

A Hymn Is Born

BY CLINT BONNER

Christ, The Lord, Is Risen

A great Easter hymn was forgotten for 50 years

Charles Wesley wrote so many hymns that he was called "The Sweet Bard of Methodism." John traveled 250,000 miles and preached 40,000 sermons. For 50 years the Wesley brothers worked together. Neither wasted a minute. John turned in at 10 o'clock and was on the go at 4 in the morning. He built a bookcase and wrote table in his buggy. He wrote 233 books on the road. No wonder he preached more sermons than any man who ever lived. Charles wrote hymns morning, noon and night. One day his horse fell on him and nearly killed him, but his greatest concern was that a sore arm caused him to miss one day of writing. When he courted at 40 he wrote love letters in the form of hymns. When the wedding was over he went home and wrote more hymns. No wonder he wrote 6500.

In 1780 the Wesleys were past three score and ten. Charles was 72. John was 77. John Wesley held his brother's hymns in the highest esteem and published them in hymn books and pamphlets. But the founders of Methodism were getting old and John wanted to collect the best of Charles' hymns into one great book. In the preface of his famous

"Collection" John Wesley pleaded that editors not "tinker" with his brother's poems as they would not be able to "mend either the sense or the verse." In appraising the voluminous works of his brother, John Wesley threw out a hymn that Charles wrote in 1728. It was "Christ, the Lord, is risen today." (He also threw out "Jesus, Lover of My Soul.") When Charles Wesley lay on his death bed at the age of 80, in 1788, he was too weak to write, but he whispered a hymn while his wife wrote it down. At 83 John Wesley complained that 15 hours a day of writing hurt his eyes. At 85 he said two sermons a day tired him and he cut down to seven a week. He was just short of 90 when he died in 1791. No disease killed him. Doctors said he just wore out. In 1830 a hymnbook editor came across a copy of "Christ, the Lord is Risen Today" and put it back in the Wesleyan Hymn Book. Charles Wesley did not write the Greek word "Alhulua" at the end of each line. The "tinkering" editor did that to make the words fit an old Easter tune. But maybe John Wesley wouldn't mind because otherwise the world would have been denied one of his brother's greatest hymns.

Christ, the Lord, is risen today;
Sons of men and angels say;
Raise your joys and triumphs high;
Sing, ye heavens, and, earth, reply.
Sing, ye heavens, and, earth, reply.
Love's redeeming work is done,
Fought the fight, the battle won;
Lo, our Saviour's action is o'er,
Lo, He sets in blood no more,
Lo, He sets in blood no more.

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ hath burst the gates of hell;
Death in vain forbids His rise;
Christ hath opened Paradise,
Christ hath opened Paradise.

Lives again our glorious King;
"Where, O Death, is now thy sting?"
Once He died our souls to save;
"Where's thy victory, boasting Grave?"
"Where's thy victory, boasting Grave?"



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PASTOR'S COLUMN

High School Students
Carlton F. Hirschi
You, my high school friend, have just completed another school year. How would you evaluate the work that you recently completed? Did you do your very best? Some of you were merely interested in just passing and that was all. Whatever you do always seek to do your very best, that is all that can be asked of you.
Some of you did not do your best and perhaps met defeat by failing your grade. Defeat is nothing to be ashamed of. It happens to each one of us in some way or another. Some are not capable of graduating

Adventist Churches N. C. Conference May 29 Thru June 6

Seventh-day Adventist Churches throughout North and South Carolina have been notified by Carolina officials here (Charlotte, N. C.) that this year's annual Camp Meeting at Blue Ridge, N. C. will be held May 29 through June 6.
This year's convocation has been planned for a two-day longer period than has similar meetings for the past three years. Caris H. Lauda, Conference president revealed today.
A Laymen's Congress has been scheduled for the opening week-end of the Camp Meeting session.

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What Never Fails

Lesson for May 31, 1953

WHAT do you wish for, most of all? What do you pray for, most of all? You wish and pray for many things, and this is right; but what is above all? If you take your New Testament seriously, there can be no question about that. You will want above all that everything else; you will not be content to ask for less than the greatest thing in the world. You will ask God for love.

Better Than Miracles

Remember, when St. Paul of Jesus talked about love they were not thinking about the thing you hear about from the jukebox at the corner drugstore. They were not thinking about the sort of thing that comes and goes and leaves headaches and heartaches behind. They were not thinking of the kind of love that wants to get, but of the love that wants to give. They meant the kind of love God has and is: the kind of love that transforms the persons to whom it is given. The kind of love that Jesus lived out there in Galilee, the kind that can be lived on any street in the world. The kind of love the Cross stands for. This kind of love, Paul said, is better than miracles. Indeed, miracles are no account without it. When Paul talks of "speaking with the tongues of men and of angels" he is not meaning eloquence, oratory. He means (as you can see from I Cor. Chap. 12) the miraculous "gift" of tongues which the Christian church knew. Some of the members could speak with tongues, some couldn't. Those that could, despised those that couldn't. That's not the point, Paul means to say. The measure of a Christian is not miracles, but love.

Mightier Than the Mind

Love is also better than something else we all admire and would like to have as much as possible. It is better and mightier than mental genius. The world around us is full of mysteries. A child can ask questions the wise cannot answer. If I only knew! is a thought that has occurred to every one. Each of us thinks he would be happier if he knew all the answers. We feel sure we could do more and be more if our minds were even just a little sharper than they are. But Paul reminds us that even if our prayers for insight and wisdom were all answered, even if we had such wisdom that we knew just what any such thing is likely to happen to us, we should still amount to precisely nothing, if we did not have love. Paul does not say that mental power is a bad thing; he did not say that miracles are no good. What he does say is that miracles minus love, or mind minus love, will not fulfill God's dreams, nor ours.

Nobler Than Martyrdom

The Christian church has always honored her martyrs, the men and women and children too who have died rather than give up their faith. We are inclined to put martyrs up in the highest bracket of the saints, partly because most of us are sadly aware that we are not the stuff of which martyrs are made. But Paul pulls us up short. Even to be burned at the stake for a righteous cause is still nothing at all, if there is no love behind and in the action.

Love Is the Miracle

Two hesitations cloud the mind. Is it not selfish to ask for the greatest thing in the world? Should we not rather be contented with lesser gifts? The answer to this hesitation is that this divine kind of love is precisely unselfishness itself. To ask for the grace of unselfishness is surely no selfish prayer. Another hesitation is this: Is not this divine thing, this thing that outlives and outlasts wisdom and miracles and martyrdoms—is not this too high for us? Is it not a miracle itself, so rare we should not know what to do with it if we had it? Well, it is rare indeed, and with the exception of our Lord there was never a life that shone with it from beginning to end. Yet we who have known Christian homes and Christian people have lived in its light. It is a miracle indeed; but it is not one to lift us above the clouds, it is one to keep our feet on the ground.

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was unanimous, and approval of the new class of preferred stock and the enlargement of the board to its original membership of 14 directors was overwhelming. While the votes were being tallied, Mr. Sutton reported informally to the stockholders on last year's operation. He called it "a good year" with increase in customer, gross and net income and with the company's twenty-three million dollar expansion program for 1953 progressing on schedule.
More than \$100,000,000 has been spent on expansion since V. J. Day he said, and \$200,000 additional will be spent by the end of the

He referred to the merger of Tide Water Power Company into the CP&L system last year as a progressive move.
Directors who were reelected by the stockholders are: Sutton, Walters, Weatherspoon, Carpenter, Hargrove Bellamy of Wilmington, James L. Coker of Hartsville, S. C., Fulton B. Creech of Sumter, S. C., E. Hervey Evans of Laurinburg, Robert M. Hanes of Winston-Salem, Verne Rhoades of Asheville, and Alexandra Webb of Raleigh.

Hallsville Circle Met Saturday

Circle No. 2 of Hallsville Women of the Church met Saturday evening, May 16, at the home of Mrs. Norwood Miller with 10 members and three visitors present. Chairman Mrs. John Rhodes called the meeting to order, after which the Lord's Prayer was repeated in unison. Roll call and minutes were given and business discussed. Mrs. Ralph Miller gave Bible Study, "Jesus The Promised Messiah." Mrs. Ashe Miller gave an article on "What And Why Furlough Home." Mrs. Otis Miller discussed the meeting with prayer.
The hostess served cookies and soft drinks.
June meeting will meet with Mrs. Hermon Miller.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST SCIENTIST

"Ancient and Modern Necromancy, Alias Mesmerism and Hypnotism, Denounced" is the topic of the lesson-sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, next Sunday.
The Golden Text is from Jonah 2:8, 9, "They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy. . . Salvation is of the Lord."
Passages from the Bible include: "The night is far spent, the day is at hand; let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light." Romans 13:12.
And from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy, "If mortals would keep proper ward over mortal mind, the brood of evils which infest it would be cleared out."
June is "Dairy Month" in North Carolina.
Research is progressing on a one-seeded variety of sugar beet that is resistant to leaf spot and black root.
The percentage of fruits and vegetables hauled to market by trucks rather than rail is increasing. The shift to motor freight from 1948 to 1951 was about 7 per cent for grapefruit and tomatoes, 6 per cent for apples, potatoes and cabbage, 3 per cent for oranges and celery, and about 0.5 per cent for lettuce.

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Faith In Action

By Rev. C. Herman Trueblood
Text: "By faith, Noah, Prepared an ark to the saving of his house," Hebrew 11:7.

The 11th chapter of Hebrews is the Bible's Hall of Fame. Some one has called this remarkable chapter "The Bible's Westminster Abbey." Here is the record of ancient heroes and heroines of the Cross; here we have, as nowhere else, the stories of those who proved their faith by their works; here, indeed, is a remarkable drama of faith at its best.

In this marvelous chapter we find the expression, "by faith," and its equivalent expression, "in faith," or "through faith," occurring some twenty-six times. Undreamed of deeds were achieved by faith; apparently things were wrought by faith; mountable obstacles were overcome by faith; implacable enemies were defeated by faith.

For this meditation we shall single out just one case of superb faith mentioned in this chapter, the case of Noah, set forth in the 7th verse: "By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house." A little analysis of this verse will reveal some highly important elements of FAITH IN ACTION - faith that proved its reality by its works:

1. FAITH PLUS COMMON SENSE. Noah was warned of God to prepare to avert a great crisis; God told Noah that a flood was coming, and that therefore he should build an ark for the "saving of his house." Now is it not good sound sense to prepare to escape a disaster? "Self preservation is the first law of nature." Call it "Safety First," or what this life. It is infinitely more important to "prepare to meet God," in the life to come.

2. FAITH PLUS FEAR. Noah was not only acuted by Common Sense, he was also "moved with fear." Fear has been classified as man's Greatest enemy. But fear may also be man's greatest friend. Noah had such a regard for God, such a sublime reverence, that he "feared" that he might disobey Him, and he trembled at the thought of such a thing. Indeed, there is a proper place for fear, for "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; but fools despise wisdom and instruction." Prov. 1:7.

3. FAITH PLUS EXPEDIENCY. The disposition of faith to use the means at hand is Active Faith. Noah's faith contained the ability to use the materials at hand coupled with divine power and guidance. God supplied Noah with a blue-print for the construction of the ark - all the plans and specifications were made available. Noah's sense of responsibility to "His house" his "Common Sense," his "fear" lest he disobey God, and his faith to "Trust God," and carry out God's instruction, explains the grandeur of his combined Faith and Works - FAITH IN ACTION.

Have faith in God, He's on His throne;
Have faith in God, He watcheth O'er His own;
He cannot fail, He must prevail;
Have faith in God, Have faith in God.

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