

TWO MINUTES

WITH THE BIBLE
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THE BIBLE CHURCH
Many people have truly come to know Christ, as Savior after having been sincere, religious "church members" for years. Though faithful supporters of some earthly church organization they had never experienced the truth of II Cor. 5:7: "If any man be in Christ he is a new creation." It is possible to be a member in good standing of some church organization, yet be outside of the one true Church of which the Bible speaks.

This is because the true Bible Church is NOT an organization but a living organism, a spiritual body, with a living Head and living members. Again and again St. Paul, by divine inspiration, calls the Church the Body of Christ. He says: "We being many, are one Body in Christ." (Rom. 12:5). "Ye are the Body of Christ, and members in particular" (I Cor. 12:27). "We are members of His Body" (Eph. 5:30).

How do we become members of this true Bible Church? The Body

of Christ? First, we must acknowledge ourselves to be sinners in God's sight, for Ephesians 2 relates how Christ died for sinful men that He might "reconcile" them to God "in one Body" by the cross (Verse 16). Thus, when believing sinners are reconciled to God by faith in Christ, they are regenerated, given a new life, by the Spirit are baptized into the Church, the Body of Christ.

Tit. 3:5: "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Spirit."

I Cor. 12:13: "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body."

Every one of us should ask himself: "Have I been baptized by the Spirit into the Body of Christ?" If not, trust Christ as your Savior and become a member of the one true Bible Church. Then associate yourself with some local assembly where Christ is honored and the Bible taught.

WEEKLY MEDITATION

BY COLIN DOUGLAS

A Sermonette
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"Let us follow after things which make for peace, and things whereby we may edify one another."—Rom. 14:19.

If we have a sincere desire to live and work in ideal conditions and to be in perfect harmony and agreement with other persons, we must consider how we can create such an environment. If it happens that we have been resisting persons and conditions, let us open our minds and hearts to God's spirit of harmony and adjustment.

Everyone knows that when we fight and resist, we are unhappy. When we understand and adjust, we are happy. If we do not adjust easily to other persons or to conditions, we can develop this ability. Every earnest effort we make to be understanding and tolerant of others, every earnest effort we make to bring peace and harmony to our environment makes it easier for us to be adaptable and flexible in our thought and atti-

tude.

As we cease to resist other persons and conditions, and as we open our minds and hearts to God's spirit of harmony and adjustment, life becomes easier for us, richer and happier. An attitude of cheerfulness keeps you relaxed and serene, and conditions your mind for the right handling of situations as they arise. Your attitude is reflected in your face and manner, and other persons catch your cheerfulness — and a state of harmony is thus set up — for it is difficult for any other person to attempt to attack one who is constantly armed with good cheer and a sense of harmony. A wonderful way to insure a successful, happy day is to say quietly when you awake each morning, "Good morning, God. I am glad you are here today. I want to be with you and to express your Spirit of good will and cheer always."

"A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance."—Prov. 15:13.

At Rocky Mount Saturday:

Dinner Meet Set For A&T Graduates In Eastern NC

ROCKY MOUNT—A&T College alumni from throughout the eastern section of North Carolina will attend the Janus Day to be held here on Saturday, Jan. 25.

The dinner is set for Wright's Chicken Shack, a popular restaurant here on Raleigh Road, beginning at 6:00 P. M.

Dr. Samuel D. Proctor, president of the college, will deliver the main address.

The affair, one of two to be held in the State this winter, is being sponsored by the A&T College General Alumni Association. In charge of arrangements is the Extension Committee, headed by C. A. Dupree, principal of the Sampson High School, Clinton.

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Dear Sally

BY SALLY SHAW

DEAR SALLY: A little over a year ago, I gave a stork shower for a good friend of mine and she, of course, received a lot of nice gifts for her expected baby. However, soon after this, she suffered a miscarriage, and subsequently she returned all the gifts to the donors. Now she's told me she is expecting another baby in about five months. She's very happy about this, and I'm happy about it, too. I'm wondering, though, if it would be all right or tactful for me to arrange another stork shower in her honor J.G.

DEAR J. G.: I think it would be wiser for you to skip the shower this time, waiting until after the baby is born and you know for sure that everything is all right. Then visit her with your gifts.

DEAR SALLY: Everyone calls me "a very lucky fellow," because I'm engaged to a very beautiful girl. But I'm beginning to wonder more and more whether I'm really "lucky." Ever since we've been engaged, this girl has been getting more and more critical and sarcastic, and she's always digging at me on the slightest provocation. I'm far from being over-sensitive or thin-skinned and can take my share of good-natured kidding, but there's nothing good-natured or funny about the way she's always on my back especially in the presence of our friends. It's getting so I'm afraid to speak or move for fear of touching off another barrage of sharp-pointed remarks from her. What do you think about this? TOM.

DEAR TOM: I think you should do something about this as soon as possible. If your girl is so sarcastic and has so little consideration for your feelings now, it will be many times worse after you're married. If you still think you love this girl enough to marry her, appeal to her sense of good taste—absolutely no more sarcastic digs.

DEAR SALLY: My husband is still very friendly with his former wife, the mother of his two daughters. He visits her to see the children at least once every two weeks, and often has dinner with them. Don't you think I should be invited to go along on these visits? He seems to think not. MRS. L.B.

DEAR MRS. L.B.: I think it's better that you don't accompany him on these visits. He should see his children without your presence, since your being there would only remind them of the loss they have been forced to adjust to and could create considerable tension. Of course, I must admit it is rather unusual for a remarried man to be dining regularly with his former wife and their children, and under ordinary circumstances it is wiser for the father to have dinner with his children alone. However, circumstances do vary, and if this is working all right in your case, then all well and good.

DEAR SALLY: I'd like to know how best to approach a woman guest who insists on blotting her lips on my best linen table napkins whenever she dines in my home. This really stains my napkins, and I think it's very thoughtless of her. HOSTESS.

DEAR HOSTESS: Of course, lipstick stains are inevitable on napkins, but a guest who deliberately blots her lips on a linen napkin is very thoughtless to say the least. The lips should not be rubbed with a napkin anyhow—they should be dabbed. You, solution, when you have this particular guest, is to furnish the large-sized dinner napkins in paper, which come in very attractive designs now and are in quite good taste. I don't see how you can speak to your friend about this habit of hers without offending her, unless sometime you casually bring up the subject of the difficulty of getting lipstick out of napkins and ask her what method she uses. It could be, she'll take the hint.

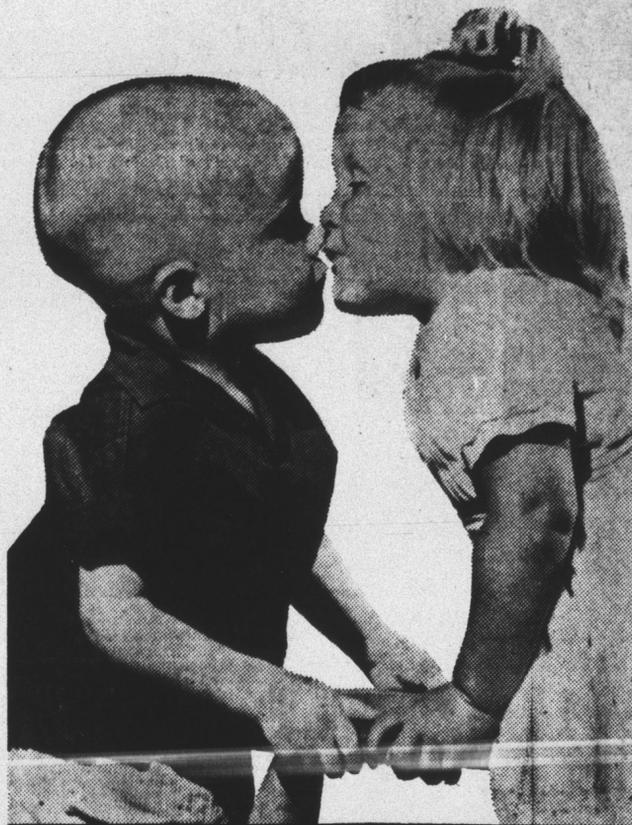
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A NEW EXPERIENCE

A little hesitatingly, a little unsure of that first kiss. This is something new and all kinds of thoughts enter the mind. Now... it's over and... well, what was there to be afraid of? Perhaps this is your first invitation to church, and you would like to go. Then comes the hesitation... "I don't know what to do... what if I made a mistake?" These fears will vanish with the first hearty handshake and friendly welcome that all churches extend, and you, too, may receive the joy of worshiping in God's house.

The Church is God's appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of His love for man and of His demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor. Without this grounding in the love of God, no government or society or way of life will long persevere and the freedoms which we hold so dear will inevitably perish. Therefore, even from a selfish point of view, one should support the Church for the sake of the welfare of himself and his family. Beyond that, however, every person should uphold and participate in the Church because it tells the truth about man's life, death and destiny; the truth which alone will set him free to live as a child of God.



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