

Today we see so many Christians who are living a "floating" Christian life. Their lives are in lack of a Scriptural foundation. They do not, or can not vindicate what is REALLY going on around them, according to the criterion of the Word of God.

3. THE COWARDS

This is a group of Christians who know what is right and what is wrong, who see clearly of the doctrinal deviation and spiritual decline of their church, and yet they would not raise a voice for the Lord, in fear that such a stand would bring harm to their own popularity or interests.

They do not dare to speak up for truth. They are scared of their fellow church members, their pastors, and their friends.

Many great denominations which had a glorious spiritual heritage in the past, are now put under the leadership of men with radically liberal theological persuasion, and they are doing everything they can to repudiate their historical faith. Yet the majority of the people in the church would not say a word.

A few months ago I read some reprinted articles of a magazine published by a certain theological seminary in San Francisco which belongs to a well recognized denomination. In this magazine there are articles written by the president, the faculties and the students of the seminary. One by one they openly denied the divinity of Christ, ridiculed His virgin birth and shamelessly advocated immorality and obscene literature!

And what did the denomination do? Nothing! What did the people of the church say? Not a word!

I think one of the weapons that Satan uses to subdue Christian witness is "fear". He timidifies us with fear. We are afraid to stand alone. We would rather hide and identify ourselves with a crowd, regardless whether this crowd is morally and spiritually right or not.

But the Bible says: "Fear not, but believe!" May God give us the holy boldness, that we will be more out-spoken and hold up high the royal banner of Christ!

4. CHRISTIAN HEATHENS

Today there is such a massive group of people who somehow have the name of "Christian" but actually do not believe in a personal God and a Redeeming Saviour.

They simply regard Him as "The man upstairs". During the trip when we travelled around the country last fall, more than once people told us that they are Christians, but felt that they could make heaven without the help of Christ.

They said, "O, I'll do the best I can, and I think I can make it."

My friends, we are not getting the message across. Many are still seeking salvation through works. This world still has to be told that Christ is the only way of salvation.

Besides this, we have what we call the "intellectual" Christian heathens; such as the head-knowledge religion among many learned men today. They have a vague idea about God in their minds, but have never taken Him as a Person, and have never really humbled themselves to receive the living Saviour into their hearts.

Still, we see a more radical form of Christian heathens (or Christian rebels to be more exact), whom we find in many theologians, ministers, and religious educators today. Through their spiritual blindness, they are propagating teachings and doctrines which are entirely contrary to the Bible.

As far as they are concerned, more than half of the Bible is unbelievable; God's creation is a fable, Christ's virgin birth is unscientific, His blood atonement is "slaughter house religion", and the miracles in the Bible are "over exaggerations of natural phenomena".

Take away the supernatural from the Bible and what do we have left? It is not without justice to say that these men are enemies of the true faith. Through their blind leadership, many many people have lost their salvation.

I believe you have read or at least heard, more recently, about the GOD IS DEAD MOVEMENT, which is now fermenting among some of the theological rebels, who unashamedly call themselves Christian atheists---a term which contradicts itself!

We are indeed living in a dangerous age!

5. THE TEMPERAMENTALS

I have found it pretty hard to give a name to this particular fold. This is a group of Christians who are truly saved through the blood of Christ, and also have a desire to live a consistent Christian life. Some of them are even willing to serve God to a certain extent.

But somehow their consistency is always short-lived.

They would come one week full of exhilaration. They are cordial, affable, cooperative and even full of humour. You have every reason to believe that here is a bright and radiant Christian life, that would certainly be a pillar in God's house!

But alas! The next thing you know, you find yourself in the depth of agonizing dissapointment when they show up the very next week; sullen, grouchy, wordless, provocative and slow-motioned. They are like babies who could not stand the slightest environmental test. Any adverse situa-

tion come in their way would upset their whole system.

Whenever there is an inevitable choice on things, they would rather see God's work suffer than that of their own. They are often influenced by their wives, husbands or friends---who unfortunately are often on the faithless side.

In other words, they are not dependable. They are inconsistent. They can not be a pillar in the house of God. They are Christians without backbones.

6. THE OVERCOMERS

And finally, we are happy to say that there are also the OVERCOMERS for Christ! These are the Christians who have the true desire to keep their faith; to stand fast on the side of God; to have a firm determination to be His witness regardless of what sacrifice or price they have to pay.

Whenever a matter of choice arises, they would forgo their own interest, whether it is a personal, family or business matter, and give first priority to the business of God.

Sometimes they may stumble; they may become weak, or they may even for a period of time backslide. But the unyielding faith from within, and the undying love of God from above, will sustain and lift them up again, and carry them on, until the day when God calls them home.

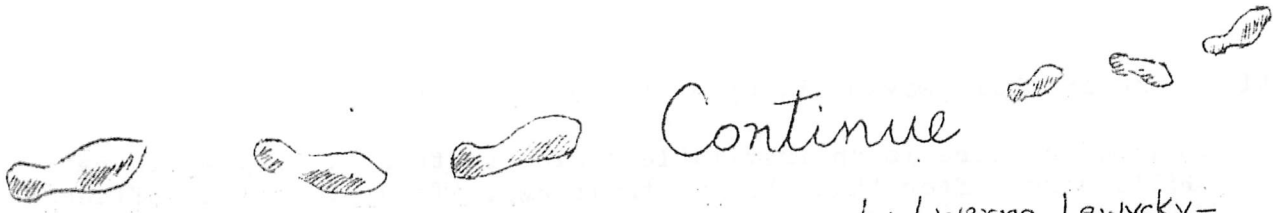
My dear Christian friends, may I ask you a personal question? Which class of Christians would you put yourself? What is your personal situation today before the Lord? Are you backsliding? Is your desire for God cooling down? Is the fire and zeal inside you dying out?

Meditate and pray in your privacy. Pour out your soul before Him, and ask Him to rekindle that precious "first love" which was within you at the time when you first received Him as Lord and Saviour.

May the Spirit of God help you and make you an OVERCOMER that you will be used by Him as a mighty vessel, until the day when you see Him face to face!

Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

(Matthew 24:9-13)



Continue

-by Laverne Lewycky-

The Apostle Paul, (that great, humble and yet bold soldier of the cross of Jesus Christ), exhorted a young pastor, Timothy, in his ministerial work, "But CONTINUE thou in the things which thou hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; and that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures which are able to make thee wise unto SALVATION which is IN CHRIST JESUS. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for DOCTRINE, for REPROOF, for CORRECTION, for INSTRUCTION IN RIGHTEOUSNESS. That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works." II Timothy 3: 14-17. Are you in the same position as Timothy? Can you benefit from this sound advice?

First, the Apostle Paul says CONTINUE in the things that you have learned about Christ, the word CONTINUE implies that you have started to look into the Book of Books --- the BIBLE and are already living in its precepts. If you have not started then you have missed the boat that is leaving the shore of condemnation and sin for the promised heaven. If you have missed the boat there is still time. You must believe on Jesus Christ. "WHOSOEVER shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved," Acts 2:21. But you must call NOW. "Behold, NOW is the accepted time; behold, NOW is the day of salvation." II Corinthians 6:2b. Rest assured there is no other way. Jesus said, "I am the way" John 14:6.

"No there is no escape. There is no heaven with a little of hell in it---no plan to retain this or that of the devil in our hearts or our pockets. Out Satan must go, every hair and feather." We must be saved Jesus' way!

To those of us who have accepted Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour and Lord, the Bible says, "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." John 8:31-2. Free from what? Free from sin and condemnation.

The word CONTINUE as found in two other portions of scripture has blessed my Christian life and growth.

1) Colossians 4:2 - CONTINUE IN PRAYER. If we have not started to pray - woe to us! Not only must we continue in prayer but our prayer must be continual. When we feel like praying, pray, for it would be sinful to neglect so fair an opportunity. Pray when you do not feel like praying for it would be dangerous to remain in so unhealthy a condition.

2) Hebrews 13:1 -LET brotherly LOVE CONTINUE. As a Christian I am to love as a brother. It is difficult to love the unlovely, or the unloving--- but God loves everyone --- are we not to love like God? Yes we are! The next verse in Hebrews 13 says we are even to show hospitality to strangers. The first verse says CONTINUE. Have you started yet? Jesus said, "as the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you. CONTINUE ye in my love." John 15:9

My friends, there is a reward to come! Romans 11:22 "Behold, therefore the goodness...of God...toward thee, goodness, if thou CONTINUE in his goodness." Therefore "Let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Galatians 6:9.

CONTINUE to sow the gospel seed,

CONTINUE to help those in need.

The Lord will uphold us unto the end

If we but CONTINUE to abide in his hand!

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LONGING.

- Sophia Gant-

I need thy presence Lord
Like it used to be.
I need thy power and love;
Give it back to me!

I was so happy then,
In the days gone by.
Give me back my love to Thee,
Things are all awry.

Thy word says dear Lord,
Seek and ye shall find.
How I want sweet peace again
And get settled in my mind.

Thank you Lord, I see it now.
I know just what I lack;
Confess my sins, then Thou wilt cleanse
And lead me safely back.

TWICE-BORN

M. D. G.

Why must we be born twice? What do we mean? "be born again." Over 1900 years ago, Jesus told Nicodemus, "except a man be born again.....and of the Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God."

There is the natural birth of a baby and the spiritual birth of a soul. The Bible describes the natural birth as being "born of the flesh," and to be "born again" is being "born of the Spirit!" "

A baby cannot enter into the world except by being born, so it follows that we cannot enter the spiritual world without being born. In both spheres the way of entry is by birth.

The spiritual man is not just a development of the natural man. He must be twice-born.

The common conception is, that mankind will get better and better, then when righteousness prevails, Christ will return to rule and His Kingdom will come. One has only to glance at world-wide conditions today, to see that that time must be a long way into future.

A man cannot enter the kingdom of heaven by good deeds alone. He needs a second birth. Then his goods are done in the name of Jesus, and they express his love and devotion to Him. Eph.2:8a,9 says "For by grace are ye saved through faith..... NOT OF WORKS lest any man should boast."

In our natural state we are lost. God's Word repeatedly states that man does not seek after God. "There is none that doeth good, no not one." But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags." "If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." But although man does not seek after God, yet He is standing by ever ready to hear the penitents call. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."...."and the blood of Jesus Christ God's son cleanseth us from All sin." "God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." Jesus said "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me." Jh.14:6. In Acts 4:12 "Neither is there salvation in any other: For there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

The book written by Edward Gibbon in 1788, "The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire." sets forth five basic reasons why that great civilization withered and died.

(1) The undermining of the dignity and sanctity of the home, which is

(the basis for human society.

(2) Higher and higher taxes, the spending of public money for free bread and circuses for the populace.

(3) The mad craze for pleasure; sports becoming every year more exciting, more brutal, more immoral.

(4) The building of great armaments when the real enemy was within--- the decay of individual responsibility.

(5) The decay of religion; faith fading into mere form, losing touch with life, losing power to guide the people.

History is surely repeating itself. We can be sure that we are nearing the end of this dispensation. Jesus Christ will soon be coming again, and we need to be "born again".

The End.

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-TOM CHOY-

Sheep

"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness; by whose stripes ye were healed. For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls." I Peters 2:24-25.

I was brought up in a Christian family; my father, my grandmother, my elder brothers and sisters are all Christians. I went to church when I was about five. With such a background I often took it for granted that I was a true Christian.

When I became older I began to doubt about my own belief. I liked to think and question into the core of everything. Then, an internal conflict began within me. I asked myself, "If I am a Christian why then, I find in my life nothing different from those of my non-Christian friends?" I lied as they lied. I cheated in the examinations as they cheated. I was proud as they were proud. Really, I was even worse than they were. In no way I differed from them except my regular attendance in the church. But I professed to be a Christian in front of my non-Christian friends.

Meantime, I often heard other people in the church talking about the truth of "being born again". These two words "born again" struck my mind with gravity. I was confronted with several problems. Am I saved? Am I a born-again Christian? Have I the assurance and experience of being born again? Where shall I go after death? Hell or Heaven? Moreover, Jesus Christ seemed to me a mere historical figure, a great man in history. He was so remote from me that He had nothing to do with me. I could hardly feel any personal relation between Christ and me.

I then began to struggle and fight my way out. I tried to ease my mind by going more frequently to church. I raised my hand in almost every gospel meeting. Ultimately I took Baptism as the means to become a born-again Christian. Actually I was in a state of confusion. The more I struggled the more uneasy my mind became. I failed and failed lamentably.

A brother in the church observed my desperate state and came to me. He spent an hour trying to help me out of my troubles. During our conversation, several of his questions struck me deeply. They were as follows:-

- 1) Have you ever confessed your sins to God personally, directly and unreservedly?
- 2) Have you ever asked Christ Jesus with faith to bear your sins?
- 3) Have you ever opened your heart to Christ and accepted Him as Lord and Saviour?

As he was leaving he said, "Tom, until you have dealt with God personally, you won't have peace."

When I was left alone, my internal conflict reached its climax. I could not help but find a quiet place where I knelt down and prayed earnestly. As I prayed the Holy Spirit revealed my sins without reserve. I found my conduct very abominable in the sight of God. I was wicked in thoughts and deeds behind the sight of others. I was but a nominal Christian. Well, at that very moment a verse in the Bible flashed through my mind, "Who himself bore our sins in His body on the tree" I could almost visualise how Christ was nailed on the Cross. It was not only Christ that was nailed on the Cross but my sins were also there. It was not the iron nails that hanged Him on the Cross; it was my sins that brought Him there. Meantime the peace and joy of repentance and forgiveness flooded into my mind---an experience I had never had before.

From that time onward, my entire attitude towards sin, towards myself and towards God was changed utterly. My soul is uplifted because my burden of sins was taken away. I was no longer the master of myself but Christ is my Lord and Master in my life henceforth. Every day I enjoyed sweet fellowship with Him.

Now I am in Canada, thousands of miles away from my sweet home, but I do not feel lonely because 'He is with me wherever I go.'

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suff'ring and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.

Lord, Give me a chance

TO SAY

by
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Sorry

She was studying when I walked into the main Library .

" Hey , see, I just received my test-papers back. I got over eighty Oh, what a long and tedious test it was. I'm glad I managed to pass it! "

I took out my test-papers---eight pages of them, and waved them in front of her eyes. She tried to smile but she did not look happy. Then she added:

" Ah, you are so proud! "

" I am not proud! " I protested and walked away.

I found an empty desk and sat down with my back facing her. I didn't want to see her.

For at least five minutes I sat in front of my book as senseless as the desk. I could not concentrate my mind to read one single line. My former happiness had deserted me. My mind was all mixed up. I kept asking myself: was that my pride that put me into such a showing off myself, or did I just mean to share my happiness with my sister in Christ? I could not give a definite answer. I tried to argue with that distinct voice inside me. I even tried to blame my sister that she did not appreciate my purpose.

At last, I gave up because I remembered that I had not not said thank you to my Lord--the first person to whom I should share my happiness. Shame and guilt filled my whole being.....

I still remembered two or three years ago I had already dedicated myself, my work and my studying to my Master. Since then He has never, never once let me down. He is always so mindful of me. Twice He had saved my life from great danger, and many times He had guided me through difficulties of all sorts. Yet, now, I have proved myself so negligent of Him.

I remembered how I used to pray for more wisdom before I studied and before I wrote my tests and examinations. I remembered how I truly trusted that Bible verse which says, " In Him are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. "

My Lord has proved Himself faithful and true but not me. I felt as if I had denied Him like Peter and betrayed Him like Judas. I needed Him. I need Him constantly. Because without Him I am but nothing and without Him the greatest happiness will turn to dreadful distress.....

Then I remembered my sister. I wanted to apologise and I wanted to say thank you to her because of the sentence she had spoken to me. I turned around but she had gone!

A Friend for YOU and ME

by
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Dear friends, you may have heard of the corruption of the publicans in the Roman Empire about two thousand years ago. Their duty was to collect revenues for the government. However, a large part of the money went into their pockets instead. In the Bible, publicans are always mentioned as sinners, when one thought of publicans, he would spontaneously associate them with bribery, depravity and sin. They were disgusted and hated by everybody, consequently, none would be willing to make friend with them. But, I would like to draw your attention to a particular publican at that time.

The name of the publican was Zachaeus. As other publicans, he was rich, and it is not hard to imagine how he obtained his wealth. However, we can discover something in him which distinguished him from other publicans--not that he was little in stature, but that he had a seeking heart for Christ. When he heard that Jesus was going to pass through Jerico, he waited by the way that Jesus was going to pass. The crowd that had gathered there made it quite impossible for a short person like him to have a clear view of Jesus: but he was so eager that he climbed up into a sycamore tree, and there he awaited for the appearance of Jesus Christ.

Finally, Christ came to the place. To Zachaeus' great surprise, Christ called him by his name. More unpredictable and incredible was that Jesus promised to abide at his house. He never expected that a sinless person like Jesus would ever offer His friendship to a sinful person like himself in spite of others' criticism. He was moved by the warmth and love that he had never experienced before and he came down from the tree quickly and received Him joyfully. Let us see the miraculous change in Zachaeus after he received Christ. He promised the Lord to offer half of his goods to the poor and to restore people four fold for anything that he had taken from them by false accusation. Do you think that he was foolish to behave like that? No, he was awarded for his repentant heart--Jesus said to him, "This day is salvation come to this house." What is more valuable than a promise like that by the Lord?

So here is one who knows us so well before we have come to know Him; who is extremely willing to offer His friendship and abide with us; who had even sacrificed His own life for our sake! He is willing to become a friend of you and me, and it only depends on whether we are going to receive Him, but how about you?

ARE YOU TIRED OF YOUR LOAD OF SIN?

by
JOHN HO



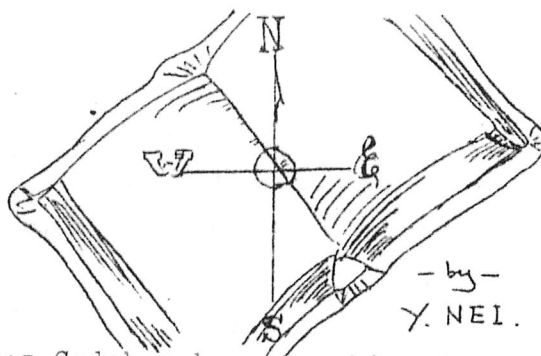
One morning Jesus was at a temple. The High Priests of that temple brought before Jesus a woman who had indulged in adultery. At that time, it was customary of the law that those who committed adultery, should be stoned to death. The High Priests and the people around the temple asked Jesus to pass judgement on the woman. Jesus at first kept quiet but the spectators insisted that the woman should be stoned to death. Jesus finally answered them, " He that is without sin among you, let him first stone at her. " The crowd after hearing Jesus' word, being touched by their own conscience, dispersed one by one. Finally only the woman was left and Jesus looking at her said, " Woman, I do not condemn thee, go and sin no more. "

My fellow readers, Jesus dose not condemn your sins and my sins, although we may be very sinful. We may partake in worldly affairs such as gambling, drinking and practising immoral activities. All of us are living in an evil world! We maybe totally frustrated about life and feel that it is not worth struggling in this world where there are many evil forces around us. However, do not be discouraged; do not take pity on yourself by saying that nobody is able to help you, but remember that no matter how 'bad' we may claim ourselves to be, there is always Jesus who is willing to help us. Jesus came to this world not condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved (John 3:17). John said, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us of our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness " (I John 1:9). Furthmore, He is always singing the welcome song, " Come unto me all ye that labourth and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. " Yes, He invites you and Ito come to Him, to pour out all our load of sins unto His shoulder. He is willing to bear them for you. He promises to restore 'peace' in your heart. If you are earnestly seeking the truth, why not seek Him. Just give a try, kneel down and say, "Father, I am tired of bearing my heavy load of sin, I know that I am very sinful, and I need Thy help. Here I am, Lord, I pour out all my sorrows, Lamentations and frustrations to you. Please take away my heavy burden and restore a real 'Peace' in my heart. "

Be frank, be sincere and God will surely Grant Your request. May God bless you as you come before Him and confess your sins to Him.

OUR

Guide



THE

Bible

Throughout the ages God has been speaking to us by means of the Bible. He reveals to us the sequence of His creation, the wonders of His universe and the greatness of His power. From His word we learn a lot about ourselves. Above all, we see God's plan of salvation for a condemned world. Though the Bible has always been cited as the finest literature in the world, yet its importance does not lie there. It is the Holy Word of God. It is the revelation of God's love for men. It shows us the only way of salvation from sin, the only way we can make peace with God, and the only way to Heaven---the way of the cross. This is why the Bible can be such a powerful force in the lives of those who really surrender themselves to its gospel of grace, lives in the light; share its spirit and seek to follow its principles in every aspect of life.

The Bible consists of 66 books. All these books are related to the Lord Jesus Christ. They reveal God from different points of view. Thirty nine of them were written before Jesus was born. Some of them are poetical, some historical and some doctrinal. This section is called the Old Testament. The Old Testament tells us about God's designs for fallen man. God showed, through one nation, that man cannot strive to attain his own salvation. This nation is the Nation of Israel.

Genesis, the first book of the Bible, set before us the first stage of revelation of this divine purpose. It gives us information about the beginning of the world, of man, and of sin and consequently why man is in need of a Saviour. The first promise of the Saviour was found in Genesis. A Kingdom of God was to be established on earth and this Kingdom was to have a two fold aspect of existence; the kingdom of the Old Covenant and the kingdom of the New. The Jewish nation was to be identified with the first of these two stages of the kingdom. The people of Israel was to be a national and at the same time a religious unit---the only kingdom of God on earth. The second phase of the kingdom was to be different, it was to be born, indeed from the bosom of Israel and its eternal King was to come of Davidic stock, but, being purely spiritual in character. Through the merit of the King--Jesus, the Son of God, the divine sonship of mankind, which had been lost by the Fall of Adam, was restored.

The New Testament is made up by the other twenty seven books of the Bible. It begins with the four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. In these we find the life of Christ as well as His explicit teaching concerning the Kingdom and how to attain it. Besides the gospels the main part of the New Testament is composed of letters to churches by Jesus' disciples. They serve well as a practical guide to Christian life. The book of Acts contains many details of the expansion of the early church. The last book of the New Testament is Revelation. In this book we have a glimpse of what the last day would be.

For one who is unfamiliar with the Bible, the best place to start reading it is not the beginning of the Old Testament, but the beginning of the New Testament. Since the Old Testament is the fore-shadow of the New, it will be helpful to know the accounts of Christ's life, death, resurrection and ascension first. The best place to know Christ is to read the four gospels. In order to get more out of Bible reading, it is advised to use proper aids like Bible Dictionary and Commentary.

In conclusion, the Bible, besides being the teaching of Christ, also tells us about the state of man, God's plan on salvation, the result of sin and the happiness of believers. We can read it to be wise, believe it to be saved and practise it to be holy. Jesus said, "Learn of me and ye shall have peace of soul." So, beloved friends, untold treasure including inner peace for you is found in the Bible. You have only one life to prepare for eternity. Why not start to read the Bible NOW !

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(From page 12)

" Why? It is not time for another class yet! "

I tried to reason out why she quitted her study so soon.

" Is it because she has an appointment, or, is it because she just cannot sit under the same roof and tolerate the pride of a so-called brother in Christ? "

" Have I offended her faith in the Lord because of my poor witnessing? "

These questions rushed into my mind. I could not answer. I was desperate. I really feared that I had offended her faith. I wanted to see her. I wanted Christ to be seen in me again. I must say "sorry" to her.

I walked out of the Library looking for her.....I could not find her!

FOR THE SAKE OF FAITH

by
STEPHEN NG

"Now I would remind you, brethren, in what terms I preached to you in the gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast---unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scripture." (I Cor. 15: 1-3)

We are for the sake of faith. We are for the sake of a Belief. What do we mean by this? What is the Belief? Our Belief is that Christ is the son of God, and is the Saviour of mankind. We also believe, from cover to cover, that the Bible is the word of God and is the only truth. It is the word of God where our belief is derived. It is only from the word of God we find the true meaning of Christianity. It is only from the Bible can we find the means and ways of true salvation. Doing away with the Bible is doing away with Christianity. Taking parts of the Bible is taking parts of the truth. But unfortunately part of the truth is not the truth. In other words, unless we believe the entire Bible from cover to cover we are not believing the truth.

But, nowadays, many greystone churches believe only part of the Bible and they claim themselves to be the church of Christ, they even line themselves up with the churches of the ages. They accept only part of God's word and claim themselves to be the followers of God's way. They do away with portions of the Bible. They even blaspheme the Bible by saying that the Bible is nothing but a book of fairy tales. But unfortunately, blind as they are, they reject the essential truth in Christianity. Take away the truth about Christ being the redeemer of mankind; take away the truth about God's creation; take away the truth of God's judgment; take away God's justice on sin and salvation; take away the complete teaching

of Christ; what have we left? This is not Christianity. This is not the truth.

Nowadays, there are some people who call themselves "theologians" claim to be believers and readers of the Bible. But they reject the truth inside the Bible, they even openly deny Jesus as the Christ, and the only Redeemer of mankind. They line Christ with the past heroes of mankind. Some of these "theologians" even twist the truth of Christianity to suit their own well being, for the sake of their degree thesis, for the sake of their position in the society, in the churches. But sadly enough they are leading others to Hell besides going there themselves. Paul said that they had believed in vain if they ever believed at all.

So, let us Christians, true believers of the Bible, stand fast and firm in our faith and original age old gospel. It is only the old and true gospel that can deal with the age old problem of mankind---SIN. If we do away with the gospel and the teachings of the Bible, we might as well do away with the cross on top of our churches, in front of our altars, or on our vestments. If we still abide with the past symbols of Christianity and believe otherwise we are sheer hypocrites and liars. Let us then be strong by the grace of God to be a true believer and ministers of His gospel.

Notes & News :-

(news and work of Fellowship and Bible Study Groups.....)

A month prior to the first issue of the Fountain questionnaires were sent out to Christian Fellowship and Study Groups, Christian leaders and brothers and sisters in Christ. To date we received a number of the completed questionnaires. The Editorial Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have written us. We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of questionnaires from:-

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Here are some of the encouraging words from our brothers in Christ:-

"The Lord be with you all for His Kingdom. Remember your work in prayer constantly." -- Ted Marr

"My best regards to all the brothers and sisters in Winnipeg." --Wally

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