

### College Student Gives The Secret Of Her Christian Faith

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RUTH CURTIS ROBESON

Chapel Hill, Dec. 30, 1939. I was interested in the article which came from this magazine and sincere expression of the Christian faith.

When Miss Robeson wrote it, I had her to take it home for her father to read. She did so, and father took it to his office. A neighbor at a desk asked if he might read it. Mr. Robeson, the tears streaming down his face as he read; and when he handed the paper back, he asked if he would send it to a friend who was uninterested in the affairs of church.

When the miracle happened. I saw that this irreligious man after he had read the paper, in his experience had shed him so deeply, he said; he was to prove it.

Next Sunday morning, on the collection plate of the church to which Robesons belong, there appeared from this man who had been so deeply moved, a check for \$500. He gave to the same church arillon, and he is now regularly tressed in its work. Other people who have read the paper have likewise deeply touched and renewed their religious vows. It is one more instance of power which resides in a real religion that this simple girl with simple story has been able to reach the Kingdom of God in a real way.

You would do the cause of religion in our colleges a great deal of good by publishing this paper, and as a professor in a state university, would be gratified to have known that many of the students cast on secular education are grounded.

Miss Robeson is a senior at the University this year. She still sticks to her religion and still takes active part in religious work on campus. She has a host of friends and sheds a sweet influence good wherever she goes. In her seniority she has been of great service in correcting the general tendency toward frivolity not only her voice but by her example.

Cordially yours,  
A. C. HOWELL,  
Professor of English.

By Ruth Curtis Robeson. Since my parents adhered strictly to the verse, "Train up a child the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from my religious life began very early. My first training consisted of two practices; saying my prayers before retiring, and attending Sunday school regularly, both of which I have continued to follow.

My first knowledge of the Bible was not gained in Sunday school, but through the untiring efforts of grandparents and parents. To

learn a verse a day, was my first motto, and one that I followed diligently. Bible stories were read to me daily and verses cited for me to learn. At the age of five I repeated the names of the books in the Bible and also quoted scriptures before a large audience.

An incident during my early childhood confirmed my belief in a Higher Being. My sixth Christmas I spent in a hospital in Augusta, Georgia, where I was critically ill with pneumonia. My condition grew worse as the days went by, and little hope was given for my recovery. I shall never forget the anxiety of my parents as they frantically read the thermometer, only to see one hundred and six degrees registered thereon. The doctor finally told my father he had done his best, and that time would be the determining factor.

My grandfather was very persistent in his desire to have his pastor visit me. Permission was granted by my father and I received my first visitor in two weeks the following afternoon. Although my temperature was still very high and my resistance low, I remember his visit very distinctly.

With a gentle and sympathetic air so true of a minister, an elder-in-law entered the room one early afternoon. As he talked of Jesus Christ and His Saving Grace, he patted my fevered hand and assured me of salvation. My views were sought on the subject of death and eternal life. I remember conversing freely on this subject with no thought of fear. He seemed pleased with my ideas and at the close of his visit prayed with me. All of his prayer is not clear in my mind, but I do recall the last sentence, which has been of great significance to me, "And Lord if it is Thy will that this child live, may she ever live for Thee and answer Thy call."

I rallied very fast after the pastor's visit; and it is my firm belief, as it is of my parents, that I was saved from death by prayer. This was an experience that convinced me of a Superior Being. Since that time I have always felt my being belonged to the Giver of Life, and that I must serve His purpose, whatever it may be.

When entering this life, it is customary to be baptized. My parents allowed me to choose the method I desired. After consulting the Scriptures in order to de-

### SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK

By R.J. SCOTT



THE TALLEST KING IN THE WORLD IS MUTARA RUDAHIGWA, RULER OF THE WATUSSIS OF RUANDA, BELGIAN CONGO. HE IS MORE THAN SEVEN FEET IN HEIGHT. TALLEST MEMBER OF A TRIBE THAT AVERAGES MORE THAN SIX FEET

termine the true meaning of baptism, I decided to be immersed. I based my decision on the verse found in Matthew 3:16, "And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water; and lo, the heavens were opened unto Him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him."

The phrase out of the water, convinced me that sprinkling was just an easier method and really not the proper one. My pastor was very surprised when I asked him to baptize me in this way. He consented, however, and brother and I were immersed in 1931 at a private service.

Upon entering high school I found that there were many things which were done and said that I had never seen or heard before. I began to wonder if the people who professed to be Christians ever considered the significance of the verse, "By their fruits ye shall know them." Their actions certainly didn't prove their religious training.

With the constant urging I received to do the things my parents had forbidden, I began to wonder if people ever let others mature as they desired. I found that my parents were regarded by some as peculiar, and by others as quite sensible. I just turned again to my Scriptures and saw another verse fulfilled, for Peter has said (1 Peter 2:19): "But ye are a chosen generation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light." The fact that I lived a bit differently from my friends never marred any of my friendships. The more people nagged me about my idea, the more determined I became to be firm in my beliefs.

It has been quite surprising and disappointing to my friends that I have not weakened under the routine of college life. I have sometimes found it hard to explain my ideas to my friends, but my friends have concluded that the things I do which are inconsistent are just "Ruth Curtis's ideas." Many of the town gossips have been waiting for me to make a mistake in judgment, but so far with God's help, I have been true to my convictions.

The real test came when I went to college. Here, I found life really new and quite different. Some of the girls had never had any spiritual guidance, and thought I lived a life of drudgery. It was always a mystery to them how a girl who didn't drink, didn't smoke, didn't dance, and furthermore didn't even kiss a boy, could even find anything to do or even find any friends, especially male friends. I could have easily told them that the Good Lord sent them, but that would just have been another queer idea. My idea regarding the opposite sex, however, is not the result of religious scruples, but of a personal social rule.

As the school years passed, I became more intimate with my classmates and the subject of religion was often broached. I found that the persons who made the most positive accusations regarding God's word were the persons who never read the Bible and furthermore, they didn't care to read it. Dwight Moody gave such persons as these good advice. He said that they should open the Book with an open mind, and asking the help of God, seek to understand the verses and their meaning. The majority he thought, were biased in the beginning and sure that their scientific minds were far superior to those of the ancient prophets.

### The Facts of Religion

I found that the most effective way to deal with those who didn't believe in Christ was to give them the real facts of the Bible—those things that prove its worth. Surprising facts often attracted their attention. I used such examples as these, that five thousand years before Columbus decided the world was round, the Bible had declared it so, for it says: "He hung the earth on nothing." In another place it was written, "He sitteth on the circle of the earth." "Behold the circuits of the earth." All these

teach the rotundity and globularity of the earth.

The fact that the Bible is geographically correct often astounded many. Princeton's great geologist has said: "The more the leaves of the book of the earth are turned, the more they show the old Book, the Bible, to be true." It is surprising to note that about two thousand years before Harvey's time, Solomon wrote that the streams that pour forth from the heart through the circulating system, make the circuit in three minutes; the Bible is medically correct again in regard to leprosy. Four thousand years before the English doctors who attempted to stamp

out leprosy in England, Moses wrote several pages on leprosy and how it was treated.

The Bible is botanically correct. More than two hundred and fifty flowers and shrubs are mentioned and described in the Old Testament alone. It took civilization four hundred years to learn to classify plants by seeds. Moses did this in the first and second chapters of Genesis.

### Bible Geographically Correct

The Bible is geographically correct. The modern geography professors tell us that currents of the air flow from the equator to the poles and back, one current above the other, and how they whirl around a mass of air at the poles, never resting. Three thousand years before, wise men wrote: "The wind goeth toward the south, and turneth about into the north, it whirleth about continually, and the wind returneth again according to his circuits." And again, "He bendeth up the waters in a thick cloud, he draweth up the drops of water;" rain is condensed vapor.

The number of prophecies that have been fulfilled in the Bible is astonishing. One hundred and ninety-eight direct, definite prophecies are found in the Old Testament concerning the coming of Jesus—the World's Redeemer. The prophecies concerning the second coming of Jesus are eight times as many. Five hundred prophecies have been literally fulfilled. Twenty-eight were fulfilled the day of the crucifixion.

The majesty of style of the Bible combined with the simplicity of the statements, makes it a book for philosophers and humble believers. The meaning is so simple and so easy to believe if only people would accept what they read. The Bible is the most popular, most hated,

### Stricken Senator



Lots of rest has been ordered for Senator Tom Connolly of Texas, who collapsed while attending meeting of Reserve Officers' Association, in Washington, D. C. He recently suffered a prolonged attack of grippe from which he had not completely recovered.

and most attacked book. It has been subjected to criticism and examination. Through all these tests, the Bible has lived and will continue to live.

Such statements as these often started my friends thinking. They began to ask questions and gradually sought the real truth and way of salvation. My school work has often been neglected when I have tried to explain the Bible to non-believers. I believe that there are times when the subject should be discussed and desirable methods of presenting it used. The whole purpose and meaning can be de-

### Miss Selma Brown Is Active In Church Work

Miss Selma Brown, a graduate of the Clyde high school, is now enrolled as a sophomore at Western Carolina Teachers College. Miss Brown is active in church work. She has recently been elected as group captain of the Hunter Baptist Training Union, of the First Baptist church of Cullowhee.

stroyed if irritating methods are used. I do not contend that all my friends should do and act as I do, but I do contend that the only way of salvation and eternal life is by the way written by John in the third chapter of John and the sixteenth verse, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

### Beliefs Confirmed

I shall continue my life as I have planned and only hope that the criticism will be constructive, if possible. Many incidents in my life have confirmed my belief in Jesus Christ, and not once have I ever doubted His word or any wording of the Bible. Peter tells us that . . . the prophecy came not in old times by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. (II Peter, 1:21).

Timothy writes, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." (II Timothy, 3:16).

I, therefore, am sure of what I believe because I know the teachings are true, having been inspired by the Giver of my Christian Faith,

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