

# YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

"Let no man despise thy youth"—I. Timothy 4-12

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Dear Young People:

In these days of trouble and uncertainty it would seem from the natural standpoint there could be no comfort, nor rest in this world burdened down, as it is with sin and sorrow. Yet, to the children of God, what comfort and consolation there is in reading God's precious Word.

Many times in recent days that verse has come to me found in Matt. 11, 28, "Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." What a blessed invitation extended to all the world by none other than God's own Son. Those who do not know our Lord as their personal Saviour, how weary and heavy their hearts must be. We read in Isaiah 57, verses 20, 21, "But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest whose waters cast up mire and mud." "There is no peace," saith my God, "to the wicked."

How well those who live near the sea know the unrest of the same when the storm is raging, and the billows are mounting high. When the storm rages without, thank God we can have the peace of God in our souls. "When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay." Praise the Lord, we do not need look to the world for peace and enjoyment, and if we did what a disappointment we would find.

I thank God that even as young people we can have, peace that passeth understanding, and joy the world can never give, if we are in His will, and know what His will is concerning us. To the young people I would say, let us be faithful to each part of our church work, endeavoring by God's help to be present in each service when at all possible. I believe this should include the Sunday School, Prayer Meeting, Sunday Services or our Missionary Meetings. Let us feel even though the Church may do without us, we cannot get along without the help of our brothers and sisters in the Lord, and the strength we get from assembling ourselves together in His Name.

In the past few weeks we have seen a goodly number of our people saved for which our hearts are filled with praise. There are yet many more hungry souls, and we have faith to believe they will yield their hearts to Him who died that we might live.

May God's richest blessing rest upon the young people of our churches, and may He grant that we shall follow in His steps, knowing if He guide our steps we shall not go astray.

Yours, endeavoring to do His will,  
BLANCHE ALLEY

## "BE YE HOLY"

We find in Leviticus 20:7, the words of our Lord saying, "Be ye holy, for I am the Lord your God." Can any of us imagine our Lord asking the impossible of us, his children? And yet we hear people today who say it is impossible to live a life of holiness. If we say we believe the Bible we must accept the truth that what He has promised, He is able also to perform. Again we hear another say there is no one who lives it today. God again speaks and says, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." Jesus was filled with the Holy Ghost. Christ suffered for us, leaving us an example that we should follow his steps.

We have the lives of all the holy prophets and apostles given to us, and yet men doubt that God is able. We have the lives of John Bunyan, John

and Charles Wesley, together with their mother and other saints down through the years since that time. Today we must meet the challenge as they did, and God's word is still our Guide. So in Rev. 3:4 we find there were a few names even in Sardis which had not defiled their garments. Christ says they shall walk with Him in white, for they are worthy. So today in the most unlikely and adverse places God still points out worthy and undefiled souls to walk with Him. If they remained undefiled in Sardis, is it not possible for us to abide so, in these days, and in the place where God places us?

In Romans 12:1, Paul beseeches his brethren that they present their bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which was their reasonable service. He speaks in Hebrews of Holy brethren being partakers of this heavenly calling. This holy calling of God applies to us today, and if we are not living up to these possibilities, then the fault must be ours and not the Lord's, who has saved us, and called us with this holy calling, and desires all men everywhere to lift up holy hands, without wrath and doubting. If we are to be partakers of Christ, we must hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end.

We can all recall the confidence we had when we started this Christian journey. With continued confidence we must exercise much faith and courage. Peter also expects us to pass the time of our sojourning here in fear, being redeemed not with corruptible things such as silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ.

As true holiness people God has honored us by saying in Isaiah 62:12, "They shall call them 'the Holy People.'" God not only calls them so, but He extorts that confession from others. Why should we then be ashamed to be so designated? Wesley and his friends were called "the Holy Club." So today the world derides and laughs at us. Holiness is not popular, it never has been, it never will be down here. The way is too straight and narrow, the price we must pay is too great. Salvation is free, yet to gain it, the soul must leave all things behind. The path at times may be rugged, yet God's glory attends each soul who walks this way, and we find the way grows brighter, as we travel on. We see in Hebrews 12:14 that without Holiness no man shall see the Lord. So I believe if we continue steadfast to the end, we are going to be among the popular people some day, for Holiness will be popular in Heaven.

I find in my soul today, a stronger determination, to live a closer walk with God, and follow His holy calling, than ever before. It is worth all it costs to be true, so let us all, as God's followers, see the will of God in our lives, that He may within us live and rule and reign.

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According to Federal statistics, in the last five years the people of these "Delighted" States have decreased their support of churches by over thirty per cent. During the same period their expenses for luxuries such as ladies' puffs, cigarettes, liquors, powders and other supposed pulchritude producers have soared from twenty-five to 378 per cent of what they had been.—Religious Digest.

The world's population at the end of 1937 was approximately 2,134,000,000, according to the Associated Press.—Selected.

## WHO WAS TO BLAME

By an Evangelist

Once upon a time a pastor wrote to an evangelist asking him for a two-week date for meetings. The evangelist consented to come during the time requested. When the date for the meeting arrived the evangelist was there. At the first service fifteen or twenty people were present (the faithful few). The second night a few more. By the last night even a few outsiders were attending.

The evangelist observed that during his stay of two weeks the pastor made no more than ten calls. Two of these were made by request from members who wished to give him something. It was also learned that he had made no special calls preceding the meetings. No handbills had been printed and passed out. The only announcements about the meetings had been made from the pulpit at the regular meetings. Of course everyone was urged to tell his friends. No special prayer meetings had been held. When the evangelist suggested a prayer meeting preceding the evening service the pastor replied, "It is all my people can do to get here in time for the evening service." When an outside family attended one night the evangelist inquired of the pastor concerning them and was told that they were strangers and he had never met them before. He later learned that they lived two blocks from the church.

When the last night of the meeting came, a fair crowd was present. A few seekers bowed at the altar, but the meeting was not what would be called a successful revival. In fact, it was rather a disappointment to all. Of course the evangelist was to blame. Some said he should have stayed another week; others said if he had not preached so long more would have attended; and still others thought he preached too much to the church, etc. As the pastor listened to these remarks he only said, "Perhaps we can get a more successful man for our revival next year."

Did I say this happened once upon a time? I wish it was only once, but it has been the case more times than once.

Someone has said, "An evangelist is only an ordinary preacher many miles from home." He cannot bring a revival in his suitcase. I have found, in about every case, where successful revivals have come, when many have been saved and sanctified and added to the church, those revivals have been preceded and attended by the personal evangelistic efforts of an energetic pastor.

Pastor, if you want a revival on your circuit, you are the key man and not the evangelist.

The official Catholic Directory for 1940, just released, places Catholic membership in the United States and its territories at 21,403,136, a net loss of 3,371 since last year. During 1939 there were 73,677 converts to the Catholic faith, the largest number ever recorded. The number of priests is now 34,000, an increase of 460 last year.—United Presbyterian.