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On Christmas Mail

Postmaster-General Arthur E. Summerfield recently listed ten rules for holiday mail users. We will not repeat all the ten rules, for some of them are just simple, ordinary commonsense.

However, some of them are worth listing. Summerfield asks that addresses be printed in full and not abbreviated, and that senders should put their return address on them, in the upper left-hand corner, on both parcels and Christmas cards.

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The best tip by the Postmaster-General is probably the one on the time one should go to the post office. Studies show that if you go to the post office before 10 o'clock in the morning and between 1:30 and 3:30 P. M., in the afternoon, you will find fewer people in line at the window. This does not hold true, necessarily, in all towns, but for most cities and towns in the country.

The last suggestion is that you get your Christmas mail off as soon as possible. Parcels to men

overseas should already have been sent, and it is urged that all those sending parcels to friends in this country should mail them, at the latest, by early December.

If I could write the beauty of your eyes,
 And in fresh numbers number all your graces,
 The age to come would say, "This poet lies;
 Such heavenly touches ne'er touched earthly faces."
 —Shakespeare.

WILL MARILYN MONROE'S MARRIAGE LAST?
 Maurice Zolotow gives the low-down on the rumors that Marilyn Monroe and Arthur Miller are about to split up, because of feuds among her staff and husband. Be sure to read "Who Runs Marilyn Monroe?" for facts about her marriage and career, some of which have never before been told... appearing in December 16th issue of **The American Weekly Magazine** in **Colorgrave** with **The BALTIMORE SUNDAY AMERICAN** On Sale At **Your Local Newsdealer**

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

MORE THAN CONQUERORS
 International Sunday School Lesson For December 9, 1956.

Memory Selection: "In all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us."
 —Romans 8:37-39.

Since very few of us are completely satisfied with our life as Christians, it is well for us to consider such a loss as we have for this week, wherein we can more than likely discover the reason for our discontent. It is well for us to realize that we, of ourselves, cannot attain the standard of Christian living we desire, but it is through our faith in Jesus that we become "more than conquerors."

The lesson passage given for our consideration is part of Paul's letter to the Christians who were living in Rome at that time, and it expresses the apostle's mature insight into the redemption of men as made possible and effective by the living God through his son Jesus: Faith opens the door to God's Spirit, whose power then becomes our power. Paul tells us that when God's Spirit—which is the power of God—comes into the heart of a man, his nature is changed.

Probably no teaching in the New Testament is as difficult for the average believer to understand as that concerning the Holy Spirit. We should keep constantly in mind at all times that the Holy Spirit is a person—a divine Person who is to be worshipped, served and loved.

Dr. R. A. Torrey has said that "the doctrine of the Personality of the Holy Spirit is both fundamental and vital. Anyone who does not know the Holy Spirit as a person has not attained to a complete and well-rounded Christian experience. Anyone who knows God the Father and God the Son, but who does not know God the Spirit, has not attained unto the Christian conception of God, nor to a fully Christian experience."

One of the questions which arise in the minds of some is: "What is the function of the Holy Spirit?" In a discussion of the Holy Spirit, Dr. John Shape says that four prepositions illustrate and explain the operations of the Holy Spirit in his relation with men. These prepositions are: to, in, with and upon. Thus the Holy Spirit comes to men, when he convicts them of sin; in men, at their regeneration; with men, for fellowship; and upon men, for power.

The Scripture teaches us that the Holy Spirit convicts of sin. Jesus said, "And when he (Holy Spirit) is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment." (John 16:8.) The Holy Spirit quickens the heart of man into a recognition of sin, of wrong, a recognition of guilt and a realization of his separation from God because of this sin.

Then the Holy Spirit points the unaved to the Saviour, Jesus Christ. While this produces a deeper sense of sin, in contrast to Christ's sinless life, it also assures the sinner of God's love. The acceptance by the sinner of Christ as his Saviour is consummated when the Holy Spirit imparts to the trusting soul spiritual life.

Thus, we owe our salvation to the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit. Through him, God draws the sinner to himself, causing him to renounce his sin, seek God's forgiveness and surrender his soul to Him. After the sinning soul is regenerated, the Holy Spirit dwells always in the heart of the Christian, as Paul declared: "Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you" (I Cor. 6:19). He gives the Christian assurance of his salvation, victory over sin and assurance of his presence always. What a comforting thought it is to know that one does not have to fight the battle against sinful temptations alone but that the Holy Spirit is ever present to give victory.

The Holy Spirit teaches the Christian more about Christ, more about our Father, and God and more of our own responsibilities and privileges in carrying out God's will in the world. With the help of the Holy Spirit, the Christian can experience the joy of serving. The Holy Spirit alone gives power for witnessing for Christ. He helps in prayer, "making intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." He is our comforter in sorrow, giving hope and courage, consolation and strength to the believer to stand steadfastly. Surely, we can say that

THE NEXT STEP

The speed of modern life tempts us to think of our goals and to forget the importance of a single step. But the men who scale the highest peaks concentrate on one step at a time.

There seem to be plenty of folks with noble aspirations who rarely go to Church. Some of them may reach their goals; but legion are the others whose "one false step" starts an avalanche of broken hopes.

The steady, sincere, every-Sunday church-goer usually has noble aspirations and a far better chance of achieving them! He has learned to study each step by faith and prayer... to test the ground on which he treads... to climb with others in a common quest of the summits of life.

Destiny depends on the next step!

THE CHURCH FOR ALL... ALL FOR THE CHURCH

The Church is the greatest factor in the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

| Day | Book | Chapter | Verses |
|-----------|-----------|---------|--------|
| Sunday | Proverbs | 2 | 10-27 |
| Monday | Isaiah | 2 | 1-11 |
| Tuesday | Amos | 2 | 14-24 |
| Wednesday | Psalms | 24 | 1-6 |
| Thursday | Psalms | 139 | 1-12 |
| Friday | Luke | 19 | 1-10 |
| Saturday | Galatians | 5 | 18-26 |

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