

THE CARTERET COUNTY NEWS-TIMES CHURCH PAGE

Life's Battles Are Within

"For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." I JOHN 5:4.

Life's great battles are won or lost within the human breast. Such is not just a contemporary fact; modern experience only bears out what is written on every page of history.

More and more, we are being made aware of this truth. Psychopathic wards are overflowing with people who have experienced mental — and physical — crashes.

Excessive loads seldom break men who are capable of organizing their spiritual resources for effective living.

Chemical compounds consist of atoms which are arranged in certain proportions. A musical chord consists of a series of tones whose vibrations maintain a certain ratio.

Jesus declared that there is only one way in which life can be brought into such a desirable state . . . it must be subjected in faith to the will of God.

Life did to him everything it ever did to any man. It imposed burdens upon him. It came crashing down over his head.

No wonder one of his followers could say with confidence: "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world; and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

Any person who will follow his example, adopt his attitudes, and live in his confidence, will experience the power he enjoyed.

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Persecution Activated Growth of Christianity

STUDY FOR JANUARY 22, 1950

By Wm. Southern, Jr.

According to Dr. Luke's account as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles, men and women in large numbers joined the Christians, following Pentecost when from a mere 120 the membership grew to more than three thousand.

Under the leadership of Peter and John who worked as a team and visited the temple daily the number of the Christians rose to about 5,000.

It is also in my mind that but (continued on page two)

this was a sudden conversion, through the appearance of Jesus, you all have read this story. I do not think this was true. I think that from the time Saul saw the stoning of Stephen and heard that first martyr die with a prayer on his lips that his killers be forgiven, this picture was never out of his mind for a moment.

This miracle caused a lot of comment and alarmed the High Priests. They arrested Peter and John and under the advice of Gamaliel turned them loose telling them not to preach or use the name of Jesus.

The group of Christians was becoming so large that the Apostles found they must have a better organization. They met in solemn assembly and appointed seven Deacons to attend to the detail work.

Sholem Asch in his story of Paul, says that Stephen was a big man with a red beard which covered his breast and was red headed. The story as told by Asch is dramatic and fascinating.

Saul, a young man for Tarsus steeped in all the traditions of the Jews was intended to be educated as a Rabbi and was then in the great theological school at Jerusalem, studying under Gamaliel.

Then Saul ran wild in persecuting the Christians, arresting them wholesale throwing them into prison, until Jerusalem became a dangerous place for Christians, and then the Apostles began to scatter and to carry the Christianity to every known community and especially to the Greeks.

The story in the Acts of Saul's conversion as he was on the way to Damascus would indicate that

- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Beaufort, Wm. Southern, Jr., Pastor. Sunday, January 22, 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School, 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship, 6:30 p.m. - Baptist Training Union, 7:30 p.m. - Worship.

- Church Services (Announcements of Sunday and weekday church services must be in THE NEWS-TIMES office, either in Beaufort or Morehead City, by NOON TUESDAY.—The Editor).

- NEWPORT METHODIST CHURCH Sunday, January 22, 10:00 a.m. - Sunday School, 11:00 a.m. - Preaching.

- RIVERDALE METHODIST CHURCH Sunday, January 22, 10:00 a.m. - Sunday School, 11:00 a.m. - Preaching.

TODAY'S meditation from The Upper Room THE WORLD'S MOST WIDELY USED DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

"... he opened to us the scriptures." Luke 24:32. (Read Luke 24:27-35.) We are in the habit of relating the experience of the Emmaus Road merely to the resurrection of Christ.

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