

"Remember now thy Creator in
the days of thy youth."
—ECCLES. 12:1

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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CHRISTIANITY—FALSE AND TRUE

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The Apostle James had evidently seen false Christianity at work, for his reference to "pure religion" implies an "impure" type also. We have the same thing today; there is Christianity true and false, and it behooves us to be discerning in our choice between them. Let us see some of them.

I. False Forms of Christianity:

First, there is a religion only of the brain. We might call this "head" religion, as opposed to "heart" religion. Believing the right things about God, the Bible, Christ, Salvation, etc. We have put too high a premium on a fundamentalist "head" and not enough on a regenerated and sanctified heart; don't worry, if you have the latter, you'll also have the former! This false Christianity is dangerous for it often fools the person into thinking that he is all right. But believing that an aeroplane is safe is different from stepping into an aeroplane and trusting it during a ride. Believing simply in the head won't take the place of a real heart belief—faith and trust.

Second, a religion only of the feelings. This is the opposite of the first, but it can have the same result as "brain" religion—that is the loss of the soul. This person goes by his feelings and lets them tell him whether or not he is saved or sanctified. So when this person has indigestion, or a headache, or a bad cold, etc., he has "lost out." The Christian order is Fact, Faith, Feeling. The fact is God has given his word of promise and nothing can change that. The faith part is when I put my trust in the promise. And I do this and believe it, regardless of feelings. The last part is feeling, which will come, but depends on our health, and temperament and disposition. It is not the index of our salvation, our faith in the fact has settled that. Job had the right idea when he said, "Though he slay me, yet will I trust him!"

Third, a religion only of habit. Good habits are fine things to cultivate, but the Christianity that is simply a habit, a form, a ritual, that has lost its spirit and meaning for you, is a hollow shell—empty and useless. Stop and ask yourself a few questions, "Why am I trying to be good? Why do I go to church? Why don't I do this, or that? Why do I do this?" If it has become simply habit then you have lost the vital spirit of Christianity somewhere along the line.

II. True Christianity is a whole consisting of two parts, and both of them must be there if it is to be "pure and undefiled religion." There must be personal purity first. Matthew 5:8, Romans 6:12-13. Christ works on the tree first, then the fruit; or, to put it another way, on the heart first then the hands. Personal purity means a cleansing from sin, and a filling of the heart with pure and perfect love for God and man. Then the other half of this "pure" Christianity is active charity; that is what James means by "to visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the word." A heart that is pure and full of love, yes, hands of service, is likewise full of good deeds and love. "Personal Holiness and Social Holiness"—these two give us pure

Christianity.—From Young People's Column,
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LIFE

By Pearl Holloway

Life is a game which all must play,
Make careful moves day after day,
Each in his own appointed way—
Life is a game.

Life is a business, and we
Must do our part, each faithful be;
It's well worth while you will agree—
A business is life.

Life is a joy. Though sorrow, pain
And grief be ours, it is not vain;
We trace a rainbow through the rain—
Life is a joy.

A business, a game, a joy —
Each man and woman, girl and boy
May share its fullness. Do not destroy
The happiness of life.

Y. P. Standard

YOUTH IN ACTION

Classes in religious education for High School pupils are being well attended in Pittsburgh, Pa. The courses are elective rather than required, and 18 per cent of the students have enrolled. It would be well if some movement were started to foster religious interest among the High School students of the Maritimes.

It is interesting to note that a great number of returning service men have expressed their desire to become ministers of the gospel after discharge. Most of these are young men ranging in age from 19 to 26, who have evidently seen the crying need of the gospel in other lands.

The world is ripe for missionary efforts now! and nothing but the acceptance of the principles of Christ will bring order out of this world chaos. What are we doing to help?

A Youth Council, corresponding roughly to the Canadian Youth Holiness Association, has been organized by the youth groups of seventeen denominations in North Carolina.

On August 20th, 1945, Methodism in the New World celebrated the 200th anniversary of the birth of Francis Asbury. When Asbury was 18 he became a preacher, and at 26 accepted the call to go to America. On the way over aboard ship he wrote: "Whither am I going? To the New World. What to do? To gain honor? Not if I know my own heart. To get money? No, I am going to live to God, and to bring others so to do."

The young man stayed true to his trust and died in the midst of his labors in 1816. Asbury lived to see his beloved work in America grow from a small struggling band of 1,000 to over 200,000 members in the Methodist Church.

SELF DENIAL FUND

Mrs. W. H. Mullen.....\$5.50
Mrs. Ella Mullen..... 5.00

SOCIETY LETTER

Woods Harbour, N. S.

Dear Young People:

We, the young people of Woods Harbour, feel like praising God, our Creator, for His many blessings which He has bestowed upon us.

We hold our meetings every Friday night with our numbers varying from week to week.

We have recently elected officers for the coming year as follows:

President—Jeannette Sears.

Vice President—Norma Nickerson.

Secy. and Treas.—Ruth Price.

Our character study which we have each week has proved a help and is enjoyed by all who attend. Several of our members have pledged to the Self-Denial Fund.

The prayer of each of our hearts is that God will visit our young people in a marvelous way and save their lost souls. We covet your earnest prayers.

RUTH PRICE, Secretary

GOOD ADVICE

If anything unkind you hear
About someone you know, my dear,
Do not, I pray you, it repeat
When you that someone chance to meet,
For such news has a leaden way
Of clouding o'er a sunny day.

But if you something pleasant hear
About someone you know, my dear,
Make careful moves day after day,
To her or him the same to tell—
For such news has a golden way
Of lighting up a cloudy day.

—Selected

Hartland Mission Station,
Sept. 27th, 1945

Dear Young People:

Greetings from Africa, the land of His choice for us.

We wish to express our appreciation for the wedding gift of money that you so kindly sent to us. We do pray that God will bless each one of you richly for your kindness to us. Please accept our heartfelt thanks.

We read with much interest the accounts of the meetings at Beulah, the school, and the plans for a permanent school. We are with you in it all, and are daily praying that God will bless abundantly. We feel that the young people of our denomination are contributing much, and "we are glad that we can say we're two of them."

Saturday an interesting event took place here on the Mission farm when the natives gathered to celebrate the ending of the Japanese war. The Government provided money for the purchase of a beast to be slaughtered for the feast, and sweets. There was about 833 natives present, including a number of heathen and some of their most important men. We were glad for this, because sometimes they do not co-operate very well.

First there was a religious service in which the preachers of the various denominations took part, then singing by school children,