When you get the thing, you know what you have. Peter and John had just received a package from glory labeled the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and power, and they knew it, and that was the antidote against sin and sickness and the devil.

Peter said, "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." Did the crippled man sit there? No. He got up. Why? Because the power of the Holy Ghost was in operation. Things began to happen. The man entered into the temple with them—walking and leaping, and praising God.

I don't blame people for shouting and leaping and praising God when they get born again, when they get set free. I they get healed, when they get set free. I saw a woman jump out of a wheel chair the other night. She was a Methodist. She had been in that wheel chair twelve years. When I prayed for her I said, "Get up and walk." She said, "I'm lame and I can't walk." I said, "Woman, I asked God to loosen your knee." "Oh," she said, "You did?" And she jumped up out of the chair. You see, the woman believed, and faith brought the result. People have a right to shout when something like that takes place.

Every person within the sound of my voice can stand on the great commission in the sixteenth chapter of Mark: "These signs shall follow them that believe." Folks, you can stand on it. You don't have to be a preacher. The promise is to every believer. "These signs shall follow *them that believe*." Now the doubters are not going to get any where. It is *the people that believe*, the people that have the Holy Spirit, the people that use the power of the Holy Spirit.

Friends, it is all supernatural. It is not you. It wasn't the toes of the priests that stepped in the river Jordan, but the Spirit of God, that rolled back the water and let Israel pass over. It wasn't anything in Moses' rod when he held it out over the Red Sea, but the Spirit of God came down and divided the water and they went over on dry land. When they looked back and saw those Egyptian hordes drowned in the sea they began to sing. Old Sister Miriam grabbed the tambourine and began to shout,

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"The horses and riders are drowned in the sea. Glory. Hallelujah. It is all over and we are free." It is the power of the Holy Ghost. There is nothing you can do, except humble yourself, get right with God, live close to Christ, make the consecration, and be sure you are full of the power of the Holy Ghost. Nothing is impossible to the man that is full of the Holy Ghost.

The nearest person I have ever seen to death was the woman I saw the night before last. They carried the woman by the healing line. I laid my hands on her head. She was cold. Her face was white. I don't think the woman was dead, but I believe with all my heart that she was dying and nearly dead when they got her there to the meeting that night. I prayed for the woman, and she opened her eyes just a little bit. I said, "Set her down. She'll be all right." They put the woman down, and by the time the prayer line was gone that woman went out of the tent shouting and praising Almighty God.

Listen, friends. The Spirit's power is ours. It is for anybody who believes in God. There is no choice one today that has a monopoly on God's power. I repeat it, it is the power of the Holy Ghost, the Administrator of divine gifts. If you have His power in you, He will bring forth the divine manifestation of that gift at the necessary hour to meet the opposing power of darkness, whatever it may be. Let us stay full of the power of Almighty God, and the Spirit of God will bring the gifts into action.

LOOK UP!

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the walls they have allowed to be built around them. Also are freedom from sin, despair, frustration, hate, killing, guilt. — The freedom of Love and Joy and Peace!

Is it any wonder that the Gospel was called "Good News"?

"Fear not, for I bring you good tidings of great joy." Luke 2:10.

"The dayspring from on high hath visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace." (Luke 1: 78-79.)

The Israelites, living in fear and starvation behind the walls they had themselves erected, little knew that if they had stepped out from behind those high walls their enemies would have disappeared. (II Kings 7:3-10).

It remained for four lepers to take the chance. To their surprise they found that God had literally "fought for them" (Exodus 14:14), and that instead of death there awaited life and food and freedom! The enemy had fled!

Glad Tidings!

After they had satisfied their own hunger they went back to tell those shut up in the city that out here was food and raiment — everything the prisoners needed. "This is the day of glad tidings" (II Kings 7:9).

The King in Samaria thought it was just a trick. "They know that we be hungry; therefore they are gone out of the camp to hide themselves in the field, saying, When they come out of the city we shall catch them alive, and get into the city" (II Kings 7:12). He sent out spies to investigate.

Many ministers and many people think these good things promised in Christ's Kingdom are not for us today. And that the claiming of them by some evangelists is but a trick to get them out of their places. But they are hungry and they are venturing out to see.

Look Up!

The freedom and joy of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth — here, now — await all who will dare to break out from behind the walls of imprisonment and death, and accept freedom and life! "This is a day of glad tidings." Good News is here! Now!

Come out from behind your prison walls! Come out where there provisions for your need. God is a good God. "He careth for you." But you'll have to prefer freedom to prison before He can bring you into abundance. You must dare to leave these walls behind if you want His peace and plenty.

"Look up and lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh." (Luke 21:28.)

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS WITHIN YOU

Many people read the Gospels as they would watch a play, as a spectator. Some attempt to participate in the unfolding drama; identifying themselves with the doubting disciples, impetuous Peter, the blind man, the Pharisees, or, at times, with Jesus Himself.

Let me urge you to re-read the Gospels with the realization that this story is re-enacted in the heart of everyone who comes in contact with Jesus. The action takes place and all the characters play their parts — within *you*. Your heart is the stage rather than Galilee. YOU are the world He came into to save.

The Virgin Birth

When Jesus is born in the human heart it is a Virgin Birth. This Holy Thing in you is born of the Holy Spirit. Neither you nor your intellect was its Father. Men rebel at the birth of Jesus in them because they rebel at anything in their life which they have not "fathered", reasoned out, planned, initiated.

But God is able to convince us to accept Jesus in our hearts, in spite of our reason and our pride, just as He persuaded Joseph to accept the Child that he had not fathered. (Matt. 1:18-25.)

Jesus grows up in your heart, increasing in stature and influence and favor. (Luke 2:52). Then comes the day you lay down your objections and doubts and accept this Jesus as your saviour—the Messiah. (John 1:29-36) You are baptized in the Jordan by some John the Baptist. (Matt. 3:13-17) You are faced with the challenge that Jesus faced in the wilderness: the challenge of no longer being ruled by Bread or Popularity or by the World. (Matt. 4:1-11)

His presence works great changes in your life. You move out of the narrow confines of the past into the broad streams of the future, as He left Nazareth and dwelt at Capernaum. (Matt. 4:12-17)

Life has a new zest, as did the wine at Cana. John 2:1-11) Unclean things are cleansed, even as the leper. (Matt. 8:1-4) Withered talents are renewed, as was the man's hand. (Mark 3:1-5) You are loosed from evil habits, as was the woman bound 18 years by Satan. (Luke 13:11-17) Though in many ways you have been blind, now you can see. (John 9:1-25) Even your dead hopes come back to life, as did the daughter of Jarius. (Mark 5:22-43)

Mount of Transfiguration

Eventually some mountain-top experience causes your allegiance to church creeds and doctrines and denominations to fade out and you see "Jesus Only" as the One to whom you must listen and obey. And it is "Good To Be Here." (Matt. 17:1-8)

But, alas, the very next day, perhaps, you are confronted with demons within you

that you are unable to cast out, demons of jealousy, anger, lust. You have not prayed and fasted. (Matt. 17:14-21.)

Opposition

The Christ within does not grow without struggle and opposition. The Pharisees: our Ego and Pride and stubborn Will, are aroused. Their authority is threatened. They argue and ridicule and criticize. (Matt. 15:1-9) Life is not always peaceful, but a "division". (Luke 12:49-51) One day we are on the mountain top with Him (Luke 6:12-16), the next in the plain, struggling with a multitude of mixed emotions and hungers, doubts and fears. (Luke 6:17-19)

Two little boys, brothers, were fighting one day, the older beating up the younger. When separated, the older boy explained what a terrible little brother he had. When asked, "But don't you really love your brother?" he responded, "Well, sure I love him as a brother, but personally I don't think much of him."

Triumphal Entry

Then comes another crisis when it seems that the battle is over, the Victory is won. You throw the gates of your heart open, He marches in as King of Kings. (Matt. 21:1-11) He cleanses "the temple", casts out the money changers — your desire for "things." (Matt. 21:12-13) Your heart sings "Hallelujah".

But, again alas, you realize that your life is as barren of fruit and your faith as "withered" as the fig tree He cursed (Matt. 21:17-20) There ensues great debates in your mind over what would happen if He were to rule your life as King.

The question of war brings up all the arguments for "allegiance to Caesar". (Matt. 22:15-22) The ever-present problems of marriage bring arguments for divorce and freedom. (Matt. 22:23-33) Social and world conditions make you ask whether the Negro, the Russian or the Chinese is your neighbor? (Luke 10:29-37) Just when it seems that He has won every argument, something in us — our lust or pride or fear — betrays Him. (Matt. 26:46-49)

Crucified

We crucify Him, darkness covers us. (Matt. 27:35-50) We weep in despair. Then one day, early in the morning, we slip back to the place. Our heart is a tomb, a great weight upon it. Who will roll away the stone? (Mark 16:1-3)

He Is Risen

And, lo, even as we ask, the stone is gone. (Mark 16:4) He is alive in us again! We rejoice and sing. (Matt. 28:8-10) But still we are afraid as we face life's situations, even as the disciples were "behind closed doors for fear" after the first Easter. (John 20:19) The Pharisees are still hounding us.

Pentacost

Then comes perhaps the most important day in our lives. After much prayer that we can have complete and permanent Victory, that we can be "in one accord", can be completely whole and Holy, our day of Pentacost arrives (Acts 2:1-4)

His greatest Gift: His Holy Spirit, Himself — He sends back to us. We are filled, immersed, in His love and power. The Pharisees: Ego, Pride, Will, are at last converted. (Acts 2:37-41) We are Won, and ONE!

Power

We receive what we have sought all our lives; we are at last true Sons of God. We walk the earth, not as a worm, not as a feeble failure; we walk and talk and think and act and pray as His Son!

On the Day of Pentacost not one Son of God walked the streets of Jerusalem, but 3,000 Sons of God! Not one miracle-worker, but 3,000! Not one Christ, but 3,000! (Acts 2:41) No wonder they "turned the world upside down", (Acts 17:6) What could 3,000 or 3,000,000 Sons of God do with the world today!

We should have them instead of millions of feeble "church members."

Victory in Jesus

The play is over, the journey ended, the Victory won. You are at last what God has been trying since Adam to make man: His Son; living for one purpose: to win all men to Sonship. (John 10:34-36; John 14:12-13)

"The dayspring from on high hath visited us, to bring light to them that sit in darkness and the shadow of death; to guide our feet into the ways of peace." (Luke 1:78-79)

"Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." (Matt. 4:17)

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When the Korean War begins to move towards an indecisive conclusion, we can expect a whole new set of psychological and emotional drives to be set up to keep the America thinking in line with present political and military policies. There will be much effort to prevent the growth of "dangerous public apathy." We will be told that we are still in mortal danger, that only the first round with Russia is over, that we must be ready for greater threats, greater future wars. The military extremists in and out of uniform will be the loudest in this view but all more or less will be forced to subscribe to it, or bear the stigma of apathy and indifference.

Three decisive elements in our present situation and the struggle with communism are being generally overlooked in the hasty, jumpy and often inadequate judgement that has seemed to characterize American military and political policy. There is continued substantial evidence: *FIRST*, that Russia does not plan a military attack against this country or any of our really vital areas of interest. *SECOND*, that the conflict between democracy and communism will inevitably be resolved by the long processes of history, as most great struggles are resolved, and in the end will be determined by the moral and spiritual elements that make for the enduring strength and influence of either system. *THIRD*, that America faces far more dangers of losing this long struggle through internal weakness and failures than from any military onslaught against America from without.

We cannot urge too strongly that these three points be fixed in our minds, for understanding the events of coming months will greatly depend on keeping this perspective.

While much press and radio reporting plays up the war-scare headlines, *Between The Lines* tries to monitor the news objectively, maintaining sources of information that provide authoritative support of the three vital points of perspective we have just outlined and which have been the guideposts for our reporting and forecasts for years. In the past weeks many developments have supported this more wholesome, sane, hopeful view. For example, Congressman Rayburn, speaker of the House, made big headlines on April 10 when he said the Russians were massing "here and there and everywhere," using this so-called news as a whip lash to promote the Universal Military Training law. *But when curious newsmen questioned the Pentagon and other sources of information, such as UP and AP contacts abroad, they found the reports false,—and that troop movements were no more than ordinary at this time of year.* (Incidentally, almost every spring since 1947 the usual spring military maneuvers that both Russia and the U. S. engage in have been played up as "mobilization threats.") In this last instance even the Pentagon said that, while it was true that Soviet was building up its power—just as we are,—there were no signs of any massing of troops in Manchuria or anywhere else. (Washington Post, April 10.) Drew Middleton, noted N. Y. Times observer, after interviewing the leading authorities on Russia in European capitals, reported (N. Y. Times, March 27) the consensus of opinion to be that Communist leaders feel that war with the U. S. would upset the inevitable trends of history which the Communists religiously believe will bring the collapse of capitalistic democracy and the victory of communism. Mr. Middleton said it was believed that a Russian military attack could not be carried out against the U. S. or any major power without a prolonged period of re-indoctrination along distinctly contrary lines than now exist in the Soviet mass psychology. The rulers of the Soviet Union show no sign of any such deviation of policy. With the Soviet leaders now compelled to bend all energies toward overcoming the widely acknowledged unrest among the war-weary impoverished people of Russia and satellite countries, such a shift towards the promotion of war as a national policy would be most unlikely if not impossible,—say Europe's leading authorities on Soviet policy.

Fresh Reports also keep reaching this country that many long-range Soviet projects are being started for rebuilding the ruralurban

economy, rehabilitation of land areas and great new hydro-electric developments, etc., which would simply make a full scale war effort impossible, and that Soviet manpower is being distinctly and obviously turned toward these projects rather than toward the huge military buildup that would be required in expectation of major war. In this connection Admiral Kirk, American ambassador to Russia, issued a statement recently that there were no signs of unusual troop movements or extra recruits being drawn into the armed forces, no drive to build bomb shelters even in the largest and most vulnerable cities.

The N. Y. Herald Tribune recently published a review of the opinions of American diplomats in the satellite countries on the prospects of war. Two reasons were given for the belief that war was most unlikely: *First*, that the industrial aims of the satellite countries, aims foisted upon them by the Moscow tyrants, have fallen flat, and it is widely admitted that the industrial picture is going from bad to worse, that weakness rather than strength had come with Soviet domination. *Second*, that because of these conditions, unrest and discontent both among the industrial workers and state industrial managers was growing and that Communist party politics had made shambles of worker-management cooperation. New York and Washington papers (but few others) have reported unrest, rebellion and revival of nationalism in Rumania, Czechoslovakia and elsewhere. *Even Congress has been told of anti-Reds in the Russian army, of the anti-Communist underground movement which had penetrated deep into the Soviet military command.* Dr. Lev. E. Dobriansky, Georgetown University professor and president of the Ukrainian Congress of America, reported he was in constant contact with such underground groups and that the desire for freedom among the Russian people was the most powerful atom bomb we have. Even this highly authoritative and encouraging report was ignored by most press and radio and tossed aside by the drum beaters in and out of Congress.

Surveys of the breakdown in Western Europe of the Communist Party program and discipline have been published by both the AP and UP. Only by extensive party purges have the Reds of Italy and France been able to close their ranks. These failures of the Communists to put over the party program among the workers of non-Communist Europe have become so notorious that authentic reports have been circulated in the UN that the whole Moscow-directed Communist policy in Europe is now undergoing change. (See UN World for May.) The party line has been to promote strikes, riots and general disorder, a tactic which failed, embittering the workers against the Reds instead of enlisting them. The new Communist line just now being implemented is for the Reds to be "good fellows," cooperate with all production schedules, take active part in all public improvement programs; the aim is to win the cooperation and loyalty of the workers towards the party leadership so that in the coming periods of economic distress, upon which the Reds are so desperately counting as the door to their success, the Communist leadership will have regained the grip it won during the resistance days of the war, but lost after the war. UN spokesmen who have intimate ties with the workers' organizations of Europe say that this new twist is the reluctant but realistic recognition by Stalin of the success of the Marshall Plan in rehabilitating the economy of Europe. *The big question now, emphasize the UN officials, is whether the rearmament drive which the U. S. is pushing upon Europe will drain away the encouraging gains the Marshall Plan accomplished and return Europe to such poverty levels as will fulfill the Communist expectations.*

THE CHURCH IN RUSSIA

As we have often pointed out, none deny that the Christian church is still vigorously alive and at work in Russia and that the Christian movement everywhere behind the iron curtain is one of the most powerful forces for the liberation of the people enslaved by the Red tyrants. Bishop Nathanael Lvov, prelate of the country, gave in numerous addresses a picture of the growth of the underground movements of the church in Russia. In many cities where he spoke to the Russian congregation, he told of the re-surgent power of the Christian movement which, "having lost its external possessions had not lost its grip on the love and loyalty of the Russian people." The bishop described how the church had

been forced to cooperate outwardly with the politbureau and in return had received aid in rebuilding the destroyed churches, etc. But he decried these outer signs of cooperation as "false and deceptive," maintaining that the real church is underground and its power constantly extending. The editor of *Between The Lines* interviewed the bishop in Seattle where the newspapers, as in most cities, gave only brief notices of these highly informative reports of the Russian churchman.

An impressive web of evidence indicates that the struggle with communism is not lost, that war is not near nor necessary, and above all is the overwhelming fact that the souls and minds of men are being constantly restored and nourished by the ministry of the church and the teachings of Christ within Russia. It is we who are blinded by the vivid war-scare headlines, deafened by the drum-beating of those who are either victims of the poisonous psychology of war or are selfishly clutching at the promotions to power and profits that war brings, who cannot see God working through the history of our day.

COMMUNISTS WANT PEACE?

Do the above assembled reports mean that Stalin wants peace, that we can now possibly develop friendly relations with the Communists? *NO*. To understand what's happening, we must keep in mind the long range Communist doctrines of world conquest. While the Reds do not want to see their amazing post war gains swallowed up in the holocaust of destruction, which a global war with the U. S. would bring, *there is no evidence that the Kremlin or any of their associated plotters have given up any of their plans to stir up revolutions, civil disorder and even civil war—especially civil war—wherever they can.* In fact, the secret of the Communist plan for conquest as it relates to the use of violence hinges upon the doctrine that the world revolution is to be brought about by the promotion of economic disintegration, civil strife and civil war "with the armed propertyless workers and landless peasants" arising to overthrow and seize power from "the capitalist exploiters." There is no indication that this plan which has worked so successfully is to be abandoned or softened.

This primary doctrine of the promotion of the revolution by civil revolt from within is accompanied by the other basic thesis of the involvement of the great capitalistic power in *this widening perimeter of revolutionary action* so that by this involvement such powers may be drained of blood and resources and the disintegration of the capitalist world further hastened. This whole process was methodically carried out in China, Korea and now the Near East.

When in the face of an upheaval such as we are witnessing, there are only a few individuals of immovable faith, they have to live up to their faith even though they may produce no visible effect upon the course of events. They should believe that their action will produce tangible results in due course.

—MOHANDAS K. GANDHI.

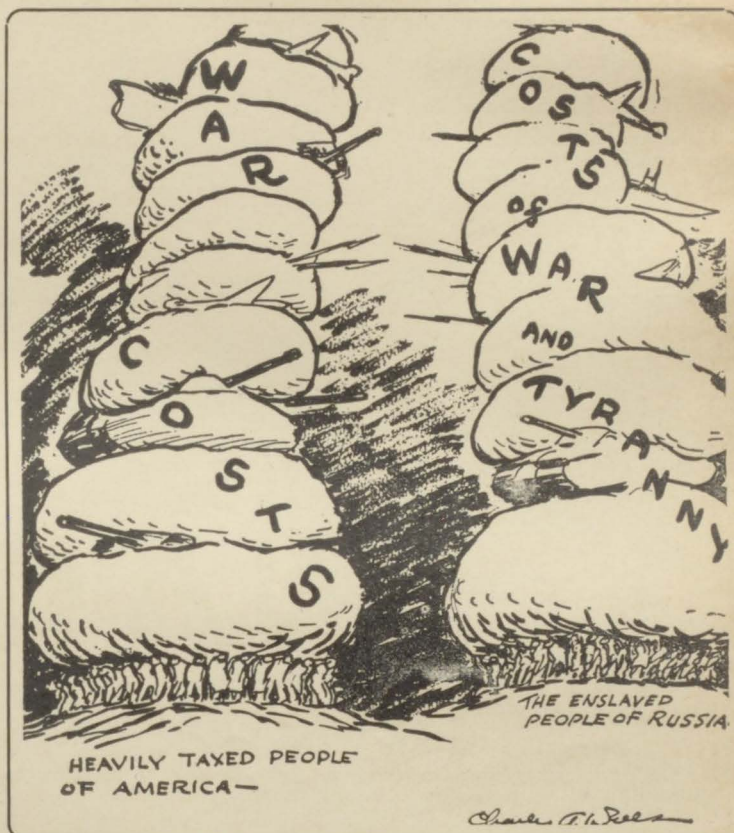
FRUSTRATION ON THE POTOMAC

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Congressional revolts can yield only sporadic and limited results; the general trend towards concentration of power in the executive will go right on. It will go right on, we believe, because no genuine democratic control can be established over a militarized state, and that is what this nation—driven by what we are told are ineluctable historic forces—is becoming. It is this progress towards militarization that the frustrated men on the Potomac are declaiming against on the floors of Congress, even though most of them do not realize it. Until this trend is reversed, Congress will continue to lose power, the White House and the Pentagon to gain it. And power once lost will never be regained without a terrific struggle, even should the tensions which are hastening our militarization be eased or pass away.

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NO WAR — BUT COLLAPSE



Country Preacher Baptizes Thousands

(News as it might have been written if there had been newspapers 1900 years ago.)

Preaching with amazing power and scorching condemnation of sin, an itinerant preacher from the desert is conducting a successful revival on the banks of the Jordan River this week.

Great crowds from Jerusalem and surrounding towns are flocking to the services, and many are being baptized in the muddy river waters.

The evangelist is a plain spoken, austere man dressed in homespun clothes made of camel's hair. It is said that he lives on locusts and wild honey. He is known as John, the.. Baptizer. — The Jerusalem

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were their subjects wise,
Kings would not play at.
—Cowper

Is **PEACE** *A Bad Word?*

The Communists, here and around the world, are waging what the papers call a "peace offensive." As a part of the struggle between Russia and the United States—a psychological part—they are trying to convince the people of the world that Russia and Communism stand for peace and that the United States stands for war. Most Americans reject that propaganda, and oppose the so-called "peace efforts" of the Communists.

But does that make PEACE a bad word? Because the Communists misuse the word, are Americans going to agree that they prefer war?

Some Americans seem to think so. They become suspicious, or even antagonistic, at the mere mention of "peace." Some newspapers have warned their readers to have nothing to do with any peace movement, because it may be "Communist-inspired."

Isn't that rather silly?

Americans do care about peace! Though United States forces are fighting a limited war in Korea, Americans are not resigned to the prospect of a global, atomic war of annihilation!

PEACE is a good word. It is what practically all Americans, and Englishmen, and Russians, and Koreans, want. It's what the world needs if it is not to go through a new Dark Ages.

Real work for PEACE is not part of anybody's cold war. It is part of the ages-long struggle for a decent world for decent people to live in.

Don't be afraid of PEACE. Start working for it today.

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