

FOR SALE, CHEAP

By Claude A. Ries

"What are you doing?" said the shocked mother to her son scratching in his Bible with a pen knife. "Mother, I have been reading of that poor father who came to Jesus and said, 'If thou canst do anything, have compassion on us and help us.' And I thought he oughtn't to say 'if' to Jesus, so I scratched it out."

Many people coming to God still retain the "if," not in word but in action. And that "if" reveals the genuine from the counterfeit. Every genuine has a counterfeit, something that looks as good and is much cheaper. We see it in clothing, in building materials and even in education. The most tragic counterfeit, however, is in religion.

Christian living has been greatly cheapened by the prevalent so-called "easy believism." When a sinner is told he needs only to believe a few facts about Christ and he'll be saved, he is being handed a counterfeit. Nothing short of a sinner facing his sins with God, repenting and turning from them and believing on Christ, will stand the fiery test of the last Great Day! "Why do not my church young people have any convictions of sins?" asked a student-pastor of the writer recently. The answer is "we are giving broad-gate invitations and still expect to see narrow-road Christians." Mere intellectual perception cannot substitute for a living faith.

What a harvest of weaklings "easy believism" is producing today! In a careful investigation taken one year after a certain city-wide evangelistic campaign, only three per cent of the so-called converts could be found giving any real evidence of regeneration. Compare that with the results of Charles G. Finney's Biblical preaching of repentance and faith. In Oneida, N. Y. where under this man of God 100,000 sought God, a careful checkup was made ten years later and it was disclosed that eighty-five per cent were still faithful Christians!

Genuine faith is evidenced by fruitage. Faith is revolutionary in one's character, conduct and destiny. It disturbs one's thinking, speaking, working, playing!

Living faith and Christ cannot be separated. Faith is God's rich and gracious gift. If one's coming to God does not bring Christ into the life as a real, living, glorious reality, that so-called "belief" is a camouflage. When we really "receive Him" following our believing (John 1:12), then He, Christ, in us is the spirit of faith for all we need of faith. He is the "faith of God." It is ours "to possess our possessions." "Ye are complete in Him," not in our mental perceptions, in our feelings nor in our feeble efforts to work up faith.

And so faith given by God to the surrendered sinner brings a transformed life and the faith of God, the indwelling, living person of Christ furnishes the enabling power to live an ever-expanding transformed life.

Faith is the unaccompanied by joy, poise and serenity. "He that believeth, shall not make haste," or more literally translated, "shall not get into a fuss."

Doubt sees the obstacles. Faith see the way;

Doubt sees the darkest night, Faith sees the day;

Doubt dreads to take the step, Faith soars on high;

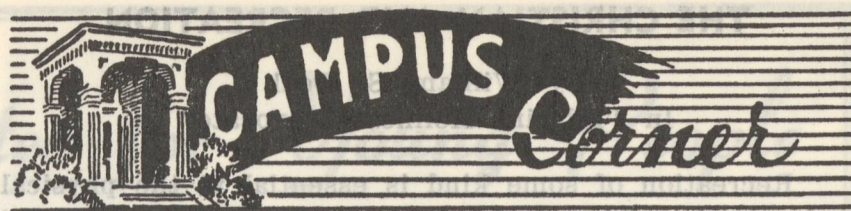
Doubt questions: "Who believes?" Faith answers: "I."

—Wesleyan Methodist.

SANCTUARY WORSHIP

There will always be a place in the life of a Christian who knows the meaning of true worship, for quiet waiting upon God. A place where there is an inner sanctuary in his life, in which there is a stillness and from which service, work and a thousand and one other duties are excluded. Here is the secret of all power in Christian living.

Alan Redpath.



BETHANY GRADUATION

By the time this Highway reaches its readers, Bethany Bible college graduation exercises will be history. A total of twenty-one students are being graduated this year. We thank God for this talented group of young people who shall go out to make their influence for God.

As we are writing, we are anticipating a wonderful time of fellowship at the Bethany Commencement Exercises. The occasion is always one of joy and rich Christian fellowship.

We encourage all those who have helped in any way to make this year a success. We feel that God has been good to us and, we thank Him for the blessings we have shared together at Bethany.

WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

I want to express my personal thanks for the privilege of serving at Bethany Bible College these past eight years. It has been a profitable joy to serve God as well as our people in both departments of our College.

I would like to thank our people who have been so faithful in standing by Our college by giving their financial and prayerful support. This support has made our period of leadership enjoyable and rewarding. We feel confident that this is indicative of the love and esteem that our people have for Bethany. It is our conviction that this same loyalty will continue under the new administration.

It has been a privilege to work with the staff and officials of the School. We feel indebted to the staff who have been most efficient in their work and who have contributed much to our success at Bethany. We shall always feel indebted to those we have worked with at the College.

During our stay at Bethany, we have always been conscious of the help of God. His guidance and blessing have been most rewarding.

As we leave Bethany, we feel a sense of loyalty to Bethany. We shall continue to watch her progress with interest. May God bless those who direct her destiny.

W. E. Green

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STOP A MINUTE

You and I are living in hurried times. Almost from the time we get out of bed in the morning until our heads wearily touch the pillow at night, we are on a dead run; and the unfortunate part is that much of this effort is spent in doing things that don't amount to anything anyway! So much of our time is taken up with non-essentials that we are neglecting the things that really count.

Archbishop Temple of England tells of a mischievous boy who got inside a store window and changed all the price tags so that the high-priced merchandize had a low price tag and the low-priced merchandize had a high price tag. Archbishop Temple goes on to say that is the trouble with many of us today. We have put too high a price on non-essentials and not enough on the things which are eternal.

So, whatever you are doing, and however pressing
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