

TWO MINUTES WITH THE BIBLE

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THE DEATH OF THE CROSS

There are four words which every one of us should consider in connection with Christ's death at Calvary if we would fully appreciate what our Savior did for us there.

CRUCIFIXION

It is doubtful whether man has ever conceived a more cruel and humiliating way to execute, even the vilest criminals. The physical agony alone must have been horrible to even contemplate. The criminal was nailed to a tree and left to hang there, writhing in the most intense pain until, fivers wracking his body, he died. And then think of the humiliation as he was nailed there, stripped and naked, to suffer shame and disgrace before the public gaze. Little wonder Phil. 2:8 says that Christ humbled Himself to become obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."

SUBSTITUTION

We have not even begun to understand the cross if we do not understand that Christ died there as our Substitute, paying for our sins. "Christ died for our sins" (I

Cor. 15:3). "His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree" (I Pet. 2:24).

REPRESENTATION

But Christ was more than our Substitute. He was our voluntary Representative, at Calvary. He has taken on Himself human form that He might represent man before God and died as a Man for men.

"As it is appointed unto men once to die but after this the judgment, so Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many." (Heb. 9:27, 28).

"(He) was made . . . lower than the angels . . . that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man" (Heb. 2:9).

IDENTIFICATION

It follows from this that if Christ represented me at Calvary, He became identified with me there, and I am identified with Him as I accept this by faith. Hence Paul exclaims:

"I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me" (Gal. 2:20).

Grassroots Opinion

LE ROY, ILL., JOURNAL: "Over in Sweden, long said to be the showcase for socialism or welfare, the national sales tax now will be 9 per cent. Cigarettes, for instance, will cost 77c per package. The rich have been equalized. The average man, and the poor man, pay the taxes, and pay until it hurts. The United States is well down such a road. Our government and our leaders should have the courage to ask people to pay their way. Our citizens should demand such a course. Yet, here we are, with our politicians unwilling to ask such an equitable proposal, and the peo-

ple apparently happy and contented to follow the present course. We have lost much of our moral fiber."

BOONEVILLE, IND., STANDARD: "Demand is always on the threshold of change. The most successful of all merchants are those who anticipate a change in demand and use advertising to claim a fresh market."

SCHUYLKILL HAVEN, PA., CALL AND NEWS: "A Montreal movie house was being picketed but business was brisk anyway as the theater was showing a

good mystery thriller. The union strategists came up with an effective answer. The pickets bore signs that read: 'The professor's wife did it.' Two hours later the strike was settled."

ANDALUSIA, ALA., STAR-NEWS: "Just take a wander at the fates in Federal boondoggery. Uncle Sam is offering college students substantial assistance to steer the brilliant minds into medical schools. And how is Congress going to reward these youngsters who choose the paths that lead to M. D. degrees? Why, naturally, by adopting Medicare legislation that will socialize the medical profession, undermining any ambitions that might lead to a profitable profession for the scholarship winners."

CORRIGAN, TEXAS, TIMES: "It's a peculiar world. Washington takes over our money, and then threatens to cut off our dollars if we don't comply. Foreign nations can trample our flag, wreck our embassies, tell Uncle Sam to go jump in the lake, and still they receive foreign aid with no strings attached. Some things are said to figure out."

ASTC Receives Grant From Federal Government

Boone—Appalachian State Teachers College has received notification of a grant to the institution from the Federal Government to pay students to work part time while they study.

The grant totaling \$14,091.00 was made under the economic Opportunity Act of 1964. The work-study program will be initiated during the spring quarter under the direction of Dr. Kenneth Webb, Jr., Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and Student Aid Officer.

Dr. Webb estimated the program would provide work for approximately 100 students who would have the chance to work a maximum of fifteen hours per week.

Employment projects planned under the grant on campus include opportunities for both undergraduate and graduate students. This work would be on an instructional and non-instructional basis and if these employed would do such

work as typing, mimeographing, and general work assisting teachers.

An off-campus project for students includes a program coordinated through WAMY Community Action, Inc., the North Carolina Fund sponsored agency which serves Watauga, Avery, Mitchell, and Yancey Counties.

The students who work with WAMY will be given employment in connection with the Neighborhood Youth Corps Program which will be financed under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964.

Students eligible for employment under this grant must be those financially in need who have a good academic standing and are currently enrolled or accepted for enrollment.

According to Dr. Webb later proposals under the EOA will be made to the U. S. Government for this summer and 1965-1966.

Those persons who are interested should apply through the Student Aid Office at Appalachian State Teachers College.

Participants In Feed Grain Program Have Advantages

Growers who participate in the 1965 feed grain program will have definite advantages over growers who elect not to participate, according to J. T. Randolph, Office Manager of the Yancey Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Office.

First, he explained, the diversion payment earned for reducing the farm's 1965 acreage of corn, barley, or grain, sorghum, assures the participating growers of a substantial income from the diverted acres, regardless of drought, flood, insects, hail, or crop disease.

This is also true of the price-support payment which is made on the acreage planted in 1965 to one or more of the three feed grains — no matter what disposition is made of the crop, the price-support payment is assured. And third, price support is available through loans and purchases on the participating farmers' entire 1965 production of the three feed grains.

Furthermore, Randolph added, if the farm operator requests it

an advance payment of one-half of the estimated diversion payment will be made at the time of signing up or as soon as possible after that time.

Growers take part in the feed grain program by diverting at least 20 percent of the farm's feed grain base acreage into an approved conserving use and carrying out other provisions of the program. If more than the minimum acreage is diverted, a higher rate of payment will apply. Maximum diversion is 50 percent of the farm's feed grain base or 25 acres, whichever is larger.

The minimum rate of payment is based on one-fifth of the county's total price-support rate. A higher rate applies to diversion between 20 and 40 percent of the base. If 40 percent or more of the base is actually diverted, the higher rate applies to the entire acreage diverted.

Farm operators may file application to take part in the 1965 feed grain program at the Yancey ASCS county office. The sign-up period extends through March 26.

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