



## — Editorial —

Editor's note: The following editorial is the second in a series to give our young people an inside view of Christianity as it is demonstrated in the Acts of the Apostles.

### THE FAITH OF THE APOSTLES (2)

It is not enough for a Christian to believe that Jesus is Divine and to believe in His atoning work. The early church also believed in the word of Jesus. You may remember that the Apostle Paul said to men on a ship in a severe storm, "Sirs be of good cheer, for I believe God". What a lesson we could learn from Paul! If young people want to know the certainty of their spiritual destiny they must go to the word of God. It is the greatest sourcebook for direction in life.

The apostles also had a strong faith in the Gospel of Jesus. The Gospel of Jesus is the good news of Jesus. So much were the apostles possessed with the value of the Gospel that they went everywhere preaching the word. Acts 8:5 records that Philip went down to Samaria and preached Christ unto them. Even though he had suffered persecution for the name of Christ, he maintained a faith in the Gospel of Christ. Philip had seen the Gospel applied to the lives of men; and he had observed miraculous results. As the early apostles proclaimed the Gospel they showed their faith in the Name of Jesus which is the very heart of the Gospel. All of the miracles which they performed were performed through His name.

The faith of the apostles was a vitalizing faith. It was a faith which brought Christ into their daily living. Paul once passed through a trying experience. He heard the Lord speak to him in a night vision saying, "be not afraid . . . for I am with thee. "Does this not remind us of what Jesus said to his disciples earlier "Lo, I am with you always". Oh, how we need this faith in the presence of Christ! To the early church, this sense of God's presence through Christ was an essential test of true Christian experience. In fact, it seems almost inconsistent to say that one is a Christian and at the same time not feel the assurance of God's presence. This presence is revealed to us by the person of the Holy Spirit.

The baptism of the Holy Spirit made such an impact upon the early apostles that they could never hesitate to remind believers that this was for all believers. With this in mind Peter said, "Repent and be converted and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost". Again Paul said to the church at Ephesus, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" Their faith in the Holy Spirit was based upon the words of Jesus who said, "Tarry in Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high." He also said, "ye shall be baptised with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." Acts 1:8 reminds us that this experience is to be followed by a marked increase in witnessing for Christ.

Let me ask you in the words of a hymn:

Have you ever felt the power of the pentecostal fire,  
Burning up old carnal nature, cleansing out all base desire,

Going through and through your spirit, cleansing all its stain away?

Oh, I'm glad, so glad to tell you, It is for us all today.

All of these basic requirements of faith lead to this climactic experience and are necessary for all who would be hid with Christ in God.

### MONCTON WINS SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION CONTEST AT BEULAH CAMP



YVONNE DOYLE and SHIRLEY SMITH  
MONCTON TEAM

"This was a tremendous contest". These were the words of Rev. H. R. Ingersoll as he presented the Grand Championship cup of the Scripture Memorization Contest to the Moncton team. Moncton had just won in overtime 48-47 over Marysville.

It was a wonderful contest by two evenly matched teams. The score was tied from the 26th question to the 96th one. The large audience was thrilled again and again as each contestant quoted perfectly almost every scripture verse. Shirley Smith answered 24 questions without a mistake. The contestants of the Marysville team were Roberta Nevers and Doreen Doherty.

The winners and losers both received prizes and were treated to a lobster supper in the hotel.

The contest was a great climax to a great week of youth activities at Beulah Camp. The C.N.C. quartet, a panel discussion, Dr. H. K. Sheets and Rev. L. K. Mullen were featured in the youth services of the week.

The Saturday afternoon rally also commemorated the 30th anniversary of the Young People's Association. Rev. B. C. Cochrane, the first President, spoke on the beginning and growth of the youth work. Also in this service Moncton won the attendance banner with 31 present.

### MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT

Dear Friends,

It's almost time for our next MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT. Last year we certainly did have a wonderful time of fellowship and inspiration, didn't we!

The date this year is SATURDAY, AUGUST 25 and SUNDAY, AUGUST 26. You will be happy to hear that our guests this year will be Rev. and Mrs. N. E. Trafton. Their leadership is sure to make this a retreat we will remember. Let's pray that God may use them to bring

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