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For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living FOUNTAINS of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes. (Rev. 7:17)

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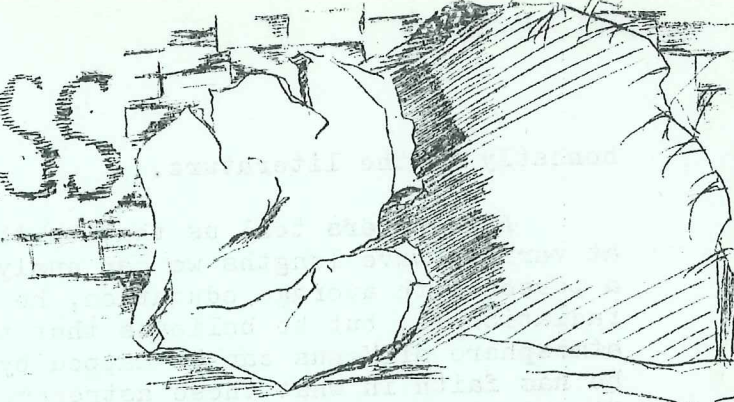
"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." (I Tim. 1:15)

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." (Acts. 4:12)

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DOUBTFULNESS



- EDITOR -

Jesus was pronounced dead two thousand years ago.

Jesus is dead in the hearts of millions of people today.

But in the hearts of those who acknowledge Him as Lord and Saviour, He lives!

Jesus was crucified for our sins, and resurrected to justify us. If Jesus was not resurrected we have nothing to preach to you today. If He is not living today, we are insane because we are telling you about a blasphemer who lived and died insignificantly two thousand years ago, and had no relationship with us whatsoever. If He is not living, the Church to-day would be much better off by up-holding the names of some socially prominent figures than preaching about this man, Jesus. But Jesus is living today! The God we believe is a living God, in whom we can find peace and eternal life.

"In the end of the Sabbath...He is not here: for He is risen, as He said..." (Matt. 28: 1, 6) Jesus had risen; he had overcome death. This resurrected Christ is what we want to tell you today. You may not believe what we say. Even Thomas, one of Jesus' twelve disciples, did not believe when the other ten disciples told him that they had seen the resurrected Christ. It was not that he did not trust what they said, but because deep in his heart there was a slight doubt. He had little faith! He questioned the possibility of such a great miracle. He underestimated the power of God. He did not realize that what Christ had said was to come to pass! He said, "Except I shall see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe." (John 20:25) But when Jesus appeared to His disciples again, He said to Thomas, "Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing...because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed." (John 20: 27, 29)

Dear friends, you may be like Thomas and would not believe anything that you have not seen yourselves. But friends, please don't fall before this false sense of intellectualism! As a matter of fact, people nowadays are believing in many things that they have never had a chance to see or to visualize. If a virologist tells you that an adenovirus appears to be an icosahedral particle about 60-85 mu in diameter under the electron microscope, you will believe him because you trust him as a specialist in viruses. But let me tell you frankly, many virologists have never made a virus preparation and examined it under the electron microscope themselves. However, no virologist would doubt the existence, the shape and the approximate size of an adenovirus. Why? Because they trust those who did study the virus under the electron microscope^{and} have reported their observations

honestly in the literature.

Astronomers tell us that by the use of infra-red detector set at various wave lengths we can analyse the atmosphere of Venus. For a person with average education, he may not even know what infra-red radiation is, but he believes that the temperature of the upper atmosphere of Venus can be mapped by this scientific means because he has faith in what these astronomers have told him. This Jesus, His birth, His ministry, His death, and His resurrection are so clearly recorded in the Bible. This living Christ, His love, His presence, His saving power, have been experienced and witnessed by millions of people throughout the ages, why can't you have faith in Him? If His death and resurrection are not true facts, do you think people would witness for them even under persecutions? If this Jesus is not living today, do you think people would still give their lives for the sake of the Gospel? After His resurrection, Peter, who was so timid and had denied Christ thrice, stood before the multitude and witnessed for Him "Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God...Him, being delivered by the determine counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that He should be holden of it...This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses...Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ." (Acts 2: 22, 23, 24, 32, 36)

Dear friends, there are certainly many facts that can give proof to this resurrection, but we don't want to approach you with cold, high-flown talks. Salvation is prepared for us with all the warmth and love of God. It appeals to the depth of the human heart: Salvation requires nothing but simple faith. It is this simple faith that Jesus Christ treasures most. Remember He told Thomas, "...because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed." Would you also accept this living Christ as your Lord and Saviour today and enjoy a new life in the Kingdom of God?

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"Who (Jesus) was delivered for our offences and was raised again for justification." (Romans 4:25)

"How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?" (Hebrews 2: 3-4)

Can We Still RETURN TO Our Creator?

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." Thus begins the Bible. All matter was created in the beginning. Scientists speak of the age of the universe, which suggests a time before the universe existed. The Bible describes the isolated and barren earth being clothed with vegetation and then tells us of the creation of animal life. Finally the first man and woman were made. In the splendour and restfulness of the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve lived for some time happily in the presence of God. But, alas, this beautiful situation was marred when Satan came and called God a liar when he contradicted God's word by saying, "Ye shall not surely die, for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened..." (Gen. 3: 4,5) Adam and Eve disobeyed God, who had commanded them not to eat of that one tree in the midst of thousands of other fruit trees, when they ate of that same tree their eyes were opened, and they felt and saw that they were naked.

Their eyes were truly opened to sorrow, toil, sweat, frustrations, and to the fear of death. But God put a curse and judgment on Satan, and said, "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed: it shall bruise thy head and thou shall bruise his heel." (Gen. 3:15) Thus God spoke of the event which was to happen many

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of horror ventures into space, there is more solemn news of rising crime rates revolutions, starvation, increasing inequality between the have and the have-not nations, wars, and rumours of wars.

Can we turn to Science to help us out of our predicament? No! Science only deals with knowledge and use and supply of existing materials. It probes into the unknown from the shores of the known. Science is often confused with the opinions and beliefs of scientists, and that is where confusion sets into many a layman's mind. Can we turn to education? No! Education only tells us about the existence of present, and past situations. It teaches us to abstain from and suppress our emotions in one place, and release them in another place and way. It seems that modern education is concerned to persuade students to conduct their life activities in an organised and in the "usual" place, it is all right, no matter what the activity is.

We must come to the core of things, and search for the main cause of our present predicament. Suppose we start with the problem of increased mortality on the highways of America. How many raise a protest and march to the White House to plead the cause of thousands killed in car accidents each week. More people are killed on the roads than soldiers are killed in Vietnam and yet people all over the world are alarmed only at the hostilities in Asia. People habitually hate war but road deaths are accepted as a matter of course. We must ask fervently why is there such a high rate of mortality on the roads of America? Some experts in accident prevention point to three causes---1. Road 2. vehicle 3. driver. Focussing our attention on the driver is the wisest step toward a solution. Let us ask the driver a few questions: Do you value other people's lives as much as your own? If so, then do you make sure that you can concentrate on your driving and avoid anything that will distract your attention---as for example, making love, or holding and reading a book? Do you drive with no purpose in mind except to get away from home in a burst of anger? Do you know that traffic rules are made for the safety of all including yourself? Do you get angry sometimes at the car and driver in front of you? Would you agree with me that you are most reckless when you are "fed up" with life?

National traffic problems are not just an engineering problem. It is also a spiritual and moral problem. Some traffic hazards are created by teenage drivers who get a kick out of frightening people, by girls who show admiration for fast and reckless driving, by business man who is in a hurry to get to his office on Monday morning because he woke up late, which in turn is due to his staying up till five o'clock in the same morning playing poker, by the man who angrily left home "to get some fresh air" because he had just had a fierce argument with his wife, by the lady who drives to the countryside because she is jilted, or by the man who just had two bottles of whiskey. Each of these is basically a spiritual problem.

From this we next turn to the problem of the high rate of divorce. What causes two marital partners who were so very happy before and on their honeymoon to hate each other with unbelievable animosity? Here, it is appropriate to say that there are some men who dream of having as many wives as they can afford, but the majority would acknowledge that the ideal marriage consists of one man and one wife. J. Paul Getty, reputed to be one of the wealthiest men in the world, said, "I'd give away all my millions for just ONE successful marriage." Why is it that marriage (to be continued on p. 13)

God's

by
K. M.
(TEXAS)

Way

I write this in thanksgiving to our Lord who led me into His way.

Christmas 1965 was, is and will be the most significant moment of my life---for then and there I found God's way; then and there I accepted Christ.

I attended the retreat at the Baptist Camp on Mount Lebanon. The theme of the retreat was "God's way." However, I had no intention of gaining spiritual enlightenment because I was on the verge of giving up! I did try very hard to seek for the Faith. It had always been a problem with me for I reasoned too much and accepted too little. However, I did not discover this till after the retreat.

The first two days passed during which I sat in the back row for every session and tried to get out of helping in the kitchen. At the testimony meetings I was actually rather bored. When the third day came, my sister, friends, and I were thinking of leaving. That night I heard Rev. Wang speak. I was still in the back row, but I heard every word instead of day-dreaming or simply dozing. Those words were powerful and they started me thinking again. They prompted me to have a last attempt to seek for the Truth. I found an opportunity of talking to Rev. Wang. His words and quotes from the Bible were like light that dawned on the spiritual darkness in me. Fragments of ideas and thoughts fell into place like pieces of a jig-saw puzzle. I stayed on, heard more, and talked more with Rev. Wang, and more "pieces" fell together. Finally I saw God's way and I saw it more clearly than ever before. I began to discover and realize the spiritual fellowship among the group with whom I had been for four long days. Not until then did my ears open to their sincere sharing of their experiences in the Lord's work. Not until then did my eyes open to their eagerness to help and their willingness to serve God. Their actions and their prayers had been a great help to me.

The last day of the retreat came all too soon. The last night at the conference I heard Rev. Wang asked who would be willing to accept Christ. Without argument, reasoning or hesitation, I raised my hand. To be honest, I was surprised at myself. I did confess my faith at last and that is a step I will never regret.

I left the retreat with mixed feelings, I was sad to leave all the brothers and sisters in Christ, but I was overjoyed to have found God's way. I was grateful to all who had helped me while I was seeking the Truth, but I was most thankful to God who showed such great love to me. Many brothers and sisters in this group had found the Way after undergoing painful experiences, but, I, very unworthily, found the Way among true friends and fellow Chinese, and with the joy and happiness of the Christmas Season. Yes, I left the retreat with a determination to serve God, and to be a good Christian. For I realized that:

"none of us liveth to himself, and,
no man dieth to himself." Romans 14:7.

Accident.

by P. CHOI

"Bang!"

I still was not too sure of what had happened. When I raised my head, I discovered to my astonishment that the windshield was broken. It must be a car accident! I was further surprised when I looked at my hand after touching my forehead, for I saw blood. I do not know why I did not feel any pain at all, yet there is no doubt that I broke the windshield.

Though my forehead was pressed by someone holding a handkerchief, I was fully aware of what was going on around me; someone asked me whether I was in pain; another asked for a handkerchief; and another asked whether the police were coming. More and more people were crowding around the car---some yelling, some taking pictures...

Finally the police came and I was taken to the hospital and I was brought right into the emergency room. Before then, there seemed to be nothing in my mind---I was too disturbed by the chaotic situation. There, I was left alone in the emergency room, and I prayed. His words came immediately into my mind---"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." Sure, He did not leave me alone; I was so sure of His presence, and I was so touched by peace and joy in my heart. I felt that I could do nothing but to praise Him, and thank Him---thank Him for the peace and joy that began to dwell in my heart since the very day I came to know Him. Through those years, He had never broken His promise in spite of all my weaknesses, failures and infirmities. He promised forgiveness, and He did forgive; He promised care, and He did care; He promised rewards, and He did reward; He promised love, and He did love... Having all these, what else could I ask for---but He promised still more. He promised to give eternal life to all who repent. My heart was just filled with abounding joy.

There are so many ways that God can reveal Himself to man, and one of the most blissful and convincing methods employed by God is revelation through the Holy Spirit that dwells in our hearts.

I would like to conclude with a portion of a well-known hymn, and a verse from the Bible:-

"You ask me how I know He lives,
He lives within my heart."

"The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God;..." (Romans 8:16)

A Miracle OF God's Grace

by M. D. GANT

The Chinese owner was very courteous and served a nice meal. After it was over they headed for their room, but on turning a corner, they ran into an old friend of Minnie's, Rosie by name, they embraced one another using filthy language at every breath, then off they went arm in arm, Mrs. Manley trailing behind, hoping they would head in the direction of their rooming house. After walking to almost the breaking point they arrived at the corner of their street. They embraced again, Rosie all the time trying to convince Minnie to go with her, "just for a visit," Mrs. Manley pleaded for her not to go, because she suspected that it would tempt Minnie to resume the old life again. Minnie cursed her and said she would go. Refusing the pleading of the one sent to protect her from such things.

Mrs. Manley thought of all that had been done for Minnie since the day she had been taken from a life of prostitution, and as she looked at her it was with loathing and disgust and such revulsion that she almost mounted to hatred. Then suddenly something seemed to flow through her body like an electric current. She could not help herself; she seemed forced to grab Minnie by the arms, and looking into her eyes exclaimed, "God loves you Minnie, God loves you," (At that moment Mrs. Manley could not understand what had happened, because it was completely outside of herself, personally she had no love or pity for Minnie at the time. Afterwards she realized that the Holy Spirit had used her for some purpose, but what? Later she was to know the reason of it all.) With these words ringing in her ears, "God loves you Minnie," Minnie walked away with Rosie.

Mrs. Manley returned frustrated to her room, she could not understand it, she had been so positive of God's leading her to take Minnie to Montreal, yet here she was with the woman "on the rampage". She poured out her heart in prayer and then phoned the Army's Welfare Department and explained her dilemma. The officers were quick to respond and sent out workers into the dives and places where Minnie's kind resorted.

Mrs. Manley paced the floor and prayed all night but no Minnie. Enquiries were still being made by the officers.

The next day the officer and his wife visited Mrs. Manley and they continued in prayer together. At 5 o'clock that evening in came Rosie with Minnie dead drunk. Rosie was angry because Minnie was determined to return, and kept muttering, "I must go! Something happened on that corner, I've gotta go back." Then Mrs. Manley remembered Minnie's purse and asked Rosie where it was, because it contained her boat ticket and papers. Rosie threw the purse at Mrs. Manley with a curse, and the ticket torn into small pieces onto the floor. Then out of the blue, with tears in her eyes she threw her arms around Mrs. Manley and fled.

Immediately Rosie left, the workers conferred and decided to get Minnie to the ship at once, before any other passengers arrived at the dock. Arriving there Minnie still drunk, they pushed, pulled and struggled her up the gangplank. The purser after hearing of the predicament called a stewardess who took her to her stateroom, undressed her and put her to bed, then Mrs. Manley with the purser endeavored to fit the pieces of the ticket together, after getting sufficient pieces in place he was satisfied that everything was in order.

Then Mrs. Manley went to the cabin, but Minnie was dead to the world, so putting the survival money under the pillow she left her to the stewardess.

Arriving in England Minnie went to her old home, but her step-mother treated her with disdain and would not allow her to enter, having enough troubles of her own without inviting such a creature into her house.

Leaving this place she wandered around wondering what to do. Should she go back to the old life? But what happened on the street corner in Montreal was still vivid in her memory and she could not erase it. "God loves you Minnie, God loves you." She wandered further on when she saw the sign of a hostel for young business ladies, it was under the auspices of the Church of England. She entered the office to see if she could rent a room, but the lady-in-charge had to refuse as Minnie did not come up to the standard of a business girl. The lady could read character and knew that Minnie was not fit to reside there. Poor Minnie by now was crestfallen, the hostess could see that she was desperate, so she sweetly said, "I cannot give you a room here, but I have a small cottage at the back where I live and you can share my bed and board until you get on your feet." This was too much for Minnie, (who now began to see herself and the life she had lived) she then broke down and sobbed out her story leaving out no detail, and the one thing she could never forget. "That street corner in Montreal" and that that "God loved her" in spite of all her wickedness. She could not understand such a love as this and cried out for mercy, and God heard her as He has promised. "---a broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise," Psa. 51:17b. She saw how she had spurned those who had tried to help her to know Him, and knew how God had been waiting for her eyes to open to His great love, mercy and forgiveness.

Once again will be seen the Truth of the Gospel, "---him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out." John 6:37. No one could sink lower than this woman and yet God in His love lifted her up out of the miry clay. Now that Minnie had repented and had received assurance of her salvation, the lady was able to lead her to an acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour of her life. She was truly converted and had made a right about face and now a peace settled upon her. "Therefore being justified by faith, we HAVE PEACE WITH GOD through our Lord Jesus Christ." Rom. 5:1 and "...the peace of God that passeth all understanding."

Many things had to be corrected in her life and manners, but this friend continued to help her, studying God's Word daily until she was firmly rooted in the faith and was able to make rapid progress. She studied to become a practical nurse, and after graduation Minnie found a position as companion and nurse to an invalid lady.

(To be continued on p.13.)

Neither Hot Nor Cold

- by Wdrn -

Many Christians today go to church on Sundays, read the Bible every morning, pray before going to bed, and be perfectly satisfied with their Christian lives. They have lost the zeal to preach the Gospel, the love for Christ! They no longer have the happiness of being Christians. They become so dull and sad!

Many churches are busy in organizing social activities for their young people; sponsoring parties, gatherings and other functions for their elderly members; launching out into campaigns for raising church fund, and be satisfied in watching the ups and downs of the statistics and graphs of their different activities. But, brothers and sisters, a Christian who fails to witness for Christ is a "dead" Christian, and a life which does not radiate the fragrance and love of Christ is a failure. Similarly a church with all the works but no love for souls is a dead church!

Dear brothers and sisters, do we still remember that our hearts had once been touched by His tender love and calling? At the bottom of our hearts we did utter the vow of forsaking everything to follow Him. But do we still have that simple love, the first love we had for our Lord when we first believed? Are we still actively witnessing for Him as He had demanded of us? O, Christian hearts, our love is aging and we are no longer sensitive to His tender calling.

Let us search our hearts together, brothers and sisters, we are weak and timid before persecutions; we are selfish in receiving but not giving; we are lukewarm and half-dead in our witness for Christ. We are like the church of Laodicea! "I know all your ways; you are neither hot nor cold. How I wish you were hot or cold! But because you are lukewarm, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth". (Rev. 3: 14-16) We don't have the peace and happiness of a Christian because of our lack of total commitment for Christ. We suffer because we are torn between self and Christ. Satan is truly happy to see cold churches and lukewarm Christians. But do we want to be so insensitive and not responding to our Master's calling till He finally spits us out and gives up all hopes in us.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us pray together and ask Jesus to give us back the first love we had for Him. The love to witness for Him, and the same first love that made us yield completely to Him!

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IF THY RIGHT EYE

by
Jean Mark

Offend Thee

I had often wondered about the real meaning of Matt. 5:29,30. May be you have too.

"If thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee, for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell; and if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee, for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish and not that thy whole body be cast into hell."

I have often read this passage, skimming over it very lightly, since I did not really understand it, being baffled over the possible meaning. Did Jesus mean it literally?

If taken literally, it would make more sense in this present world with its advanced medical knowledge than it would have at the time of Jesus. As a matter of fact, modern medicine is indeed practising this very thing. If any member of the body is malignant, it is removed or amputated in order to save the rest of the body.

But is this what Jesus really meant? This portion of Scripture taken in context, reveals a very stirring secret. Jesus was explaining to the people how the scribes and the Pharisees had taught them to interpret the law. To commit the sin of adultery must involve the physical action, but Jesus said, "If anyone looks on a woman and lusts after her, he has committed adultery with her in his heart." Sin is not only the final action, but the thoughts and motives which prompted the action. Motive comes from the heart, which is the centre of man's personality. Jesus went on to teach that if the eye is the source of sin, pluck it out, dispose of it! Or if the hand is the source of sin, cut it off, discard it! To any human being in any part of the globe, eye-sight is precious, very precious, although some may not realize it until they have lost it. Similarly, the hand is also a very precious member of the body.

There are many things in our lives that are precious. May be it is the corrupt company that you might keep, but whom you don't wish to offend with spiritual words or actions. Did not Jesus say---"Ye are the salt of the earth?" Is the function of salt not to eliminate corruption and rotting whenever it comes in contact with it? Are late Saturday nights precious?---spent in watching late night movies on T.V., or at parties, or reading magazines with lewd, alluring covers, so that when Sunday morning comes, in the House of God, your heart and mind is unprepared for any spiritual filling from above.

There are different things that are precious to different people, even if they should be as precious as eyesight, yet if these things, whatever they are, should hinder the salvation of the soul, drastically remove them! The message Jesus wishes to convey to us is "Nothing, absolutely nothing, is more important than the destiny of our souls."

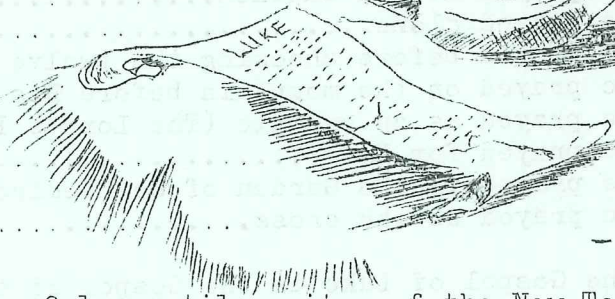
Hell is very real. Jesus mentions it twice in the short passage quoted previously. Are you letting these petty things which you consider "precious", and which you "can't get along without" carry your soul and possibly the souls of others to an eternity of torture and suffering in hell? You don't have to, for you can choose to follow the way of righteousness and Jesus will be your refuge and strength. But you must take the initial step, Jesus can't make you pure and holy against your will. God has given every man a free will, therefore choose you this day whom you shall follow!

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING

TO

St.

Luke



- Y. Nei -

Author : Luke, a physician. Only gentile writer of the New Testament books.

Theme : Jesus Christ is the Son of Man
"For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." (Luke 19:10)

Key Word : "Compassion" in His ministry.

When the Apostle Paul was on his second missionary journey, he came to the sea-port of Troas on the coast of Asia Minor where he met his "beloved physician". Since then Luke became Paul's frequent companion. Luke, as a physician, was a great help to the apostle. Paul lost no time in telling his doctor about Jesus, the Great Physician, who healed the souls as well as the bodies of men. Never had Luke heard a more thrilling story. The passion of the Greeks had always been the achievement of perfection. In Jesus Luke found the goal of his search. He became a follower of Christ. He was a man universally beloved in the early Church and especially by his friend, Paul. Luke saw the necessity of expressing the perfectness and glory of Jesus' manhood as they appealed to him. So as he travelled about with Paul, he sought out "eyewitnesses and ministers of the word," that is, people who had seen and heard Jesus and some at least had been his disciples. The Gospel of St. Luke brings out Christ's compassionate love in becoming man to save men from sins and bring them close to God.

Jesus came into the world by miraculous virgin birth. Mary, His mother conceived Him in the power of the Holy Spirit. Throngs of angels announced His birth to the humble shepherds who consequently were the first to visit the Holy Babe. As a boy, Jesus was subject to Joseph and Mary. When He was twelve, He went up with His parents to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover Feast. There Jesus tarried behind and His mother knew it not. He was found "sitting in the midst of the doctors, both bearing them, and asking them questions." (Luke 2:46) "And all that heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers." Side by side with the human, there is always evidence that He was more than a man. When Mary inquired why He remained behind, Jesus answered, "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" This is the first self-witness to His deity. Eighteen years of silence followed. During His life He toiled with His hands; He wept over Jerusalem; He knelt in prayer; and He "knew agony in suffering." All is strikingly human. Luke presents the genealogy of Jesus at His baptism. Here, it is followed backward to Adam---the father of the human family, showing Jesus' connection with the human race.

Luke's Gospel is deeply devotional. Luke speaks more of the prayers of our Lord than any other Gospel writers. To Luke we are indebted for our knowledge that on several occasions unmentioned in other gospels, Jesus was engaged in prayer. Some of these occasions were:

He prayed at His baptism.....3:21
 He prayed alone.....5:16
 He prayed before choosing the twelve apostles.....6:12
 He prayed on the mountain before His transfiguration.....9:28,29
 He prayed as an example (The Lord's Prayer).....11:1-4
 He prayed for Peter.....22:31,32
 He prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane.....22:41, 42
 He prayed on the cross.....23:34

The Gospel of Luke is the Gospel of the power of prayer.

Luke's Gospel is a portrait of the compassionate Christ. Dante spoke the truth when he said, "Luke is the writer of the gentleness of Christ." How approvingly the Greek physician recounts the healing miracles of our Lord! He rejoices that beyond the skill of the physician there is a Divine power that forgives, cleanses, and heals. As I read the Gospel of Luke a vivid picture rises in my mind. I see the Master standing on the mountainside clad in a long white robe. Before him is gathered a great multitude of the lame, the halt, the blind, the paralytic, the sin-burdened, and the sorrowing. Moved with compassion for them, our Lord passes through their midst with words of forgiveness and with acts of healing. Jesus was anointed to preach deliverance to the captives and bring good tidings to the poor and broken hearted. (Lk. 4: 18,19) He selected a text from Isaiah 61:1-2, which announced the object of His whole mission on earth. Early in Jesus' ministry, the people of His own home town determined to kill Him. (Luke 4: 28-30) They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" They were angered that Jesus proclaimed their Jewish Messiah would also be sent to the Gentiles, for Jesus made repentance and faith the only condition of admission to the Kingdom of God. (Lk. 24:47) That is the reason why the Greek physician again and again pictures Jesus not so much as the Old Testament Messiah but as the Redeemer of the world, the only one who can satisfy the hunger of the heart of man. The outcast on earth has salvation in Jesus. Luke depicts this point clearly in Jesus' parables of The Prodigal Son, The Good Samaritan, and The Pharisee and the Publican. Jesus' sympathy with Zaccheus and the penitent thief on the cross further assure us of His universal love. This love was expressed in a very personal way in Luke's account of the institution of the Last Supper when Jesus said: "this do in remembrance of me." (Lk. 22:16-20)

The Son of Man was crucified. On the third day He was resurrected. Luke gives us a part of the scene of the resurrection morning that the others leave untold. It is the story of the walk to Emmaus. (Lk 24:13) Jesus showed those two disciples that as their resurrected Lord, He was just the same loving, understanding friend as He had been before His death. No less than eleven appearances of Jesus are recorded following His resurrection---not only to individuals but to companies and crowds. Some of these appearances to the women, first to Mary and then to others, (Mark 16, John 20:14); to ten apostles in Jerusalem (John 20:19); to 500 brethren at once (I Cor. 15:6) and finally, to the little group on the Mount of Olives at His ascension (Luke 24:51). Three times, His disciples touched Him after He arose (Matt. 28:9; Lk. 24:42; Jn 20:27) He ate with them too. (Lk. 24:42, Jn. 21: 12,13) He proved to them that He was a real man with flesh and bones.

Easter does not primarily preach about an empty tomb but heralds a living Presence. The power that can change our lives today resides in the living Christ,

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Can We Still Return to Our Creator (cont.)

is a blessing and a happy life partnership to so few and a nightmare to so many? The fault lies in thinking that marriage has magical powers. By this I mean that if a heavy smoker gets married, he will abandon smoking, if a drinker gets married he will quit drinking on his wedding day, or if a man who flirts with every female acquaintance gets married, he will be faithful to his future wife when he finds her. No! Marriage will not change human nature. Again, we come to the conclusion that unhappy marriage is a spiritual and moral problem.

In education is found the most vicious circle of all. Man is influenced by the things he sees and hears. Man cannot choose his parents, but he is influenced greatly by his parents. In school, he is not only presented with facts of Science but also with half truths, and with the opinions and beliefs of his teachers. For example, the theory of organic evolution is not presented as a very useful working hypothesis, but taught as an established part of Science. If a teacher is an agnostic, or an atheist, or amoral, his ideas will be piped into his students' mind. And when the younger generation grows up and takes charge of world affairs, the young men and women now become teachers, university professors and lecturers, politicians, businessmen, and leaders of nations. Many people think that they have freedom of speech and thought, never realising that most of their concepts, opinions, beliefs and prejudices may not be theirs. But above all opinion and prejudice stands a book, the Bible, whose teachings never change. Life is too precious to let our decisions depend on other peoples' opinions and beliefs. The consequences of neglect of the Bible are sorrow and retention of all our problems. Read the Bible for yourself and break the dictatorship of opinion.

While science deals with the things known and present, the Bible is a revelation of God to man. Science satisfies our material needs while the Word of God reveals our spiritual and moral problems. The Bible tells us of a Saviour Jesus Christ who cares for our problems because He knows our weaknesses. He can save us from sin because He is God and had shed His blood for the remission of our sins. There is one way, the only way, we can solve our spiritual problem and to re-establish our right relationship with God: that is, through Jesus Christ. Do you want Jesus to solve your spiritual problems?

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A Miracle of God's Grace (cont.)

During these years Mrs. Roberts had kept up a correspondence with Minnie and followed her rehabilitation with much delight. Then she decided that she would make the trip to England, and arranged for Minnie to meet her at a certain hotel.

While sitting in the drawing room a day or so after her arrival a smart-looking woman entered with a bouquet of flowers and knelt at Mrs. Roberts' feet, "Don't you know me?" asked the woman. "No, I am afraid I have never met you," replied Mrs. Roberts (as she wondered who this fine looking person could be, and why she was kneeling at her feet). "I'm Minnie," she said. Mrs. Roberts was dumbfounded, to think that this fine clean looking and efficient person was Minnie. They affectionately embraced, and Mrs. Roberts could not but offer a prayer of thanks for what God had done.

After relating the happenings of the past few weeks, Minnie was anxious for Mrs. Roberts to arrange a visit to see her patient, a date was set. The next day for afternoon tea. During the conversation Mrs. Roberts asked how Minnie was fulfilling her duties. The lady was enthusiastic, saying that Minnie was so competent, kind and considerate, never thinking of her own comfort but only anxious to do all she could for the comfort of her patient.

What a contrast from the one whom Mrs. Roberts had known at the beginning! Truly a miracle of God's grace.

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not in an empty grave. This Christ walks beside us now though to many of us He is an unrecognized stranger. We are constant concerned about the irritating duties of daily life and thus remain unaware of His living Presence. We do not invite Him in as the two disciples did we do not take the trouble to make Him part of such an everyday affair as eating a meal. Therefore He cannot reveal Himself to us. When Easter comes we peer back into the dim past to assure ourselves that the grave is empty and make a renewed attempt to believe in a risen Christ. However, this is not enough, for His living Presence remains unrecognized. Let us make this a meaningful Easter by renewing our faith in this living Redeemer, or by asking Him into our lives for the first time. The Christ, so unforgettably presented by St. Luke, knows our sorrow for He too has experienced it. He is the source of our consolation and our hope. Those scarred hands that once were nailed to a cross can lift every burden, heal every wound, and wipe out the stain of our failure and sin. The promise "Lo. I am with you always." given by Jesus before His ascension to the disciples is ours too!

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NOTES & NEWS

CHINESE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP (Montreal)

Announcement of the Summer Conference:

Rev. Moses Chow will be the summer conference speaker. Please continue to pray for the conference and plan to come.

Date: Sept. 2-5

Place: Camp Iawah, Ontario

Theme: "Joy in Christ"

THE FOUNTAIN---FINANCIAL REPORT

Income:-	Feb. balance	\$ 77.86
	Offering box	\$160.00
	Receipt # 22	\$ 5.00
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Expenditure:-

Postage & Miscellaneous	\$ 56.72
Paper, ink, etc.	\$140.43
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	\$197.15

March Balance :		\$ 45.71
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CHINESE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP (Winnipeg)

You are cordially invited to the Saturday meetings of the Chinese Christian Fellowship which are held regularly at 7:30 p.m. in the King's Park Tabernacle (Pasadena & University Crescent). The program for April is as follows:-

3rd April	Joint meeting:-	Theme: How to know the will of God.
9th April	Stewardship of time, money, and talent	
16th April	Short talk:	The Church
23rd April	Bible study:	Faith to live by
30th April	Fellowship & Election	