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*When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him. Isaiah 59:19*

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## HEALING FOR THE NATIONS

### God's New Deal for the Youth

*For there is hope of a tree,  
if it is cut down,  
that it will sprout again,  
and that the tender branch of it  
will not cease,  
Though the root of it waxes old  
in the earth,  
and though the stump of it dies  
in the ground,  
yet through the scent of water  
it will bud  
and bring forth branches like a plant.*

Job 14:7-9

We live in a new day because God is doing a new thing in America, and in her youth. It is a whole new deal. The horizon for the youth is changing.

Once, most young people could see nothing for their lives except the same dull, patterned existence which previous generations had established and which they were expected to continue in as a matter of course. Their way was clearly pointed out for them: primary, secondary, and college

education, followed by a career, marriage, a family, retirement, and death.

Discontented with these prospects and disillusioned with the double standard they saw operating in American schools, businesses, churches, and government, the youth rebelled. In their revolt they attacked the established hierarchies of authority, brought immorality out into the open and sought an escape through drugs.

They have succeeded in shaking the structure of American society, but their methods have boomeranged, striking back at them.

Now Jesus, the Son of God, has arisen with glory and healing. He has brightened the horizon. He is bringing in a new deal: a way out of self-destruction and ruin. A way to freedom and eternal life through His Son Jesus who has the power to forgive sin, and to set men free from every bondage. Jesus offers abundant life to all young people who once saw no purpose in their empty lives. This is God's new deal.

The "new morality" proclaimed by teachers, ministers, and professors, and condoned by parents and the youth themselves, was supposed to be a new deal: an offer of licentious freedom and an end to guilt. It has not brought freedom, but rather corruption, heartbreak, loss of self-respect and the erosion of marriage.

Drugs were supposed to expand the mind and increase a person's hold on life. Instead they have caused addiction, insanity, and disintegration of personality in young people. Pushers promised: "If you take drugs you will have a fuller life." They lied. Drugs have proved to be chains not wings.

What have rebellion against the establishment and the striking out into their detached world won for the youth? The "trip" did not take them to a new and better world. Once again the young people were

## Revival Kindles Laymen's Faith

A nation-wide Christian revival, spread primarily by church laymen, has broken out in Canada and is moving into the United States.

From its beginning in a small Baptist church in Saskatchewan, the revival, sparked by two 39-year-old evangelists, has reached as far east as Toronto and as far west as Vancouver. In the United States, it has touched several hundred churches since January, when it began in Mansfield, Ohio.

"God is breaking in on the scene with a real spiritual awakening move among His people... It's a spontaneous, grassroots, layman's move," said Louis Sutera, who with his twin brother, Ralph, saw the beginning of the revival in the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Saskatoon.

"People started getting right with each other, confessing faults to each other—things they had harbored for years. They started to talk about it and other people from other churches started to come and see."

### Burglaries Decrease

As soon as the revival began, the whole town was affected. "Stores downtown said people were coming back and making restitution. There was a decline in night burglaries and juvenile problems," Sutera said.

"On October 13th we started preaching in the little church in

Saskatoon with 150 people," he said. But after two weeks, they had to move into the largest church in town to hold the daily revival meetings.

"We realized we were in something bigger than we had ever seen before," Mr. Sutera continued. The two evangelists canceled all of their scheduled commitments for meetings for the next three years. They decided to wait for God to show them where they should go.

Sometimes as many as 12 churches closed their Sunday evening services to join in revival meetings in this town of 18,000.

"Crowds were at least 40 per cent under 21 years old. Not much music. We opened the platform for people to come and express themselves as to how God was dealing with them and what God was showing them and how they were getting right with God."

"I would say much of the power of the meetings was the fact that the laymen had opportunity to express themselves—come right to the pulpit and say whatever they felt. Sometimes this would go for 30 minutes in the meetings, or 45 minutes or sometimes an hour and 15 minutes.

Ralph and Louis Sutera, who describe themselves as non-denominational evangelists, have been preaching together since they were 16 years old. They have ministered in

churches of nearly every denomination, though primarily in Christian and Missionary Alliance churches.

Mr. Sutera said that the twins' preaching had initially emphasized God's demands on a person's life and what the church must do to have revival. They also preached about God's judgment on nations that depart from God's truth.

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### ISRAEL MUST LIVE!

Israel must live! The cry that was rung out by young Jews everywhere after the Six Day War: Israel must live! Israel has a character of its own, a permanence that has endured persecutions of the worst sort and nineteen hundred years of displacement to be gathered again into the promised land of Palestine.

It is an amazing fact that the Jews have neither been destroyed by persecution nor assimilated by other societies. Time after time men have arisen determined to extinguish the Jewish race. Yet still the Jews survived, and the remnant was even more tightly bound in unity by that persecution.

On the other hand, centuries of separation from Israel have not severed the bond between the Jews and Israel.

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# Revival Spreads As Laymen Minister

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When you do find God's plan for your life, "you'll find the essence of living. You'll resound to the glory of God, and then the church will be the church and do what the church should be doing in society."

In Saskatoon, the church members began to pray for one another. After the regular meetings, people gathered for "afterglow" meetings, where they discussed problems and needs.

These "afterglow" meetings often lasted into the early morning—sometimes until 4:00 A.M.

As word of the revival spread, bus loads of people traveled up to 300 miles to attend meetings. When they returned home, they took the revival back with them.

The teams of laymen that went out to churches in other cities, including Toronto and Vancouver, were not made of trained ministers. They were ordinary church members and their message was simple—what God had done for them, their families and their churches.

The Sutera twins visited Corona, British Columbia, and again revival came to the churches.

"At least 12 preachers on one Sunday (in Corona) never got to preach their sermons in their churches. As they opened the pulpit, people started to share what God had done for them. Spontaneous revival broke out and people were getting right with God," Sutera said.

"They're (the pastors) saying more has happened in their churches in two weeks time than has happened in five years under the pastoral ministry."

## Overflows into U.S.

But Canada's revival has not been contained in Canada. It has now spread into the United States. If there is an identifiable place where it first touched the U.S., that place is Mansfield, Ohio, where the Sutera brothers and their families live.

After over two months of revival meetings, the two preachers returned home in late December. They arranged to speak in one of the local churches about what they had seen.

"On December 26th we told the story—gave a report. There must have been 100 people from different churches from all over who came to hear at the First Alliance Church."

"The next Sunday night we preached a little bit on revival and that night it started in right here."

"The revival came with great power on the second of January," said Rev. William Allen, pastor of the First Alliance Church in Mansfield.

"We were in church ten and a half hours that day and from that time to this we haven't hardly had a service that hasn't been at least three hours in length. We've just taken the clock . . . off the wall."

"Hundreds of people have met God, and through them other churches have been revived," he said.

At one meeting in Clyde, Ohio (near Toledo), a group of laymen spoke and "over 60 people met the Lord . . . Our laymen just stood there with their mouths open. They had never dreamed that anything like this would ever happen."

"The revival in the Mansfield area has affected thousands of people," Mr. Allen continued. "It is spreading and

gaining momentum in a way that I never dreamed of in the 33 years that I have been a Christian." Teams have gone from the church into Pennsylvania, Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky.

Family after family in Mr. Allen's

church and in other churches have said home is a new place. Children and parents have found a new relationship. Marriages once tottering on the edge of breakup are solid again.

"It's a quiet moving of God. There's

## Editorial:

"When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him." (Isaiah 59:19) We have chosen the title of our paper from this verse of scripture because, as undergraduates on the campuses of Yale, Harvard, and Columbia Universities, we have seen the Lord establish His work in the midst of overwhelmingly dark circumstances.

The recurrent waves of student rebellion have created an atmosphere which, when coupled with drug abuse and immorality, beckons an entire generation of youth into destruction. It is precisely during these years of decision that the power of Jesus Christ must be displayed through His servants, so that souls may be delivered from the schemes of the devil.

There is a continual conflict between truth and error at the universities, where the Bible is scorned and His servants, who live in accordance with its standards, are ridiculed.

That is why we believe that nothing less than a body of Christians solidly knit together with a sure standard of holiness, of discipleship, and of daily victory through the cross of Jesus will prevail against the devil and his emissaries.

The wickedness of our generation should only serve to increase the sobriety and carefulness with which we handle each day. Paul told Timothy, "Give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine." (I Timothy 4:13) Proper teaching, coupled with our decision to subject ourselves to God's Word, has preserved us in critical times from being swept aside, as young believers, by the enemy. This issue is being published to communicate to you and others some of the instruction we have received through the elders of our church, a non-denominational fellowship in New York City.

The standard of the Lord is worked out on the earth through active faith based on God's Word and on His power operating in us. Whether your surroundings are those of a campus or an office, they can be the location for a clear, steady enlargement of the plan of God; every circumstance can become a point of contact on the earth for the will of God as it is purposed in heaven.

Because of the cross-current of lies on our own campuses, we quickly found that we needed to be joined together in daily prayer and strengthening in the Word of God in order to withstand the confusion.

Daily prayer indicates to God, to the devil, and to all men that there are Christians on the campuses who mean business, and who are greatly concerned for the welfare of others—that they may be enlightened. Knowing that "it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe" (I Corinthians 1:21), we have also preached both indoors and outside to provide the opportunity to unsaved fellow students to cast off their sins and follow Jesus.

The Lord's standard is planted by Him in the midst of conflict and may be clung to by men who know they are weak in themselves, but who understand the words that the Lord spoke to Paul: "My strength is made perfect in weakness." (II Corinthians 12:9)

This nation is a battle ground for souls, but one where the Lord has drawn a line against the enemy. Let us as Christians wax bold in the Lord, fill places on that line, and stand until we see the salvation of our God triumph.

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no fanaticism," Mr. Allen said. "The one thing that is characterizing this revival is holy living and absolute honesty about sin and inner purity that's been thrilling to my heart."

"So many times Christians call sin faults, or weaknesses or errors and idiosyncracies. Well, we're calling it what God calls it, and that's sin. And Christ's blood doesn't cleanse faults, it cleanses sin, and we have to confess it as that. Bitterness and envy and pride—we're just calling it what it is."

Like Sutera, Allen calls the revival going on now in his church and others in the north central and northwestern United States a layman's movement.

"There's very little preaching," Mr. Allen said. Meetings "break out into testimony or people coming forward to pray and get something fixed up in their hearts. And then, after they do, they stand up and share what God has done for them."

"I feel that this is more powerful than preaching or anything else, because people can relate to a layman."

"The thing just spreads like fire in every direction."

"Some say Christians are being prepared for the Lord's return."

## A New Direction

Yet, from accounts of those involved in the revival, one can see that God is moving in a new way. No longer are the ministers doing most of the praying and all of the preaching in the church services. God has led church members to do these things. No longer are the laymen putting the responsibility of spreading the Gospel on their ministers. Laymen are doing the traveling and speaking themselves.

The direction of the revival is clear. It is moving toward what the church was like when it was founded. Originally every church member took part in the worship services. Each one had a psalm, a doctrine, a tongue, a revelation, an interpretation; in this way the church was built up in its faith. (I Corinthians 14:26)

As both Mr. Sutera and Mr. Allen pointed out, the power in this present revival lies in the active participation of the church members. That was the strength and power of the early church. There was no such thing as two distinct groups: those who ministered and preached, and those who listened and received.

As the revival continues, the great need will be for those who can lead it on in this direction—toward the pattern and functioning of the New Testament church. There is a great need for Spirit-filled teachers to be raised up who can make known the way into God's perfect will for the whole church.

People said of the early church, "These that have turned the world upside down have come here also." (Acts 17:6) As the church comes into being after its original pattern, not only will people testify what great things have been done in the past, but what miracles are being done today. God's people will be drawn together into one body—the "Body of Christ," through which the will of God will be accomplished on earth in our generation.

God grant His people knowledge and understanding of what He is doing in our day.



# God's New Deal for the Youth

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tricked by the devil. Revolution was supposed to bring in a new social order, but it only caused useless disruptions, destruction, and needless loss of life.

Immorality, drugs, and rebellion are all part of the old deal. Their promises have proved to be false. But Jesus Christ the Son of God offers the youth a new deal. He offers eternal life, peace, true freedom, power through a relationship with God, if they will turn to Him, confess their sin, and follow Him.

Ministers and professors said "God is dead," "Don't believe the Bible; don't expect God to help you out of your problems." But Jesus has begun to counteract these lies and to reveal the truths of the Scriptures to the youth.

God is faithful. Many people have prayed and interceded for the youth of America and of the world. God has heard the prayers of those who have been faithfully calling out to Him to deliver them from these lies and barren promises of Satan.

Though the young people have sunk to such depths of shame, yet "where sin abounds, God's grace much more abounds." They have been deceived by false promises and have fallen in many ways, but God is lifting them up. There are encouraging signs all over the nation. Young people are turning to God for deliverance from sin, drugs, boredom, and hopelessness, and are experiencing true liberation.

We pray and believe that the youth will hear the call to repent and that they will use their opportunity to choose God's way: salvation through the cleansing of sin by the blood of Jesus.

In Moses' time there was a new day and a new deal for the young. The older generation of Israelites refused to go into the promised land because they were afraid. They did not believe God's promise to give them victory in battle against the Canaanites. They murmured against God. Their unbelief

delayed God's promises from being realized.

God raised up a new generation, those under 20, and gave them the promises their fathers could not inherit. They went forth in one accord, and went into possess the promised land. "Surely none of the men that came out of Egypt, from 20 years old shall see the land which I swear unto Abraham...because they have not wholly followed me." (Numbers 32:11)

"The Lord's disciples were expecting a new deal. Jesus, their Savior, their Teacher, their Shepherd, before He ascended to the Father, promised to send the Comforter. The new deal for them began with the coming of the Holy Spirit. They were in one accord in one place because Jesus had promised them that He would not leave them orphans, but that the Father would send them the Holy Spirit."

On the Day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit descended as a mighty rushing wind and with tongues of fire. He ushered in the church age, a new epoch, a new deal. With the Holy Spirit, God's power and anointing came on the early disciples. What a day after such suffering and sorrow! Thousands were converted and baptized in the Holy Spirit and baptized in water.

This was only the beginning of the new deal. The Gentiles were also brought into the move of God. A new day for the Jews and a new day for the Gentiles—a new day all around.

Shortly after Pentecost, God led Peter by the Holy Spirit to go to the house of Cornelius, a Gentile. This was a new move of God, the beginning of a new day for the Gentiles, who had been excluded from the promises to Israel.

God told Peter that He was doing a new thing. Peter was no longer to consider Gentiles to be outside the plan of God. The middle wall of partition between Jew and Gentile had been broken down by Jesus' death on

wickedness. Their contemporaries said that they were men who had "turned the world upside down." They had God's great remedy for a sinful world.

Today Jesus is separating unto Himself a people. He is calling out the young and they will answer His call. The Lord Jesus Christ will have a people He can present to Himself as His Bride "without spot or wrinkle or any such thing."

Thank God today for the brightest future yet. Thank God for His promise that in our generation He will have a

## THANK GOD TODAY FOR THE BRIGHTEST FUTURE YET

Calvary. Now Gentiles could partake fully of salvation.

Peter obeyed, went to Cornelius' house and the Holy Spirit descended on the Gentiles gathered there.

We are still living in the era of the Holy Spirit. The work which He began in the early church is not yet completed. Our generation has been ordained to accomplish a part of this work. God is now searching for those who will participate in His great design for this day.

In order that young men and women can participate in God's plan He is offering the youth a new deal. We must believe that they will respond to God's call, we have to believe. This is the great hope of the country, the great hope of the world which is sinking fast into a quagmire of iniquity and filth and despair.

Through the power of the Holy Spirit the early disciples were able to stem the tide of

people who will be entirely His, who will feast at the marriage supper of the Lamb.

The outlook from the world's point of view, as well as the predictions for the winding up of this age, is one of alarm. What can the outcome be but one of gloom and despair?

But Jesus is Victor and He will give us the victory every time!

Just as Jesus Himself encouraged the disciples in their testing time, we too can be encouraged in this dark hour before the dawn. The light is breaking upon us now as His Church, His bride is being formed.

The Spirit says come, the bride says come and whosoever will may come. And let him that heareth say come and let him that is athirst come and whosoever will let him come. (Revelation 22:17)

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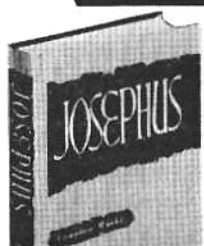
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# The Church — The Body of Christ

St. Paul wrote of the mystery that had been hidden throughout the ages: the mystery of the Body of Christ. He called the Body of Christ the Church. God the Father gave Jesus to be the Head of the "Church, which is His Body" (Eph. 2:22-23). Those who believe in Jesus can be baptized into His Body and made members (hands, feet, etc.) of His Body (I Cor. 12:13-27). They are "to grow up in every way into Him Who is the Head, from Whom the whole Body makes bodily growth and upbuilds itself in love, when each part is working properly" (Eph. 4:15-16).

The Body of Christ is also called the Bride of Christ (Rev. 18:23, 21:2). A man chooses a bride to be his wife as long as he lives. Jesus Christ seeks His Bride, who will live with Him forever. As a wife, she is to subject herself to her husband. So the Church obeys Jesus Christ, Who is "the Head of the Church....Christ loved the Church, and gave Himself for it, that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that He might present it to Himself a glorious Church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy, and without blemish." Thus she is compared to a bride at her wedding. (Eph. 5:23-27)

When the Son of God came down from Heaven to do His Father's Will on Earth, He needed a body. He said to the Father, "Sacrifice and offering Thou wouldest not, but a BODY hast Thou prepared Me" (Hebrews 10:5). Jesus offered His physical body, which the Father gave Him at His birth, to do God's Will. Jesus said, "Lo, I come to do Thy Will, O God" (vv. 7-9), "by the which Will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once and for all" (v. 10). As God prepared Jesus' physical body for this work of Redemption, so He is preparing the Body of Christ to be an instrument of His Will on Earth.

## Many Members—One Body

How are the members of the Body of Christ, as we come together for worship or ministry, to move in the Spirit and to operate the spiritual gifts? The highest goal in both worship and ministry is to glorify Jesus and edify His Body (I Cor. 14:12, 26). "How is it then, brethren? (that is, the whole church, I Cor. 14:23) when ye come together, everyone of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let ALL things be done unto edifying" (v. 26).

By more than inference we therefore understand it is not the case of a single individual ministering, but the whole church: the members of His Body in unity.

St. Paul explained the essentials of a Spirit-led service: psalms or spiritual songs, that is, spiritual worship; doctrine, which is the solid teaching of the whole counsel of God; tongues with interpretation (which equal prophecy), lifting the service to higher spiritual realms until at last revelation comes forth. Revelation is a further unveiling of truths that had been hidden; this may mean more light on Scripture given to the Church.

All members of the Body participate in the service, each contributing his part, "for as we have many members in one body, all members have not the

same office; so we, being many are one Body in Christ, and everyone members one of another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; or ministry, let us wait on our ministering; or he that teacheth, on teaching" (Rom. 12:4-7). This Scripture teaches us clearly that we are to wait on one another and not to go beyond the measure of faith we have or the unction of the Holy Spirit. It is just as important to know when and where to start as it is to know when and where to stop, lest the Holy Spirit be grieved and quenched.

Since our Lord knows our spiritual needs perfectly, He will supply them in each service accordingly. That is to say, by the end of each service, the church will have received whatever it needed—be it teaching, rebuke, comfort, admonition, exhortation, or revelation. There could be a whole service of spiritual worship and adoration to the King of kings. Those who are filled with the Holy Spirit will at all times accept the spiritual direction of the elders watching zealously for the good of the whole flock. It is not only essential to be tuned, that is, to be in harmony with the Holy Spirit, but also to be timed and to move and allow the spirit to manifest the gift at the appropriate time. Thus, from the beginning of the service to the end, the Holy Spirit will develop a theme of such perfection that all parts of the service are woven and blended into His perfect plan and pattern. The songs and prayers as well

as the prophetic or doctrinal messages are needed. Each service, then, will be blessedly different from others because He always moves in new and fresh ways.

There are nine gifts of the Holy Spirit which can be manifested during the service. (They are listed in I Cor. 12:8-10) These gifts divide into three groups of three gifts each, according to their nature:

1. Revelation gifts: the gift of the word of wisdom, the gift of the word of knowledge, and the gift of discernment of spirits.
2. Utterance gifts: the gift of prophecy, the gift of tongues, and the gift of interpretation of tongues.
3. Power gifts: the gift of faith, the

apply it to the situation at the critical moment.

The gift of discernment of spirits is the God-given ability to detect the presence and ascertain the identity of spirits, both of the Spirit of God and evil spirits.

The gift of prophecy is the God-given ability to bring forth a message from the Lord for edifying, exhorting, or comforting the Body. Prophecy is as much "news" to the one who prophesies as to those who listen. The gift of tongues is the God-given ability to speak in various languages otherwise unknown to the speaker. The gift of interpretation of tongues is the God-given ability to interpret, that is, to bring forth the sum and substance of what has been spoken in an unknown tongue. The operation of the last two gifts is equal to the gift of prophecy.

## CHRIST LOVED THE CHURCH AND GAVE HIMSELF FOR IT

gift of miracles, and the gifts of healings.

The gift of the word of knowledge is the God-given ability to bring forth a word of knowledge, that is, revelation concerning a person or a thing or a situation one could not humanly know anything about. The word of knowledge is always given to help a person or to build up the church.

The gift of the word of wisdom is the God-given ability to bring forth a word of wisdom, that is, specific revelation on how to handle a difficult situation. The word of knowledge and the word of wisdom can accompany one another. That is, the Holy Spirit may give the word of knowledge to a person and also show him how to

The gift of faith is the God-given ability to believe for the humanly impossible to come to pass. The gift of the working of miracles is the God-given ability to perform a miracle, that is, something which is entirely contrary to the laws of nature. The gifts of healing are God-given abilities to heal various diseases.

You might ask where these gifts were operating in the first New Testament church. Immediately after the first believers were baptized in the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, they exercised the gifts: Jews from fifteen foreign nations who had come to Jerusalem heard the preaching of the word in their own language because the disciples spoke in other tongues. Later at the Gate Beautiful, Peter and John exercised the gift of faith and the gift of miracles to heal the lame man who had been begging at the temple gate all his life.


## Gifts in Operation

In Acts 5, we find Peter using five of the gifts of the Holy Spirit to handle a problem in the church. Through the gift of discernment of spirits, he detected and identified lying spirits in Ananias and Sapphira which made them lie to the Holy Spirit. Through the gift of the word of knowledge, Peter knew that Ananias and his wife Sapphira had agreed to keep back part of the price of the land. He could not possibly have known about this secret agreement. The way Peter handled Ananias and especially his wife, when she came in three hours later, shows the use of the gift of the word of wisdom. Peter prophesied their end. The prophecy was fulfilled instantly. The operation of the gift of faith is most clearly seen in Peter's faith that the miracle of Ananias' sudden death was to be repeated with Sapphira. The effect of the use of these gifts was the purification of the Church, "and of the rest durst no man join himself to them: but the people magnified them" (Acts 5:13).

Just as the Holy Spirit has given nine gifts to the Body of Christ, the Lord has also given men to His Church who are endowed with the ministries of the Holy Spirit. For this purpose, "the Lord gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, FOR THE EDIFYING OF THE BODY OF CHRIST" (Eph. 4:11, 12).

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**I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.**

(Romans 12:1)

These words reveal the secret to a powerful and fruitful life of discipleship. Therefore it is vital for a Christian who is seeking God's highest for his life to understand them. The importance of these words cannot be stressed enough. Therefore heed them by the mercies of God. Consider the mercy of God who sent His Son to die for you to save you from death and hell.

In the light of such mercy and love, what are you to do? "PRESENT YOUR BODIES A LIVING SACRIFICE." To present here means to consecrate, to set apart as belonging wholly to God. Therefore, in order to present yourself to God, you must forfeit your right to yourself. This means your body, your soul, everything. As Timothy Dwight, a renowned early president of Yale University, said: "Christ is the only, the true, the living way of access to God. Give up yourselves therefore to Him with a cordial confidence, and the great work of life is done."

How often Christians ask, "What can I give to God?" or "What do I have that the Lord wants?" The Scripture plainly shows that you have precisely what He wants: you—your body, your soul, your life.

Presenting yourself to God is the first step in the life of a disciple. Anything less than that is doomed to fall short of the high calling of God.

How important it is to be a disciple, especially in our day! Now, as always, God will only use fully surrendered believers in the working out of His perfect will on earth. Consider the early church. Through whom did Christ build His church? Who became the vital functioning members of the church? Those who followed Him wholly and unreservedly. They established the church, evangelized nations, worked miracles. They "turned the world upside down."

The glorious record of the early disciples still shines bright today and we can read about their exploits in the Acts of the Apostles. Thousands of Jews accepted Jesus as Messiah through the powerful and supernatural ministry of Peter and the disciples in Jerusalem. Gentiles were saved and churches established through the mighty laboring of Paul. Revivals sprang up in the paths of evangelists such as Philip. The lame, the blind, and the deaf were healed; and the dead were brought back to life. Mysteries, revelation, and future events were unveiled by God to early disciples such as Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles,

Agabus, the prophet in Jerusalem, and John the apostle on the isle of Patmos. Why were they able to do the will of God? Because they were "living sacrifices."

They denied their own aspirations so that their full potential could be consumed in doing the will of God. This is the whole secret of their success.

If you are to be a vital participant in the sovereign plan of God for your generation, you have no alternative but to present yourself to God a living sacrifice.

How is this done? Notice first of all who must offer the sacrifice, and, secondly, what it consists of. The answer to both of these questions is **you!** You must present your body to God. Nobody else can do this for you. The matter of discipleship involves your being, and hinges on your will. Are you willing to demolish any hopes you have of realizing your soul's ambitions?

In the Old Testament, the lambs and bullocks that were sacrificed to God had to be without spot or blemish. They were the prize animals of the flock, not the weaklings

(Matt. 10:39) As this death works within you, so His life will well up within you, producing fruit.

Jesus has clearly shown us the way of surrender. He chose His Father's will, and "became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." Because Jesus became a sacrifice out of love for us, He has the right to ask us to echo this love with the same quality of response when He calls, "Come and follow Me." This is why He has said: "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me." (Matthew 16:24)

Many Christians, facing this decision, skirt death to self and find it convenient to involve themselves in some sort of Christian work to which they have called themselves. This is because a Christian who comprehends what God wants of him will either present himself as a living sacrifice to God or after catching a glimpse of what this would mean will decide: "this is not for me," and draw back from God's perfect way. Then, in order to escape painful self-condemnation, he will strive to make up for his unwillingness to die to self by "working" for the Lord.

Such people avoid the issue of death to self by clouding it over with activity and fervor. This only leads to a dilatory and useless Christian life. Not dilatory in terms of sweat and busyness. Not useless to the machinery of institutions and programs which such Christians serve. But utterly dilatory and useless in terms of spiritual reality—in terms of fighting the supernatural warfare with power vs. principalities and spiritual wickedness in high places. And in terms of preparing the way for Jesus' return.

There comes a great divide in the life of every Christian when he must decide to take the way of the Cross, the way of death to self, or the way of compensation, substitution, and self-deception.

God, through His Scriptures and by His Spirit, will point out those things within you, one by one, which are not of Him and will say: "This must go—are you

willing?" An affirmative and instantaneous reply to the promptings of the Holy Spirit are the earmarks of a disciple. He cheerfully obeys God no matter what the cost.

**AND THIS IS ONLY YOUR REASONABLE SERVICE.** Jesus bought us back from sin. He paid for us with His blood on Calvary. We are His purchased possession, owned by God, not by ourselves, nor by the world, nor by the powers of darkness which work in the world.

If the way of discipleship is taken, it becomes a door into a powerful and fruitful Christian life. The richness of the glory of the way of the cross outshines all other ways. It is a life which follows upon the same path which Jesus walked upon. No matter what hills and valleys it leads you through, it is a life of oneness with God, with triumph and glory at every step.

## POWER—to become a son of God

*When God is central in a human life, there is a steadiness and "a peace that passes understanding." Unlike ideologies and philosophies, which change with circumstances like the weather, God never changes. A person who knows Jesus does not have to fear anything, not even death, because knowing Jesus is eternal life. He does not have to feel guilty about past actions because God has forgiven him, "and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanses us from all sin." Instead of guilt, fear, or uncertainty, there is peace—a peace unlike anything in the world.*

*God's peace is not a result of trying harder or being religious; it comes from being "born again," an entirely new life which God gives. People often think to themselves, "if only I could start my life over..." and God does exactly that. This new life cannot be earned or worked for; it is a free gift. The gift is Jesus: "in Him was life, and the life was the light of men." If you receive Jesus, you will receive power—"power to become a son of God."*

*A person who is born again experiences a marvelous freedom, because "whosoever is born of God overcomes the world." He does not have to be conformed to the world in his thinking—to be fearful and worry along with everyone else. "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world," Jesus said.*

or the deformed. It would have been natural for the owner to desire to preserve these lambs because of their beauty, but these were the very lambs which God demanded for sacrifice.

Every man possesses certain qualities, abilities, and potentialities which he cherishes and is especially fond of. These are the very aspects of ourselves which God requires us to sacrifice to Him.

In order to please God you must deal a death blow to the desire to preserve these parts of yourself for your own purposes. God's fire of approval will only consume a sacrifice which consists of the best a person is capable of offering. You cannot out-give God. If you give the very best you have to Him, He will put within you His own life. "He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for My sake shall find it."

*Now this is the message  
that we have heard from his Son and  
announce to you: God is light and there is  
no darkness at all in him. If, then, we say that  
we have fellowship with him, yet at the same  
time live in the darkness, we are lying both in our  
words and in our actions. But if we live in the light  
—just as he is in the light—then we have fellow-  
ship with one another, and the  
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**1 John 1.5-7**



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## ISRAEL MUST LIVE!

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There is great significance in Israel: it is the center of God's plan. Jerusalem is once again occupied by the Jews and is a focal point of spiritual significance. God is gathering His chosen people to Israel as a preliminary step to the coming of the Messiah to reign from Jerusalem.

The prophets of the Old Testament spoke about two different aspects of the Messiah. On the one hand He was to be the Suffering Servant of Israel, and on the other, He is to reign from Jerusalem as King.

Isaiah spoke of the Suffering Servant who would bear the iniquities of mankind when he foretold that "He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief...But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities...By his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many... Because he hath poured out his soul unto death." (Isaiah 53:3,5,11,12)

In the twenty-second psalm David prophesied the Messiah's sufferings. "I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax...They pierced my hands and my feet. They look and stare upon me. They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture." (Psalm 22:14,16-18)

However, "Behold the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous branch, and a king shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell safely." (Jeremiah 23:5-6)

The two portrayals seem to be contradictory. But that is not so. The prophets speak of the same Messiah,

but of different events, separated in time. The first was fulfilled nearly two thousand years ago; the second is imminent.

Nearly two thousand years ago John the Baptist announced the coming of the Messiah: "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29) Yet the Jewish Nation, long awaiting the Messiah, did not recognize Jesus Christ as their redeemer. "For He came to His own, and His own received Him not." (John 1:10)

The Jews at that time were expecting the Messiah to deliver Israel from the yoke of Roman bondage and set up an earthly kingdom. They did not realize that the Messiah had to first come as the Suffering Servant bringing salvation to Israel before He would return to judge the earth and reign as King. There could be no judgment without first having the means of salvation.

"Every soul that sins shall die," the Tenach tells us. Every man is under the bondage of his own sin, the price of which is death. Jesus gave his life as an atonement for sin that men might be set free from the laws of sin and death.

When Israel did not recognize her Messiah, the Lord turned to "those which were not a people...a foolish nation." (Deuteronomy 32:21)

And for nearly two thousand years Gentiles have been drawn towards Christ and received the Lord's blessings while the Jews have drunk the bitter cup of suffering.

But God has not cast off His people Israel. It is His purpose to bring them back to their rightful places as the children of God. Israel must live because it is soon to be the scene of



the Messiah's return, and God will have a remnant of his people prepared for that great day of His coming.

Although it is true that the Messiah is returning to reign victoriously from Jerusalem, the great danger facing the Jews is that many are going to be deceived by a false messiah. "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day (of the Messiah's coming) shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sits in the

temple of God, showing himself that he is God." (2 Thessalonians 2:3,4) "And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never there was since there was a nation even to that same time." (Daniel 12:1)

This false messiah will bring a time of persecution to Jerusalem, the likes of which have never before been seen. Many will be deceived and fall into destruction for "by peace he shall destroy many; he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes..." (Daniel 8:25)

The true Messiah, the Prince of princes, shall descend in glory and overthrow this false messiah, reigning eternally from Jerusalem as the true Prince of Peace. The Jews will recognize Him according to the words of the prophet Zechariah.

"And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace

and supplications, and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for Him, as one mourneth for his only son... And one shall say unto Him, 'What are these wounds in thine hands?' Then shall He answer, 'Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.'" (Zechariah 12:10, 13:6)

"Remember these, O Jacob and Israel; for thou art my servant; I have formed thee, thou art my servant; O Israel thou shalt not be forgotten of me. I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and as a cloud, thy sins. Return unto me; for I have redeemed thee." (Isaiah 44:21-23)

The Lord has redeemed Jacob and glorified Himself in Israel. What a wonderful day it will be when Israel sees what the Lord has done, and recognizes that the Redeemer of Jacob has come and taken away her sins.

Then will the heavens and earth sing a new song; even the mountains will break forth into singing. For the Lord shall have His people once again, and Israel shall know her God.

## The Body of Christ

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Therefore, it is essential that all these five ministries be exercised in the Church if the Body of Christ is to be perfected.

From the Greek it can be ascertained that there are either four or five ministries, depending on whether the last two are taken together or not. (The King James Version is literal even in the Greek parallelism.) What is the nature of these ministries?

**Apostles** (Greek: sent one; the equivalent comes from the Latin: missionary.) An apostle should have all nine gifts of the Holy Spirit. His ministry is itinerant. He establishes churches as a pioneer of the Gospel. As for the other ministries, place and time of service are decided by the Holy Spirit. The vast responsibility of an apostle is plainly shown in Acts 11:36 and II Cor. 11:28.

**Prophets** (Greek: interpreter of divine revelation, foreteller; but not, as often claimed, forthteller in the simple sense.) A prophet is a forthteller of God's mysteries revealed to him. Like Agabus (Acts 11:28; 21:10), a prophet is to warn the church of coming events, to exhort, edify, and comfort the churches. He also interprets world events from God's point of view.

**Evangelists** (Greek: herald of good news). These ministers have the special gift of bringing in souls at large through preaching (heralding) the good news with convicting power. Philip, for example, was God's in-

strument for causing mass conversion in Samaria (Acts 8:5). How sensitive each minister must be to the guidance of the Holy Spirit is illustrated in Acts 8:26-40, when Philip left the great revival in Samaria to go to the desert—a seemingly foolish thing to do. And yet Philip's obedience to the Lord was richly rewarded by the Master with the conversion of the Ethiopian eunuch.

**Pastors** (Greek: shepherd). The Chief Shepherd Jesus Christ has set under-shepherds in the Church. Psalm 23 and John 10 explain beautifully the duties of a shepherd. The word **pastors** occurs in the sense of a ministry but once in the entire New Testament, in Eph. 4:11. To burden one single man—our modern so-called pastor—with all the affairs of the Church and expect of him a performance of all the ministries and duties is to demand the impossible. It shows how far out of God's Will and order modern denominations are.

**Teachers** They teach revealed truths from the Scripture and expound sound doctrine on the Scriptures on which the Holy Spirit is shedding light as the Church grows and matures and as the Plan of God moves on. Their ministry is not preaching.

Note that all ministries are in the plural. The men endowed with the ministries are gifts to the church. The

Holy Spirit ordains them. Because of their nature, none of these ministries can be confined permanently to one local church. The Holy Spirit designates place and duration of service.

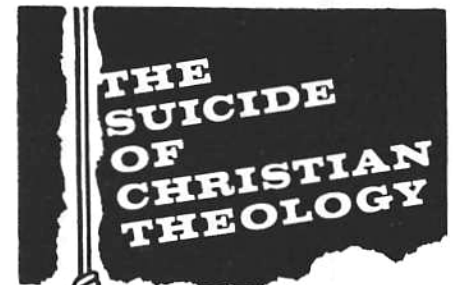
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At the time when Jesus was born, the wise men from the East had a true vision. They journeyed by faith and diligently sought the Christ. The prophetic word supported their vision (Matt. 2:5, 6). Likewise, the shepherds did not question the angelic announcement of Jesus' birth but went to Bethlehem in order "to see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us" (Luke 2:15).

In both instances, those who had the vision found the Christ only because they moved out by faith. In our time, there are those who understand the vision of the Body of Christ through the Word and prophecy. They too must arise by faith and seek earnestly the fitting together of the members of the Body of Christ... "till we all come to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ." (Eph. 4:13)

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