

## A NEW APPROACH ON AN ESTABLISHED FIELD

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The Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ is far more than a system of Theology. It is a Person. God's message for World Evangelism has the answer to every aspect of the World's needs. A good work is established, and now needs developing. Assured that "righteousness exalteth a nation" (Proverbs 14:34), convinced of the urgency of the Great Commission we launched the strongest ever Evangelistic thrust on the South African Field.

A Team comprising four to six nationals, depending on the village to be visited was prepared. Helps were provided, instruction given in soul winning, and available equipment was used to launch the first Evangelistic campaign. Our aim was to reach as many as possible for Christ in areas where we had established churches.

The Team moved into a community where there was an established church. A portable lighting plant (provided by the former Wood Island Church) provided lights for the Church and yard, attracting many to the House of Worship on the hillside. The local pastor had announced their arrival, so as the last bell rang (A part off an old plough) at 7.30 p.m. a good number were gathered. Some lively singing and a Bible Story Film strip prepared the congregation for the message by the Evangelist. A devoter minister of the Gospel, unburdened his soul to his people in their own language. The invitation is given and an elderly man, kneels in prayer, rises with a new look on his wrinkled face, testifies to being restored; a preacher, backslidden for over 20 years finds peace again, and there is

much rejoicing over a lost soul restored. A similar story is being told where ever the Team goes.

The program for the next two weeks will consist of early morning prayers as the Team meet to ask God's direction for the day; a Bible Study is conducted at 10.30 am; at 2 pm; classes are held for the converts; Youth services are conducted at 3.30.; and the evening Evangelistic service is at 7.30 pm. More a Camp meeting program than an Evangelistic Campaign, however a program that is being used to reach souls, and build up believers in the Faith.

To establish the believers our aim is to have the Team, or part of it return in about four months for a long weekend meeting. During this session special messages are preached, advanced literature distributed, and seekers urged to press on.

The District Missionary, local National pastor, and the entertaining church are all vital to success. In all these areas, the Field Office, who arrange the slate of the Team have had excellent cooperation.

Many ask, "What are the results?" Due to your share in this program by "proxy, prayer and purse", because of a God anointed Team of National workers, and because of much PRAYER and WORK the success of the program has not just been a possibility, but a very positive result - SOULS being SAVED. According to facts at hand we shall report new Victories, added souls, and an enlarged Church in our next report PRAISE THE LORD!

Mahatma Gandhi once said "If I believed the message the missionaries preach, I would crawl on my knees if necessary to take it to those who need it." May the URGENCY so grip us until we shall not only "give of our sons", but "pour out our souls for them in prayer victorious."

## A WILDERNESS OF CONFUSION

From pulpits, classrooms, and street corners we are hearing shocking pronouncements concerning the overthrow of moral standards in what is now designated as the post-Christian era. Sex discipline and restraint are regarded as having "gone with the wind." In this wilderness of confusion there are no fixed moral standards. Since "God is dead," moral standards are as shifting as the sands of the sea, to be regulated only by the changing godless philosophical whims of each generation.

### New Sex Permissiveness

A tidal wave of sex permissiveness has swept across our land. Its devastation is heightened by the fact that a number of ministers are giving it their sanction and approval. With utter disregard for the biblical standards of sexual purity, they look with favor upon sexual relationships outside the bonds of marriage, between those of opposite sexes, even between those of the same sex. Their standards have sunk so low as to incur a reaction by columnists in the secular press.

Columnist Morri Ryskind in the *Los Angeles Herald Examiner*, January 18, 1967, said: "It is the apparent conviction of our current intelligentsia that they discovered sex and love and that, until they arrived on the scene to enlighten us, previous generations got all their babies from Macy's and Gimbel's. With, obviously, no return privileges—or there might have been no intelligentsia.

"I disagree. The Bible would indicate that once there was Adam, followed shortly by Eve. Sex wasn't very far behind. And, if you think love is a recent creation, there is the Song of Solomon.

"Yes, Virginia, mother and dad knew all about it even if they didn't make it a 24-

hour daily affair. And I fear the new permissiveness only muddies what were clear waters."

Few taboos on sex remain in many of our colleges and universities. On this subject Mr. Ryskind comments: "One professor rather proudly proclaims we are shedding the 'puritan ethics' in a glorious sexual revolution that will bring us to the more enlightened attitude of Sweden in these matters.

"Strangely, he makes no mention of the fact that the incidence of venereal disease in the age 16-24 bracket has risen to alarming proportions during this glorious revolution we are undergoing."

All of the sex permissiveness of our day is a direct thrust for the destruction and integrity of the family and home. There is no shorter path to national destruction.

An article entitled "God and the Homosexual," in *Newsweek*, February 12, 1967, opens with this astonishing paragraph:

"To Moses, homosexuality was an 'abomination.' To St. Paul it was a 'dishonorable passion.' Indeed, throughout the Bible, sexual deviation of any sort is condemned as unnatural, unmanly and ungodly. Even so, a group of Protestant ministers in San Francisco thinks the churches ought to drop their strictures against homosexuals and welcome them into the fellowship of the hetero-sexual faithful."

### Making Vice Respectable

The article further reveals that some fifty clergymen in the Bay area, plus leaders of four Bay area homophile societies, are members of the Council on Religion and the Homosexual organized two years ago. A dozen ministers and their wives were in attendance at a New Year's party given by the homosexuals and lesbians to raise money for their organization.

You cannot extract the sting from sin by

## IS IT NECESSARY FOR A CHRISTIAN TO TESTIFY?

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**QUESTION: Must a Christian make a public testimony? I testify with my life. Isn't that enough?**

**ANSWER:** The Bible says, "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Rom. 10:9,10). Jesus says that if we confess Him before men, then He will confess us before God.

In the light of these statements I have come to feel that no one has a right to claim to be a Christian unless he is willing to confess Christ with his mouth. There are two hands that take hold of salvation. One of them is faith of the heart, and the other is a public confession before man. The transaction is not complete until you have done both of these things.

John in Revelation tells us about some people he saw before the Throne of God. He was told that they overcame the devil by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony. In other words, they trusted the blood and testified for Christ. When you do this you are a problem to the devil but a joy unto the Lord.

I don't think anyone can keep a good Christian experience if he does not witness for Christ. One of the great weaknesses of the Christian Church is at this very point. The early Christians went everywhere witnessing for Christ. We need this today. If you want real joy in your Christian life, begin to witness for Christ.

One of the best ways to overcome the doubts that Satan will thrust into your mind is to begin to witness for Christ. May I also remind you that there is a difference between doubts of the mind and of the heart. You can trust with your heart even when you have doubts and questions in your mind. It is the devil's business to inject doubts and questions in your mind. It is your business to thrust them out by a positive act of faith in your heart.

making it respectable. It was because the Pharisees ignored this fact that Jesus said of them: "For ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves."

The low and degraded moral level of the homosexual is described in Romans 1. Both men and women who engage in "vile affection," changing the natural use into that which is against nature, are described as those "who change the truth of God into a lie" (Rom. 1:25). Sex is as pure as God is pure. Sex is as true as God is true, but the perversion of sex turns the truth of God into a lie.

The church has good news for all of those who with vile affection have turned the truth of God into a lie. It is the good news of redemption through Christ, and not the false news of a substitute respectability. Sin at every level, in every age, has cried: "O wretched man that I am! Who can deliver me from the body of this death?" The answer of the church to this universal cry of the ages is full and complete redemption through Christ: "I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 7:24).

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