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WHAT WE BELIEVE The Bible is the basis of our faith. We believe that the whole Bible, every chapter, every verse as originally given is inspired by God.

"You(Jesus) are the Christ, the Son of the living God." (Matthew 16:16)
"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." (I Timothy 1:15)
"And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12)
"For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God - not because of works, lest any man should boast." (Ephesians 2:8,9)

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"Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of host."
(Zecharias 4:6)

"When He saw the crowds, He had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest.'" (Matthew 9:36-38)

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The meaning of being a Christian is
that in response for the gift of a
whole Christ I give my whole self
to Him.

A. MacLaren, D.D.

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The Lord of All

As you live this new life,
we pray that
 you will be strengthened
 from God's boundless resources,
so that

 you will find yourselves
 able to pass through any experience
 and endure it with joy.

You will even be able to thank God
 in the midst of
 pain and distress

because you are privileged
 to share the lot of those
 who are living
 in the light.

For we must never forget that
 he rescued us from
 the power of darkness,
 and re-established us in
 the kingdom of his beloved Son.

For it is by his Son alone that
 we have been redeemed
 and
 have had our sins forgiven.

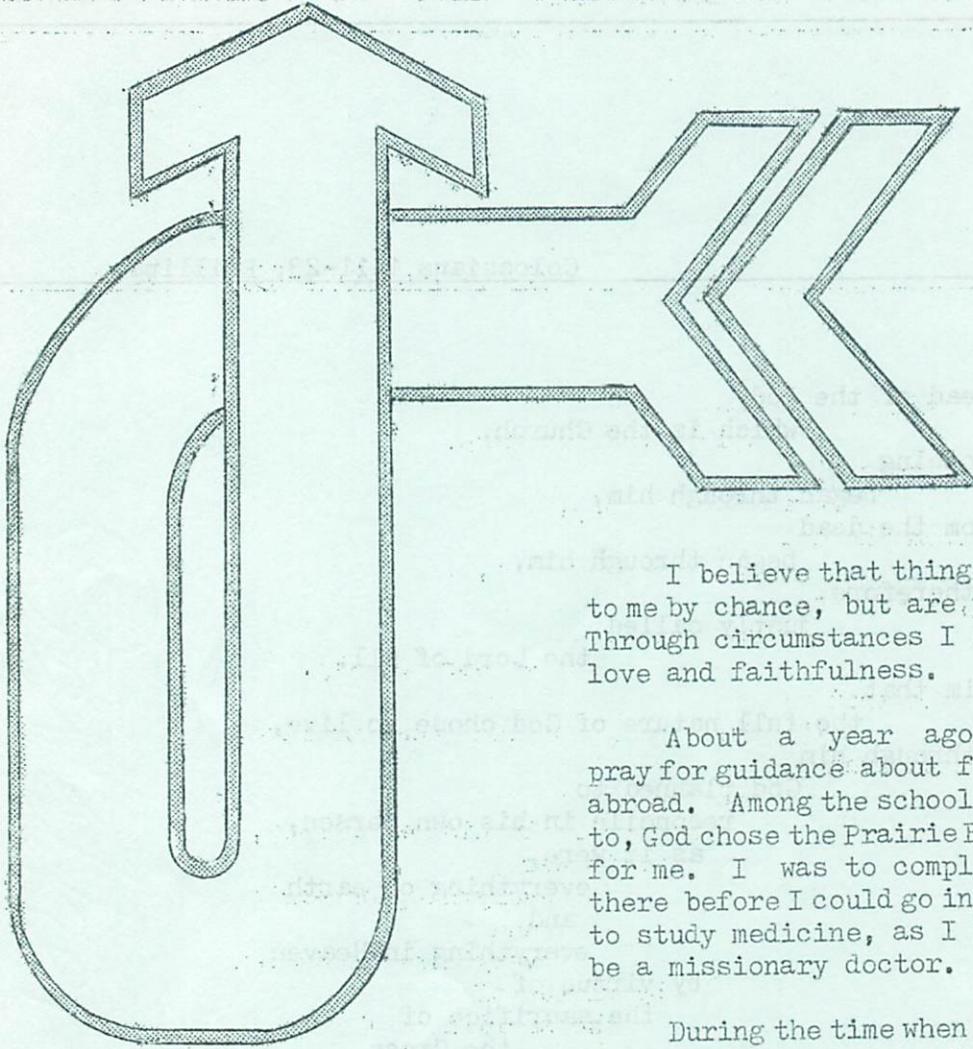
Now
Christ is the visible expression of
 the invisible God.

He existed
 before creation began,
for it was through him that
 everything was made,
 whether spiritual or material,
 seen or unseen.

Through him, and
for him, also,
 were created power and dominion,
 ownership and authority.

In fact,
 every single thing was created through,
 and for, him.

He is both the first principle
 and the upholding principle of
 the whole scheme
 of creation.



I believe that things do not happen to me by chance, but are planned by God. Through circumstances I experience His love and faithfulness.

About a year ago, I started to pray for guidance about further studies abroad. Among the schools I had applied to, God chose the Prairie Bible Institute for me. I was to complete Grade XII there before I could go into a university to study medicine, as I had planned to be a missionary doctor.

During the time when I was preparing to go abroad, I met difficulties and saw God solve them for me, at the right time, one after another. Thanking God for all that He had provided, I realized that there must be reasons behind His wonderful guidance.

A month before I left Hong Kong, I attended a summer conference organized by our church. The speaker presented to us the tremendous need for missionaries in Asia. He also pointed out our responsibilities, as Chinese Christians, to this "Unfinished Task." The message caused me to reconsider my choice between serving Him as a full time missionary and a missionary doctor. I knew both services were needed, but which one was for me? As I had already promised God that my life would be planned by Him, I realized that this choice should be His, although I might not like it. I brought all these decisions to God

The Choice
Shall
Be His

- Wilfred Kong -

It is my prayer that this testimony might be an encouragement to brothers and sisters in Christ and that through it God's name may be glorified.

but I received no answer.

One morning, as I was studying the Bible, I came to realize that it was wrong to press God to reveal His will. I found that I lacked the patience to wait upon Him. I then asked for His forgiveness, and handed over my future to Him, trusting that He would show me His will. Then I left for Canada.

During my early days at the Prairie Bible Institute, I was very homesick. But time and again I received comfort and joy from God in my devotions. When I settled down a bit, I noticed that the school emphasized maintaining the vision of missions more than actual course work. I was a bit disappointed. Yet somehow I felt that this school would help me make the decision I needed. I made use of every opportunity to find out more about the mission field, but the information I gathered did not seem to help.

The change of environment had also brought out my hidden weaknesses. I was deeply disturbed. I knew if I wanted to be used by God, I had to do away with them. Therefore, I brought them one by one to Him and asked for forgiveness, comfort and encouragement.

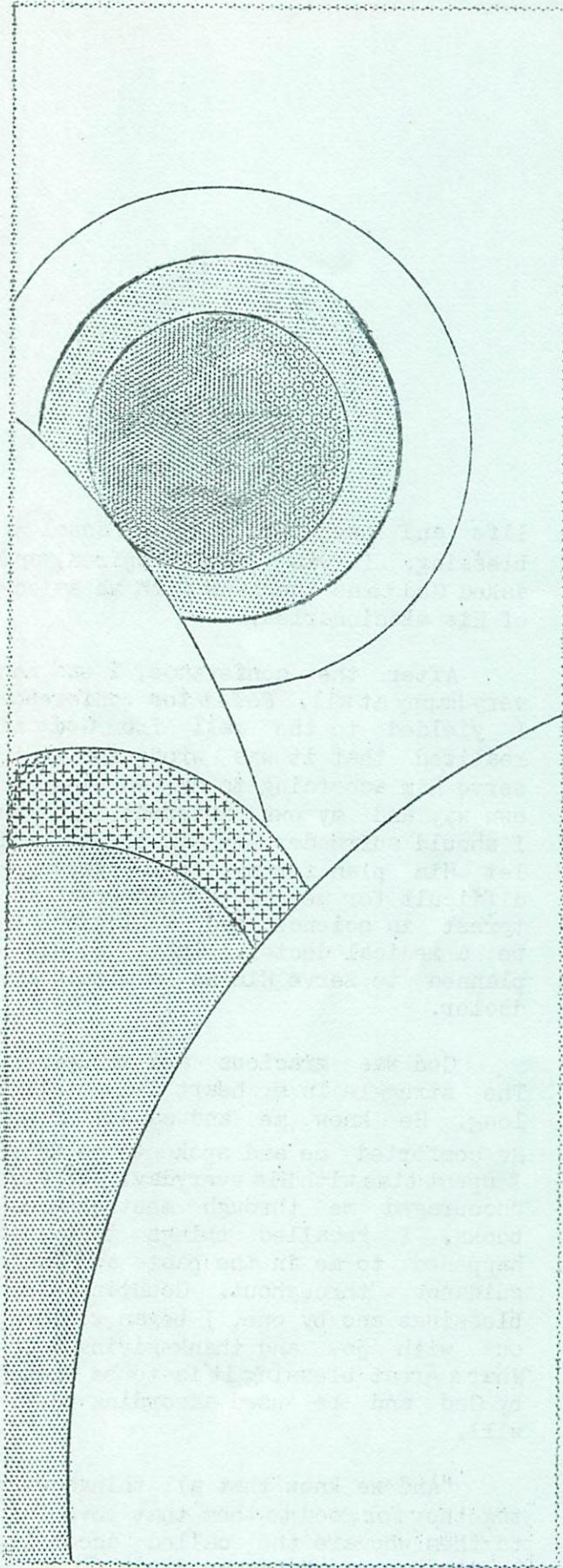
In the beginning of October, a conference was held at the school. The speaker testified how God changed his

life and used him as a channel of blessing. I was very inspired, and asked God to do the same with me as one of His missionaries.

After the conference, I was not very happy at all. For in the conference I yielded to the call from God and realized that it was wrong for me to serve Him according to my own wish, my own way and my own interest. I knew I should surrender my all to Him, and let Him plan for me. This was very difficult for me, for I had great interest in science, and would like to be a medical doctor. That was why I planned to serve Him as a missionary doctor.

God was gracious and wonderful. The struggle in my heart did not last long. He knew me and cared for me. He comforted me and spoke to me while I spent time with Him everyday. He also encouraged me through meetings and books. I recalled things that had happened to me in the past and God's guidance throughout. Counting His blessings one by one, I began to burst out with joy and thanksgiving. Oh! What a great blessing it is to be chosen by God and be used according to His will.

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose." (Romans 8:28) ○



begin anew

Cynthia Chan

Up on the snow-covered hillside was a lonely young girl. She seemed perturbed. Sometimes she buried her face in the snow, as if the freezing temperature was not cold enough for her. With tears in her eyes, she seemed to be praying, "I am sorry for what I have done, Lord. Why did I ignore You? Why did I do that? O, why did I live my own way? Why didn't I respect You and wait upon You? Now I realize that I can only bring shame and disgrace to myself and others.

"God, please forgive me!"

After a while, she went down the hill and into the canteen, where most of the people were half way through their lunch. She didn't seem to care. She found herself a seat, finished her meal and followed the crowd up the hillside again -- to the classrooms for talks on the "New Morality", "Maturity", and other topics.

She went to the designated classroom and sat with her friends, hiding her tears all the while. Then the talk on "New Morality" started: "Ethics is the science of behavior. Before we can talk about ethics, we must first be able to choose to do what is right and what is wrong..." It was then that her heart was enlightened...

That lonely girl was me. A few months before I came to the Winter Conference I knew I had done something wrong and God had been dealing with me. But the hardest blow came at this Conference. I was forced to face the wrong deed and the consequent feelings of guilt and shame. I was stunned. I remembered I had asked God to rule my life. But I had taken it back, and my life was a mess.

Yet God had a wonderful way to heal my grief-stricken soul. The introductory remark on "New Morality" reminded me of God's precious gift to me -- freedom. It was His love that gave me the freedom to choose, even to choose to be against Him. Yes, I could have chosen to love Him but I did not. I chose my own way. Yet when I was most depressed over my wrong, He whispered His love and patience to me. He seemed to be saying, "Don't be sorrowful, My child. Now that you recognized your mistake, come back and follow Me. I have been waiting for you all the while."

O how tender is my God! Although I still have to bear the consequence of what I have done, I know that my Father in Heaven has forgiven me. He has filled my life with love and joy once more. I can hardly express how free I feel. I want to say to Him:

"As You cleanse me for today
And forgive my yesterday,
As You cleanse me for today
I begin anew, Lord."

"...Let us rid ourselves of everything that gets in the way, and the sin which holds on to us so tightly, and run with determination the race that lies before us." (Hebrews 12:1) ○

help!

"I want to write, but ..."

Was that what you said to God last time?

Maybe we could help you a little. Maybe you want to write about what God has done in your life - the 'change'?

Here are some questions that would give you an idea of the main things we look for in a testimony:

1. What was your philosophy of life before the 'change'?
2. Why did you want a 'change'?
3. What prevented you from having that 'change' immediately?
4. How did you decide to change at last?
5. What is so real about your change?
6. What is your view on life now?

Don't worry about your writing. Our editors would try their best in doing their job.

Take a minute to think about what Peter said: "Be ready at any time to give a quiet and reverent answer to any man who wants a reason for the hope that you have within you".

Beyond Our Selves

Reviewed by
Ruth Thien

Recently I read a book called Beyond Our Selves by Catherine Marshall. It relates the experiences that made her Christian life more meaningful and practical. Two points made by the author impressed me; the Prayer of Relinquishment and Ego-Slaying.

Catherine was bedridden for months. She asked God for healing persistently. The answer was long in coming and she was becoming desperate. Then one morning she said to God, "I'm beaten, finished. God, You decide what You want for the rest of my life..." Tears flowed. She had no faith as she understood faith. She expected nothing. Yet the result was as if windows had opened in heaven; as if some dynamo of heavenly power had begun flowing, flowing into her. From that moment her recovery began.

This is an example of the Prayer of Relinquishment. God absolutely refuses to violate our free-will and, unless self-will is voluntarily given up, God will not answer our prayer. This is why some agonizingly sincere prayers are not answered. The demanding spirit that says, "God, I want You to do this..." cannot expect an answer from Him. Yet, to relinquish is not to give up in despair, rather, to hand over the matter to God with the assurance that His arrangement will be best for those He loves.

Catherine devoted a whole chapter to "Ego-Slaying." Many Christians look upon Christianity as a religion which

can give them peace of mind, and make them nice, likeable people. And some tend to ignore that the heart of Christianity is to make Christ the center of our life. For only then will He be real to us. We have to choose unselfishness rather than selfishness everyday. However, once we have made the decision of letting Christ take over our will, all the smaller decisions will be easier.

Catherine also answers such questions as:

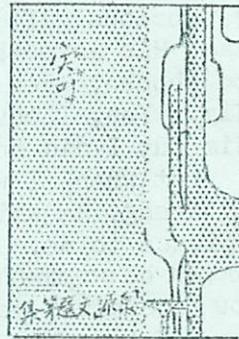
Is it possible to get in touch with God?

Why does He allow evil, if He can destroy it?

Can God heal where medicine has failed?

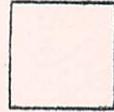
Will He intervene for me? and others.

If you would like to know these answers, get a copy of Beyond Our Selves. ○



TO
YOU

The second edition of our Chinese digest "To You" is at its final stage of printing now. Once we've received it from Taiwan, it would be ready for circulation. Do write us for a copy for each of the Chinese friends you want to reach with Christ's love. Of the \$5,500 we need for this publication, God has already provided \$3,000 through offerings from brothers and sisters. We are much encouraged and we praise Him for His faithfulness. Let us be faithful in remembering the multitude of Chinese young people lost at the crossroad of life.



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讀此刊後, 心受感動, 我願意信耶穌, 接受祂為我的主及救主。請為我禱告。

My heart is moved after reading this magazine and I would like to receive Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour. Please pray for me.

我是基督徒, 讀此刊後, 心中受主愛的激勵, 願將自己完全奉獻給主。

求主帶領我的一生。請為我禱告。

I am a Christian. I would like to dedicate my life to Christ and I trust that He has a plan for my future. Please pray for me.

我是基督徒, 但曾冷淡, 現願將自己再一次奉獻給主。請為我禱告。

I am a Christian but have turned away from God. After reading this magazine, I would like to rededicate myself to the Lord. Please pray for me.

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