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**"YE SHALL BE WITNESSES UNTO ME"**



Jesus teaches that a man's attitude to the Kingdom of God is revealed by his attitude to his property.

"Everyone that hath left houses ... or lands for my name's sake shall receive an hundredfold and shall inherit Eternal Life."

—Mark 10:29-30

**Eternally UNFINISHED CAUSE**

"...For the POOR SHALL NEVER CEASE out of the land... therefore ...thou shalt open wide thy hand to THE NEEDY in the land."

**Annual Offering, Sunday, Aug. 16**  
**Help Us to Help Others**

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# HERE AND THERE

F. M. Combridge, Asst.-Sec., Fed. Social Questions and Services Board, secured and arranged the material used in this special Social Service number.

The Vic.-Tas. Ministers' Fraternal of our churches announces, with pleasure, that the speaker at the August meeting (Monday, 3rd), will be Dr. Theo. Fisher, of the Northwood Christian Church, Indianapolis, U.S.A. Dr. Fisher will discuss *Church Life in the U.S.A.*, and will say something about their organisational and administrative methods. There will be ample opportunity given for questions. All preaching brethren are cordially invited to attend this meeting and contribute to the fellowship. Time of meeting is 2 p.m., in the Brotherhood Centre, 217 Lonsdale-st., Melb. Luncheon fellowship starts at 1 p.m.—R. V. Longthorp, Sec.

June average attendances for the church at Invermay, Tas., were: a.m., 87; p.m., 106; communion, 98. The chapel was crowded for the farewell of Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Morrison on June 23. Musical items were rendered during the evening by Mrs. K. Younger (Margaret-st.), Mrs. A. Colbeck and Wendy Harvey (Invermay). Speakers were Mr. Lassom (Ministers' Fraternal); N. J. Amos (M.B.I. Old Boys); A. T. Orr (Sandhill); J. H. Harrison (Margaret-st.); A. Harvey (Cave-side); and representatives of all local church auxiliaries. Mr. Morrison was presented with a wallet of notes from the church. There were 150 present at his farewell service on June 28, when two lads made the good confession. At the end of the service slides of New Guinea work were shown.

Mrs. Cleland, Australian representative for the World Christian Women's Fellowship, reminds the women of our churches that the Fourth Birthday of the W.C.W.F. takes place in August. Our women are asked to join with other nations around the world to celebrate this important occasion. Programmes should be to hand almost immediately, and will be forwarded to the various States.

July 12 was a happy day for the church at Hampstead Gardens, S.A., when the new church hall and kindergarten were officially opened by the S.A. Conf. Pres., C. L. Fitzgerald. After the opening, members and visitors packed the building for a service of dedication. A. E. Cremin presided, Mr. Fitzgerald gave the address, and Mrs. N. Coombe was

soloiste. Representatives of various brotherhood departments brought greetings. At the gospel meeting at night Mr. Cremin preached, and one young man made the good confession. Overseas offering has reached £82. The church now has its own projector, and it was first used at a recent programme following a youth tea. B.S. attendance is now around the hundred mark.

The Christian Women's Fellowship in Victoria and Tasmania will hold its next Council Meeting for all delegates and friends in the Reception Room of the Brotherhood Centre, at 11 a.m. on Aug. 7. Dudley Hyde will speak on *Christian Education in State Schools*. Mrs. Westwood (Dandenong) will be the leader of devotions.—Netta Newham, Sec.

The folk at Gympie, Qld., have seen the second of their three buildings erected on Horseshoe Bend, and the church hall was officially opened on July 11 by the Qld. Conf. Pres., G. Haigh. The manse was completed two and a half years ago. Following the handing of the key by the builder to the oldest member, V. T. Fittell, a dedication service was held, followed by a fellowship tea. A thank-offering was taken, and amounted to over £135. Prior to the official opening of the new church hall, members enjoyed a special week of social gatherings, including two film evenings, O.A.C. rally, social and testimony evening, and a youth night. There have been three decisions since the opening. The chapel in Crescent-rd., which had been used for 73 years, has now been sold. Ladies have been carrying out a census of the new area. P. French is present minister.

Denzil C. Ritchie, of the church at Unley, S.A., has forwarded us an interesting clipping from *The Advertiser*, Adelaide (8/7/59), headed "Fire Brigade to the Rescue." "It was a baptism. The candidate had been prepared, the date fixed, but there was one slight hitch . . . no water. The Church of Christ at Stirling East, in the Adelaide hills — normally one of S.A.'s wettest spots — had never been in such a predicament before. The church's 600-gallon baptistry is filled from a nearby well. But when the secretary (E. E. Walton) prepared for the last Sunday's baptism, he found it dry. 'The arrangements had been made,' he said. 'I had to get water from somewhere, so eventually I rang the local fire-brigade, which came with some water.'"

## NOTES FROM THE READINGS

as Suggested for



### Sunday, Aug. 9

EZEKIEL 36: 23-32.

Though Israel's exile was a punishment for their sins, other nations interpreted it also as a defeat of their God. "For his own sake then, not for theirs, he must bring his people back" (Wardle). With a new spirit and a new heart, they will loathe their past misdeeds, and rejoice in God's gift of an abundant land.

"profaned among the heathen" (v. 22). — "My own sacred honor has been lowered by your dispersion among the nations" (Moffatt).

"sanctified in you" (v. 23). — "Through you I vindicate my holiness" (R.S.V.).

"take away the stony heart" (v. 26). — "I will take away your hard nature, and give you a nature that can be touched" (Moffatt).

"no more reproach" (v. 30). — Famine was regarded as evidence of a god's anger.

ROMANS 8: 1-17.

In this outstanding passage on his central theme of the new life in Christ, Paul shows the supremacy of the spiritual over the material, and what it means, as sons and heirs of God, to have his Spirit at work in our lives.

"in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin" (v. 3). — "In the guise of sinful flesh, to deal with sin" (Moffatt).

"condemned sin in the flesh" (v. 3). "He has signed the death-warrant of sin in our nature" (Knox).

"that the righteousness of the law" (v. 4). — "That the just requirements of the law might be fulfilled in us" (R.S.V.). "The fulfilment is in us, not simply by us, for it is primarily the work of God in us, accomplished by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit (vv. 2, 9), and this operation is designed to meet with a willing response on our part" (Vine).

"the body is dead because of sin" (v. 10). — "The body is a dead thing, owing to Adam's sin" (Moffatt).

"Abba" (v. 15). — Aramaic word for "father."

"Spirit of adoption" (v. 15). — "Adopted into the very family circle of God" (Phillips).

"joint-heirs with Christ" (v. 17). — "All believers will share Christ's inheritance" (Vine).

# "I WAS AN ALCOHOLIC"

"For God so loved the world—that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

As I sit in my room tonight, I can thank God for Jesus Christ who died for me, but I also thank God for the instrument which he used to bring me to the foot of the Cross, and that is the Social Service Department of Churches of Christ in Melbourne. By their brotherly love and practical Christianity, they led me to a full acceptance of Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour.

If there had been no Social Service Department, I do not know where I would be today, probably dead, and buried, and lost. I may have been buried in an unknown alcoholic's grave, caused by my own hand; such is the frame of mind in which a chronic alcoholic finds himself, utterly lost and hopelessly in despair. I am no longer bound by the chains of alcohol because Christ has set me free, and I can also rejoice with the hymn writer, "From depths of sin he lifted me." No one

The testimony of a man who found Christ through the ministry of Social Service.

can fully realise how happy I am since I have been released from drink.

My brothers in the Social Service Department, truly brothers in Christ, have been wonderful to me, not only looking after my spiritual well-being, but also my bodily needs; I wanted for nothing. When I came to them beaten, downtrodden and exhausted, I had nothing and they gave me all. I now have a good job, a Christian home in which to live, and the greatest thing of all — peace of mind, and the knowledge that I have a Saviour in Christ Jesus. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

It is my earnest hope and prayer that I can win back the love and affection of my wife and baby son, from whom I am separated through my alcoholic condition prior to my conversion.

"This I know" (Ephesians 6:18).

I know not by what method rare, but this I know God answers prayer,

I know that he has given his word, which tells me prayer is always heard.

And will be answered soon or late, and so I pray and calmly wait,

I know not if the blessing sought, will come in just the way I thought,

But leave my prayers, with him alone, whose will is wiser than my own,

Assured that he will grant my quest, or send some answer far more blest.

I am now an earnest believer who has followed Christ through the waters of baptism and been accepted into full membership of Churches of Christ. It is my earnest desire that I may serve my Lord and Master, as he leads me in active service for him.

(Signed) JIM.

# "I AM A CHRISTIAN"

—EDITORIAL

Because I bear the Name of the Man who went about doing good, I dare not live, selfishly absorbed in my own interests and needs, never moving outside a tightly insulated circle of concern. Because he spoke of the cup of cold water, the deeds of love done to the least and the lowest, I know that I deny that Name I bear, if my hands serve only myself and my loved ones. Because his ears were never deaf to the cry of the oppressed, I too must never turn aside, no matter what it costs to listen and to aid. Because anger burned in his heart, and fire flashed in his eye, when even religious men thought more of keeping petty precepts than of helping a suffering man, while injustice, prejudice and hatred went unchallenged — indeed even encouraged — by the very men who ought to have fought them in the Name of their God, I dare not stay silent and unprotesting in the face of wrong.

Because I am an heir of the first men to bear this Name, I must never forget that one of their prime concerns was the care of the widowed and orphaned, for whose sakes not only they, but the first Gentile Christians also, gave gladly and generously. Because theirs was a faith in action that later made even a pagan world exclaim, "See how these Christians love one another!", I must see

to it that my church's life, and mine, still commend the gospel of Christ by those good works which cause men to glorify our Father in heaven. Because I belong to a Church which, through the ages, has produced men as different as Francis of Assisi, ministering to the needy, and William Wilberforce, fighting to end slavery, I must strengthen the hands of all

who work to make this a kindlier, cleaner world.

Because I belong to a brotherhood which, through Social Service, is ministering to the sick, caring for the aged, concerned for the young, fighting wrong in all its forms — yes, because I am a Christian, I pledge my prayers, my gifts, my help, to the on-going of such a work of God.

*"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."*

—Matthew 22: 37-40.

**WILL H. CLAY, M.B.E., Director of Federal Social Questions and Services Board, declares . . .**

# THE MIND OF CHRIST JESUS

"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus."

"What wilt thou have me to do?" is the first question of a convert to Christianity, and the answer is given according to the position in which he is placed. He is desirous of knowing what good thing he can do. To one whose riches are his embarrassment the answer is, "Sell all thou hast and give to the poor." Another who is at a loss to understand his obligation to his neighbors, is told the story of the good Samaritan and the unfortunate man who has been half-murdered, and is bidden to follow the attitude of the Samaritan. It is noteworthy that the twelve apostles were called to follow Jesus. They were selected. "Follow me," said Jesus, and they at once left their ordinary pursuits and followed. It was made clear to them that they were to be trained. No longer would they, as fishermen, catch fish, but men.

## Jesus Founds a School

With the twelve disciples as students, he opened a school, a college, and a university. The crowds followed him as sheep without a shepherd, until he withdrew to the mountainside, where his disciples found him. The time had come for them to be taught, with respect to character, what manner of men they were expected to be. Jesus reveals his mind to them in what we call the Sermon on the Mount. He stresses the quality of sympathy and love, of meekness, of mercy, of purity, of peace, of suffering for righteousness' sake, and tells of its reward. At last the time has come for the charge to be given. The world was before them, and this was the challenge:

"You are the salt of the earth."  
"You are the light of the world."

## The Disciples Were Commissioned

"Go into all the world, preach and teach everywhere you go. Preach and baptise, teach the converts to observe all things that I have commanded you, and I will be with you to the end of the world. As a little salt salteth the whole, you are to be to the whole earth a savoring influence for good. As a lamp on a stand in a house giveth light to all in the house, you are to give light to the whole world."

Neither the salt nor the light exists for its own sake, so Christians

do not exist for their own sake but for the sake of the world.

"That men may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven" . . .

## Works That Glorify God

Men everywhere have gone to great trouble and expense to build temples and shrines to glorify themselves, their creeds, their accomplishments



Will H. Clay, M.B.E.

and great men, but these do not necessarily glorify God. Not only the heathen of the nations deceive themselves in this regard, but the professing Church of God is often guilty. The stately cathedral, lofty spire and glittering dome may express the mind of the powers that be, but they do not necessarily express the mind of Christ.

## The Verdict

In the picture we have of the final judgment, the mind of Jesus is expressed in his attitude towards those on his right hand and those on his left. The magnificence of the works of man will go unrewarded, but the beauty of character of those who have expressed his mind towards "the least of these his brethren" will receive his "well done."

## The Lure of Riches

Paul's warning to Timothy, "They that would be rich, fall into temptations and a snare, and into many

foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition," may equally apply to churches as to men.

Unless we, as Churches of Christ, can consciously present our works, our church buildings and our Homes and Hospital, with a view to glorifying God, it were better that we discontinue such works.

"The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

On Sunday, Aug. 16, the Social Service Committee solicits the approval and support of the work which they submit is conducted for the glory of our Father which art in heaven.

**Aim to meet present commitments in Victoria-Tasmania is £2,500.**

## "INASMUCH"

Shatter all our dull complacency,  
All around us want and blight,  
When we tuck our dimpled children  
Into safe, soft beds at night.  
Grant us swift and stabbing visions  
Of small bodies thin and worn—  
And of helpless fathers, mothers,  
Till our hearts are ravaged, torn.  
Lights and joy for us, and music?  
Millions hunger, can we feast?  
Lord God, make our own bread bitter  
Till we share it with thy least!  
—Bertha Gerneaux Woods.

## OUR OFFERING POSTER

The theme is "LOVE."

The poster depicts the cross with its rays of light toward the world where people dwell.

The Cross, the evidence of God's love towards man, "God so loved the world." His love was such that he was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself.

The challenge of the text, 1 John 4: 21, "That he who loves God should love his brother also," is that our love for God is best revealed by our love for others and that love is only shown by practical help to them.

Social Service is an outstretched hand offered to our brothers and sisters in material and spiritual need.

**On August 16, Social Service NEED is £2,500.**

A. R. JONES, Sec., Social Service Department, South Australia, writes of . . .

# Social Service in South Australia

The Social Service Department in South Australia is now located in the Brotherhood Centre, where, in addition to the office, an attractive room has been added to accommodate the Christian Welfare Centre. The centralising of our work in this way has increased the volume of work, necessitating the appointment of an office secretary.

## Welfare Work

Our Welfare Centre serves a very real need in the brotherhood, administering relief to many folk in necessitous circumstances, who are referred by churches, Commonwealth Social Service Department, Immigration Department, Good Neighbour Council, State Relief Department, Hospitals and others. We are not a mission, with the function of giving hand-outs to all and sundry. We only accept genuine needy folk, who are recommended to us by the above organisations. A loyal band of women, under the superintendency of Mrs. Molloy, meets regularly to sort and distribute the thousands of pieces of clothing sent each year. We regard this ministry as a method of evangelism, for many folk coming to our Centre have first known of the love of God through such gifts.

Participation in the Mail Blanket Appeal and the "Kindness Week" Badge Sales, in co-operation with 16 other charities, has enabled us to extend this relief work and do much more than previously. Over 150 blankets are received each year by this means, and money which enables us to distribute ten dozen parcels as Christmas Cheer, through the churches.

## Social Questions

Social questions continually exercise our minds. We are deeply concerned with the evils and injustices in our midst, and at every opportunity seek to express the mind of the Church. Questions of divorce and delinquency, alcohol and gambling, desertion and mental illness, prison reform and crime, peace and war, undesirable movies and literature, inadequate provision for sick, aged and widows, and race segregation, etc., are our concern. If we are concerned with our neighbor's welfare, and where he is being unjustly treated or exploited, where his life is endangered or degraded, the Church must declare the righteousness of God, and demand the removal, or reform, consistent with the Christian message.



## Hospital Visitation

J. E. Shipway, our Hospital Chaplain, is now a well known and well beloved visitor to all hospitals. His ministry is appreciated by young and old, the sick and their relatives, by nurses and doctors. Regular visits are made to the large public hospitals, and to smaller hospitals by request. Country churches have learnt to appreciate this ministry, and, on admission, Mr. Shipway is advised, and the member is soon contacted. His ministry commences at the hospital where he meets the sick, but does not finish there, for often he must minister to the bereaved, or, when a patient is discharged, he advises the minister of the local church so that the good work may be followed up.

## Migration

Our ministry to migrants is extensive, because we work in close collaboration with the Good Neighbour Council and the Commonwealth Immigration Department. Both of these agencies use our facilities in cases of relief, accommodation and employment. In addition, others come direct to us with their many problems and difficulties. British families have been nominated and welcomed on arrival, and given every assistance to help them settle happily into their new home.

## Counselling

Counsel is offered to persons with marriage and personal problems and difficulties. So often the unburdening of the heart has helped another to understand their problem better, and often to relieve the burden. Advice and help are given in matters of pensions and State relief, property and other legal matters. Parents and wives, whose loved one is serving a prison sentence, come to talk over their difficulties. They have

their burdens and heartaches, and if unable to give direct assistance, we refer them to other agencies or organisations with which we are familiar.

Prison chaplaincy is carried out by the secretary, who is the appointed prison chaplain (non-episcopal) to the long-term prison at Yatala, where his duties involve weekly visitation and the arrangement of church services. Many opportunities are given to discuss personal and family problems, and many small tasks are undertaken on behalf of the men. Families of the men are often provided with clothing and other needs. On release the men are sometimes given clothing, jobs are found for them, and encouragement is given.

## Christian Fellowship Association

In eleven years, the C.F.A. has grown to a strength of 1,750 membership, which in terms of financial assistance can give tremendous help to those who are in financial difficulties. During last year, 22 members received assistance amounting to £1,750 in loans and gifts. It is gratifying to know that we have been able to assist so many, and the knowledge of this should commend the Association to those who do not contribute. We bank surplus monies with the Mutual Fund, so even this money serves the brotherhood and not the banks. £1,000 is assisting the Brotherhood Centre, and £2,250 is on loan to the Rest Home.

## Broadcasting

Through the courtesy of station 5AD Adelaide, we have a fortnightly broadcast, and are able to inform a wide listening public about our work and make our appeals, which often bring a worthwhile response in the interests of, and for the benefit of, our welfare and prison work.

## Affiliations

In our representation we serve the Marriage Guidance Council, Prisoners' Aid Society, Good Neighbour Council, Committee of Alcoholism, Temperance Alliance, Council of Social Services, Council of Charitable Organisations, Old People's Welfare Council, Peace Council, Reform Board, Morialta Homes, Christian Christmas Campaign; on a number of these we serve on the Executive.

Social Service is the Church at work, serving the community, healing, helping, caring, sharing. It is the Church bringing the love of Christ to the people in a way they understand.

W. W. SAUNDERS, Chairman, Federal Social Questions and Services Board,  
writes of . . .

# LOVE'S EXPRESSION

Wondrous and awe-inspiring are the attitudes of God. Paul declared (Rom. 1: 20), "The invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and godhead."

## "God Is Love"

Glory, majesty, might, beauty, creatorship! How they become and exalt God. But if that were the only revelation of God it would leave much to be desired. The human heart craves more than that in God. It desires sympathy, understanding, concern, affection and intimacy. 1 John 4: 8 assures that these yearnings are met, "for God is love."

## The Revelation of Love

But where is the evidence of that love? "In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins" (1 John 4: 9-10).

Yes! "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son." Only thus could God's love be expressed and known. All his other attributes could be discerned in things, but his love could only be revealed in a Person and in action.

Mrs. N. WARD, Superintendent of the Vic.-Tas. Women's Committee, expresses a woman's view on the . . .

## Ministry of Love

The Department of Social Service has many avenues of service, firstly, within the brotherhood, and secondly, by representing the brotherhood in Social Service Organisations in the community.

The Christian Women's Fellowship Social Service Committee is glad to share in this work. Whether in work for our Homes for the Aged, or giving assistance to one of our own sisters, or packing parcels for needy people in some distant corner of the world, we do all in the name of our Master, and pray that whatever we do may be used by him to bring someone to the knowledge of his love.

In undertaking this work we help to fulfil the divine command of evangelism—"Ye shall be witnesses unto me."

Let us, then, all be partners in this great work of our Lord.

## Manifesting Human Love

As with God, so with human love. We may say we love. But how other than through actions and attitudes toward persons can our love be made manifest? Deeds, not words, are the true expression of love.

John has this principle in mind as he writes, "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar, for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?" (1 John 4: 20).

James emphasises the principle (James 2: 15-16): "If a brother and sister be naked and destitute of daily food and you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled;

social questions, problems and conditions of all types; but many have cause to be grateful for support, guidance and co-operation in relation thereto. Temporal, physical and material wants are met readily and regularly. Accommodation and security needs of the aged and ailing are provided for in our Homes for the Aged, which render a ministry unsurpassed in this field of Christian service.

"By this shall men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one for another," our Lord affirmed. Through this phase of brotherhood activity we reveal, in a way readily seen and understood, that we have been with Jesus and have learned of him, his love and his spirit.

"God so loved that he gave — his only begotten Son, Christ, the Son of God, who loved me and gave — himself for me."

How full and complete the expression of their love! May we, through our support of our Social Service Dept., enable it to express in like manner our love for our Lord and our fellows.

## FAITH REVEALED IN WORKS BY HOSPITAL VISITATION

Chas. Young, Vic. Hospital Chaplain, writes:

## "By the Grace of God"

"O brother man, fold to thy heart thy brother,

Where pity dwells the peace of God is there.

To worship right is to love each other, Each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer."

Yes, by the grace of God, the prayers of, and the love gifts of many of his children, a ministry to the lonely, the sad, the sick, the dying has been made possible.

For almost twelve years I have been in and out of the leading hospitals of Melbourne. Standing by thousands of thousands of sick-beds, I have been able to minister in the name of Christ.

Yes, by the grace of God, children of tender years, the middle-aged, the very old have been ministered to.

As people live together, pray, work, make sacrifices together, and are drawn together in the love of the Spirit, can the work of Christ be done.

Your prayers, your sacrificial giving are necessary if this Christlike ministry is to be continued. Every true work of God is begun, continued and perfected in prayer.

Brethren, pray for us.

## JESUS SAID IT—

*"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."*

—Matthew 25: 40.



DO WE BELIEVE IT?

notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body, what doth it profit?" He likewise declares, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction . . ." (1: 27); and, again, "If ye fulfil the royal law according to the Scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, ye do well" (2: 8).

## Love In Action

It surely cannot be denied that, as a brotherhood, we are increasingly fulfilling this "royal law."

Our profession of love and concern for those in need is more and more being expressed through deeds, which reveal that we are "loving them as ourselves," in that we seek for them the good we desire for ourselves. Our Social Service Department is our voice, our eyes, our hands and feet in helping us "practise what we preach."

Space forbids a detailing of the Department's activities in regard to

F. M. COMBRIDGE, Asst.-Sec., Federal Social Questions and Services Board,  
states that . . .

# Social Service = Christian Love in Action

Social Service is "Christianity in Action." It is the application of our faith in Christ towards others and their needs. It is faith applied through works.

Dr. Billy Graham, when in Melbourne recently, said that in his travels he had observed some people had a vertical approach to the gospel, with an emphasis only on "Thou shalt love God." There were others who had a horizontal approach, with the emphasis only on "Thou shalt love thy neighbor." Both of these groups were good people, but the gospel of Jesus Christ was both vertical and horizontal, as expressed in the words of Jesus — "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself."

We love God because he first loved us. We learn this from the Bible, and by our own experience of growth in Christian living. Therefore, if we love him, it follows that we should love our neighbors. Love is the very source of the Christian message; Christianity is the true source of feeling toward others. Jesus told the inquiring lawyer that if he obeyed this practice of loving God and his neighbor, he would live. The word "live" means to live here and now; the experience of those who practise Christ's commands testifies of that joyous life now, and of a great hope within their hearts.

## Love Inherited

"Brethren, let us love one another, for love is of God, and he who loves is born of God and knows God." The true follower of Christ naturally inherits love; it is a love towards God, acknowledging the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the Cross. He revealed God's love for man, so much in need of a Redeemer. Secondly, he inherits love towards his fellowmen, for whom Christ died. They need to know Christ as Saviour, and they need the ministry of Christian help in material things. The lesson of the Good Samaritan teaches Christ's message, and again James demonstrates the same message in his letter. The Christian reveals his faith by his works. "If a brother or sister is ill-clad and in lack of daily food, and one of you may say to them — 'Go in peace, be warmed and filled' without giving them the things for the body, what does it

profit?" This kind of religion only brings dishonor to our Saviour, who, when he was in the flesh, "went about doing good." He ministered to the physical needs of men, as well as the spiritual.

## Application of Love

Let us show "our faith by our works" to the world, to men and women about us, by practical help and love, by the sharing of our experience of Christ, thus revealing the love of God.

Social Service is an avenue of Christian service, representing our brotherhood in meeting so many varied needs of both young and old, and of the great company of people around us — these are our neighbors. We serve them in Christ's name.

Your share in the Annual Offering, or through your church Budget, will determine the extent of showing "Our Love to God and to Others."

"Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

# I Love God, and I Love My Brother Also

It would be easy for all of us to be loving and harmonious all of the time if it were not for other persons. But the true test of our loving spirit is how well it stands up under the rigors of everyday living.

In 1 John 4: 20 we read, "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his

brother, he is a liar; for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, cannot love God, whom he hath not seen." This matter of expressing love for God cannot be separated from our thoughts and feelings and actions toward other persons. It helps us to experience love for God and man when we remember that, after all, there is no separation. God is not remote from man. God is in us, God is in our family, God is in the persons with whom we associate. We show our love for God as we express love for other persons, as we are patient with them, as we refrain from condemning or criticising them.

It is easy to be loving toward even the most difficult person when we remember to say to ourselves, "I love you, because God is in you."

"This commandment have we . . . that he who loveth God love his brother also" (1 John 4: 21).



This poor widow hath cast more in than all they which have cast into the treasury. Mark 12: 43.

The Gift That Pleas'd Jesus.

## DO YOU KNOW?

That we Australians consumed 224,135,000 gallons of beer, and 2,735,000 gallons of spirits during the year ending June 30, 1958. This is an increase of 6,099,000 gallons.

That the Annual Report to the Government of the Police Accident Appreciation Squad revealed that of 173 accidents investigated, 125 people died. In 94 of these deaths liquor was a factor.



(Notes supplied by A. Anderson,  
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## EPIDEMICS

The flu, which has caused so much sickness and distress in Australia, has hit our New Hebrides people. We are thankful that so far no missionaries have reported being affected, but all Islands have had much sickness. Maewo seems to have been hit hardest.

Reg Cambridge writes: "This year the sickness on Maewo seems to be the worst on record. Whooping cough and bacillary dysentery have been bad but are calmed down, and now there is a bad epidemic of influenza of a very bad type. It has already claimed four lives at the top of Maewo, and I believe there have been more deaths since. All these people that died were in distant villages, and were unable to secure medical aid. During the past two weeks we have had very heavy rains, thus preventing people higher up from seeking help.

"As soon as we could, we hired a boat (the Mission launch is temporarily out of order) and went to Peterara, where a large amount of influenza is centred. We could only stay for a few hours, as Beryl had to get back to the hospital at Nasawa. In the few hours' stay she treated 42 patients.

"At the time of writing we have the hospital full, every available hut full, and have had to turn the Mission house into a hospital for the non-infectious cases.

"This morning a small boat came down from a Melanesian village, and brought several more people. One case is a boy who has been sick for weeks, and delirious for one week. He is dehydrated and very low. If he gets better at all, it will be through prayer and the grace of God. In his delirium this 13-year-old lad calls out, 'I don't want to die.' His father died of influenza only two weeks ago. This boy seems to echo the voices of thousands in civilised places who have the glorious opportunity to know Christ, and yet pass him by in their pursuit of pleasure, money, sport and such things.

"For two nights and days this week Beryl has had to work right round the clock, with no sleep. We had a small baby in hospital with virus pneumonia. Penicillin and sulpha

drugs had absolutely no effect, but we can praise God that through the use of a very expensive drug, chlor-mycetin, and prayer, this life was saved.

"We must now turn our eyes in the direction of a new dispensary and hospital buildings, and the installation of new equipment, whereby we can preach the gospel of the saving, healing, life-giving Christ more effectively than ever in word and in deed."

## ITEMS FROM ANNUAL BALANCES

There has never been a year like the one just concluded. Expenditure was away above all past records, but we are able to praise God that receipts met all demands, and we ended the year with a small credit of £179 in our General Account. Expenditure in the General Fund was over £34,000, and this does not include the New Guinea Field! Of the total amount expended, £16,714 went to India; approximately £9,000 went to New Hebrides; office accounted for £1,750; insurance (chiefly on Mission personnel) £666.

No. 2 Account (special and earmarked monies) shows an expenditure of £15,008. India received £3,272; £594 went to New Hebrides, plus the cost of two refrigerators, £355, making the total £949. New Guinea made the heaviest call, and £7,311 was expended on buildings, equipment, fares and salaries. It is interesting to note that, since the beginning of the new financial year, the first subsidy cheque (of £100) has been received from the Administration Treasurer. This will help to meet general expenses to a small extent.

For a year of amazing demands upon finance, all of which were met by the liberality of a brotherhood devoted to the work of the Lord in overseas fields, we are happy to raise our doxology — "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

**Impending Departures.** — In less than three weeks Miss Aileen Draney (Qld.) and Miss Janet Hunting (Vic.), will be on the way to reinforce the workers in New Guinea. Miss Hunting will sail by the Bulolo from Sydney on Aug. 14, and Miss Draney will join the same boat at Brisbane on Aug. 17.

**Miss Jones to Come on Furlough.** — It is anticipated that Miss Pauline

Jones will arrive in Sydney about Aug. 6, from New Hebrides. She will spend six months in Australia on furlough.

## "Faith and Works"

Our Works Witness to Our Faith.

James in his epistle writes, "Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

"For, if any one is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who observes his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself and goes away, and at once forgets what he was like. But he who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer that forgets but a doer that acts, he shall be blessed in his doing.

"If any one thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this man's religion is vain. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

"What does it profit, my brethren, if a man says he has faith, but has not works? Can his faith save him? If a brother or sister is ill-clad and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, be warmed and filled,' without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit? So faith by itself, if it has not works, is dead."

—James 1: 22-27; 2: 14-17 (R.S.V.).

## DO YOU KNOW?

That gambling is common in highest circles as well as among the poor.

That the Australian Year Book reveals, for the year ending June 30, 1958, lottery ticket sales totalled 32,402,000; prizes totalled £20,250,000; revenue £10,031,000; totalisator investments £33,828,000; with licensed bookmakers £244,767,000 (without Queensland's figures, which are not available). Australians gambled £288,626,000, plus S.P. bookmaking, raffles and sundry forms of gambling.

That by comparison we spend only £121,577,000 on Age and Invalid Pensions. Health Services total £247,485,000.







**Theme for the Week:**  
**"RHYTHM OF LIFE"**

**Sunday, August 9**

Psalm 8; Genesis 2: 1-3.

**Thought Text:** "What is . . . the son of man, that thou visitest him?" (v. 4).

This has been called an "inspired mistranslation," as the word for "visitest" really means "care for." But if, as William Taylor points out, "the primary sense of the word is to look for what is missing and lacking," is that not, after all, exactly what the Good Shepherd did when he visited with mankind?

"What is he," asks J. R. P. Sclater, "but the Visitor from God who comes to stay permanently? There are visitors and visitors; it is a wondrous thing to know of one Visitor whose sole purpose in coming is to save."

Both translations capture the Psalmist's wonder — that the infinite God should care like this for puny man. But it took a Cross to show how much!

Abide with me, my soul's dear Guest, and strengthen me for every test. Amen.

**Monday, August 10**

Exodus 20: 1-8.

**Thought Text:** "Thou shalt have no other gods before me" (v. 3).

Here is the first of the great commandments that lifted Israel out of the rut of heathen nations.

Some would say it is now outdated and unnecessary among civilised men. But who amongst us has never made an idol? More subtle and compelling than the old idols of wood and stone are those which self enthrones in the heart. "I warn you," wrote Heinrich Vogel to his fellow-Germans at a time when the Confessional Church was fighting for its life against Nazism, "there is nothing great or small from which man has not produced an idol of some sort . . . wisdom and skill, money and goods, blood and honor, race and fatherland,

# WHEN SOARS the SOUL

## A Week of Daily Devotions, Based on Readings Suggested by the "Book of Family Worship"

sacrifice and pledge, love and truth, wife, child, mother, friend and leader."

O God, help me to face up honestly to the test of who matters most in my life, and to give thee thy rightful place. Amen.

**Tuesday, August 11**

Psalm 37: 1-11.

**Thought Text:** "Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him" (v. 7). Mendelssohn's music has made these words doubly immortal. They have brought untold comfort to those who, in sore need, have leant heavily upon the Lord, and proved with Tennyson that he is still "closer than breathing, and nearer than hands and feet."

But the word translated "rest" really means "be still." Only when we have silenced our fretful fears, and really let faith take over, can we know the full wonder of his presence. Peter's own experience was behind his words, "Casting all your care upon him, for he careth for you."

Lord, thou knowest the clamor of my heart, and the voices that shout to drown thy still small voice. Help me to hear thee now, as I wait for thee. Amen.

**Wednesday, August 12**

Psalm 46.

**Thought Text:** "Be still, and know that I am God" (v. 10).

Jesus once said, "No man knoweth the Father, save the Son," and certainly no one ever made God so real to men as he. Every day he spent long hours among clamoring crowds, but not before he had spent so much time alone with God in prayer, that men, instinctively sensing the strength it gave him, came asking, "Lord, teach us how to pray."

John S. Bunting has helpfully pointed out that, wherever you turn in the Gospels, "you realise that here speaks and acts One who has just emerged from some place of deep quiet." Have I learnt his lesson, or am I too busy, even doing good things, to let God reach through to me in the quietness?

O Lord, save me from being just fussily active; make me spiritually creative. Amen.

**Thursday, August 13**

Mark 2: 23-28.

**Thought Text:** "The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath" (v. 27).

For Jesus, a man's need was always more important than petty regula-

tions. God never meant the Sabbath to enslave man, but to help safeguard for him that worship which is so vital to the fuller life he wants all men to share.

As William Barclay sums it up, "The Sabbath was never so sacred as when it was used to help those who needed help. The final arbiter in the use of all things is love, and not law."

How creative and Christian, in spirit as well as in word, are my Sundays?

O Master, keep thy Church ever alive to human need, focused on the big things of the faith, and never on the incidentals of routine and ritual. Amen.

**Friday, August 14**

2 Timothy 2: 1-15.

**Thought Text:** "There is no prison for the word of God" (v. 9, Moffatt).

Paul, the prisoner, felt the end of his own ministry to be very near. "The last drops of my own sacrifice are falling," he wrote, "my time to go has come." But whatever happened to the messenger, he had no doubts about the message. That would go on, free and unfettered, no matter what men did to try to stifle it.

So it has always been. That word goes marching on still whenever men read his Prison Epistles, or John Bunyan's prison allegories, or some of the thrilling words that have come from Christians in concentration camps in our own generation. "My word shall not return unto me void!"

O God, bless the Bible Societies, and all they do to speed thy word into the hearts of men. Amen.

**Saturday, August 15**

Matthew 5: 13-16.

**Thought Text:** ". . . if the salt have lost his savor" (v. 13).

That word "savor" is also translated as "taste," "strength," "quality," and Campbell Morgan suggests that the Scotch word "tang" is probably closest to what Jesus meant. "Have you lost the 'tang' of your Christianity?" he asks. "There are thousands of Christian men who have lost their 'tang,' and men laugh at them, make fun of their Christianity."

Dr. Moffatt uses the word "insipid." Is that what our lives are like, or do we really register for Christ, at work, at sport, among our friends?

Lord, help me to maintain a spiritual glow, an inner zest, that will commend thee to others whom I meet each day. Amen.