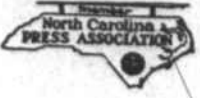


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WORDS OF LIFE

By The Reverend Vitolds Gobins, Pastor, St. Andrew's Ev. Lutheran Church Andrews, North Carolina

Matthew 9:2b: "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven."
The miracle of the healing of the paralyzed man is very suggestive to our own days. The crowds today, just as they did nearly 2000 years ago, gather where ever there is hope for health and help, yet in meeting this desire for our worries, burdens and infirmities to be lifted our Savior would say to us the same words he spoke to the man in this miracle, "Son your sins are forgiven."

With this miracle our Savior also teaches the great lesson that all the sufferings, burdens, sicknesses and everything evil that comes upon us is the result of sin. I know that your reaction will be, "What have I done, what have I sinned that this or that infirmity makes me suffer?"

The meaning of this lies much deeper. Not always we suffer for our own transgressions only. There is such a thing as the social sin. We as the whole community can suffer because of the transgressions of one of the members of the community. This is the proof that we are related to God not only as individuals, but also as a group.

Then there are also sins that are committed by us in a manner of omission. This means that we have failed to do something that we should have done. Take for instance, I would catch a pneumonia; and believe or not, it is a result of my sin; my failure to dress warm enough, to receive enough nourishment for my body. Thus our negligence becomes a sin.

You can say, "What can we do about cancer?" - We do not know the cause of this dreadful disease. How can it be a result of sin? There is only one answer to this. If we would be free from all sin, then we would have the knowledge to combat this disease. The result of our sin is not only the physical come upon us, but it is also manifested in the limitations of our mental ability. When God created man, He created him in His own image. That means, perfect physically as well as mentally and spiritually. But because of our sin - the sin of the human race - we have lost this perfection in all respects of life. This is what St. Paul meant when he said that "We all have fallen short from the glory of God."

This we can sum up by saying that everything evil that comes upon us is the result of sin; sin pertaining to us directly or indirectly sin that was committed at the beginning of the human race in the Garden of Eden, sin that is committed in thought, word and deed. Sin is around us in so many different forms that it is very hard to describe it. Through heredity the sins of our ancestors cling to each

new generation. Deep in our nature there are passions that exist with sinful tendencies and sometimes erupt with a volcanic force that is beyond our human ability to control it.

In Winter Niagra Falls are dressed in its most beautiful winter garments. The rapids above the falls sparkle in the afternoon sun. And the birds come down to snatch a drink from the clear water. But it happens very often that birds are carried with the water over the falls to their destruction. How does it happen? - when the birds dip for another drink and more ice is formed on their wings. Then they dip over two and they can not rise any more; and over the falls they go.

Sin is as deceptive as the sparkling water of Niagra winter rapids. Dip into it once too often and we are not able any more to lift ourselves from its grasp unless something is done to correct the situation. But we are not able by ourselves to handle our sin. Since all sin is sin against God, we need His forgiveness. And we through faith can bring God's help into our lives. Yet how are we going to express our faith in God's purpose to help us? - The answer is - through confession.

In the confession of sin we come to a conception of God as a Father, not angry with us, but eager for our reconciliation and redemption. And what the Gospel seeks to show and what we should get into our heads and hearts is that sin is a violation of love and not merely of law.

When a child in the home hurts his brother, he hurts also his father; because the father suffers not only with the child that is hurt, but also for the child that does the hurting. The father looks with loving compassion on both of them. He longs for their reconciliation. He is eager and ready to forgive the wrong doer, but he cannot until the sinner confesses and repents, or in other words, expresses his desire to be forgiven.

So it is with our Heavenly Father. He loves all His family, whether they live in America, India, Russia, whether they are white, black, red or not. His heart aches over the divisions and injustices among His children. He suffers with those who are wronged and for those who do the sinning. The Cross is the revelation that our Heavenly Father was hurt doubly

Thus when we confess our sins we are telling our Heavenly Father that we have been in wrong and that we want His help to get back in right relationship with our neighbor.

May our Heavenly Father grant us the strength and the courage to look at the causes of all our sufferings with clear understanding that we may see the road to our Father's house as the road of repentance, confession and forgiveness.

Backward Glance

10 YEARS AGO
Thursday, April 2, 1927

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Darnell, had as guest last week end Mrs. T. C. Darnell, Miss Ludie Simpson, and Mrs. Mercer Fain Jr. of Atlanta.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Franklin spent Tuesday in Asheville on business.

Mrs. J. W. Hoover of Crouse spent last week here with Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Hoover and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mauney, and Mrs. Glenn Bates and son, Gene, met Mrs. Richard Mauney and daughter, Kathy, in Black Mountain last Saturday and brought them to Murphy for a visit with the Mauneys.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Bayless visited their son, Bill Bayless and family in Asheville, and relatives in Limestone, Tenn., over the week-end.

Miss Virginia Hall spent the week end at her home in Tapoco.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bayless of Knoxville will spend Easter here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Bayless and Mrs. Nettie Axley.

Robert Akin of Fontana was in Murphy Tuesday.

Miss Sara Sword of Fontana spent the week-end with her father, P. H. Sword and family.

Sam L. Davidson returned Tuesday after attending a weeks school conducted by Standard Oil Company in Charlotte.

20 YEARS AGO
Thursday, April 1, 1917

Miss Dair McCracken spent Easter with her parents at Elf.

Mrs. J. M. Barnett of Robbinsville spent the week-end in Murphy.

Miss Mary Jo Davis spent Easter with her grandmother, Mrs. Dixie Palmer.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Forsythe of Andrews were visitors in town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dyer and Mrs. J. H. Hampton spent Sunday in Etowah, Tenn. with relatives.

Misses Ann Hill, Mildred Brumby and Mozelle Moore returned to Virginia Intermont Monday after spending the holidays with their parents.

Mrs. Bill Darnell spent Wednesday in Asheville shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Anderson were Hayesville visitors Sunday.

Mrs. Julia Cearley and daughter, Helen spent Monday night with Mr. C. D. Rogers and family.

W. I. Redmond, L & N agent spent the week-end with his family in Cisco, Ga.

Mrs. Frank Ingram and children Mrs. Ollie Adams and children and Miss Louise Mann and Miss Eva Nell Queen enjoyed a surprise birthday dinner at Mrs. Bertha Hughes' Sunday.

Mr. Ernest Stiles of Copperhill visited Mr. Clate Stiles one day last week.

30 YEARS AGO
Friday, April 1, 1907

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Ellis of Chadron, Neb., are visiting relatives and friends in the county.

Mr. E. P. Hawkins motored to Asheville Wednesday.

Mr. W. Christopher was in Atlanta on business the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Lee arrived Saturday by motor for a visit with Mrs. Lee's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Candler.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Brown of Macon, Ga., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam McGuire of Atlanta were guests recently of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moore.

Konnaheeta Club Hears H. B. Estes

H. B. Estes, a craftsman of Brasstown was the guest speaker at the dinner meeting of the Konnaheeta club held in the school cafeteria.

Mr. Estes traced crafts from its origin in the Appalachian area to the present day work of the Handicrafters of the Southern Handicraft Guild. Tribute was paid to Mrs. John C. Campbell founder of the John C. Campbell Folk School at Brasstown.

A native of Kentucky, he traced the beginning of Berea College where in the beginning craftsmen created not only beautiful, but functional articles for their own use. "Today a store house of crafts created by over 1000 craftsmen in this area are produced". He also praised the vision of Miss Lucy Morgan, of Penland Crafts Institute, Miss Clemantine Douglas of Asheville, Mrs. Frances Goodrich, founder of Alanstand and others.

In addition to his display of handcarved bowls, plates etc, of native woods he had a collection of stones, some fashioned into articles of jewelry - another one of his hobbies.

In the absence of the president, Mrs. Pullium, who was attending sessions of the State Teachers meeting in Wilmington, Mrs. Edgar Wood presided.

Mrs. Wood announced the Talent show to be staged April 12 in the school auditorium with the following committees appointed: Door, Mrs. Margaret Ann Watry and Mrs. Jack Ledford; Mrs. H. E. Davis, posters; Decorations, Mrs. F. E. Blaylock, Miss Jean Christy, Mrs.

Letter To Editor

Nas Atsugi, Japan
March 21, 1937
The Cherokee Scout
Murphy, N. C.
Dear Sir:

I received your notice informing me that my subscription to the Scout has expired. I am sorry to say I won't be able to subscribe to the Scout again while I am in the Far East. My tour of duty over here is almost over and I should be on my way home to Murphy soon.

In regard to the Scout, you are doing an excellent job in the publishing of the Scout. American newspapers are very hard to come by here in the Far East, and I was very glad to receive the Scout. I remain,

F. P. O. San Francisco, Calif.
Cpl. Ernest E. Ledford
VM (AW) 513 M.A.G. 11,

James Harris, Mrs. Vernon McGuire, Miss Ada Mae Pruett, Mrs. J. E. Ruffy, Mrs. L. B. Nichols and Mrs. Charles Frazier.

The club voted unanimously to draft Mrs. Pullium for another year in office.

The program was arranged by the Art Department of the club, Mrs. Arthur Watkins chrm. Mrs. H. E. Davis, Miss Ada Mae Pruett and Mrs. L. L. Love.

Hostesses were: Mrs. Howard Ford, chrm. Mrs. W. W. Ashe, Mrs. Edwin Bristol, Mrs. Charles Frazier, Mrs. S. J. Gernert, Mrs. Mabel Rayburn, Mrs. R. V. Tankersley, Mrs. Louise Zimmerman, Mrs. Frank Maenne and Mrs. J. E. Ruffy.

The April meeting will be held at the Nantahala Inn.

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GARDEN TIME
The gardener in a state college
It will soon be safe to plant many of the warm season vegetable crops in most sections of the state east of the mountains. Tomatoes, eggplant, and pepper plants should be hardened before transplanting to the field. This can be done by woth holding the water supply; that is, by keeping them on the dry side for a few days.
You may be interested in trying some of the more recently introduced snap bean varieties. Wade, Contender, and Seminole are varieties which are almost immune to bean mosaic, which sometimes reduces the yield of such varieties as Tendergreen. Improved Stringless Blue Lake is an excellent pole bean and especially good for canning and freezing. The old standby, Kentucky Wonder, is still good.
The production of sweet corn in the home garden is increasing each year because of its popularity for fresh use, freezing and canning. There are a few gardeners who still like to plant early varieties of field corn for roasting ears because the ears are large and perhaps the corn ear worm injury is a little less on these varieties. However, once you have given real sweet corn a fair trial, you will not be satisfied again with field corn. There is no comparison in edible quality. Recommended varieties for both fresh use and for processing are Seneca Chief, Golden Cross Bantam, and Ioana. These are all yellow varieties and are widely adapted.
A good deal of emphasis is still

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