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## TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Come and let us return unto the Lord: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. Hosea 6:1.

## Citizen Churchill

Though a few members of the House of Representatives disagreed, it is fitting and proper that Sir Winston Churchill has become an honorary citizen of the United States.

From the standpoint of heritage, Mr. Churchill is half-American, his mother having been born in this nation, but more important is the contribution he has made to the continuance of democracy and what human freedom the world knows.

Churchill has been a prominent, often controversial international figure for more years than many enjoy. In the years leading to World War I, he was the young, brash and clear-thinking home secretary in the British government. Sacked as chief of the Admiralty following the ill-fated Dardanelles campaign in 1915, he remained a strong but little heard voice throughout the decade leading to World War II and was summoned to be Prime Minister when Britain's debacle and the Churchill bulldog spirit combined to prove him prophet and tower of unflinching strength. Had he been heeded more on military strategy during World War II, the world's problems would be less great today.

It is a little-remembered fact that Mr. Churchill was injured—and flirted closely with death—when struck by a car in New York many years ago.

Remembering the dark days of 1940-42, it is conceivable this nation could be under the oppressor's heel had not Mr. Churchill been at the helm of the British state in those critical days.

## Science Will Win

Evidence continues to mount that cancer, at least some of its varied forms, is caused by viruses.

Only over the weekend, a research scientist cited findings which, though he said evidence is yet quite insufficient for proof, indicate viruses may cause one or more types.

If these indications are sustained, it is reasonable to believe that means may be developed to combat and kill the killers. The record of success in minimizing the threat of small pox, typhoid fever, tuberculosis and infantile paralysis is also indicative that science will be victorious in its quest for means of preventing and/or curing a hydra-headed enemy.

The annual appeal for funds for the American Cancer society is at hand. Some of the funds are used locally for treatment of the needy, and for other worthy purposes. The remainder goes for research grants in the continuing effort to remove the word "cancer" from the list of those with often fatally hopeless connotations.

Invitations to give to this fund should be honored with smiles and liberal checks.

## Easter 1963

The Christian world, which indeed spans the globe, is in the season of re-birth, culminating with the Easter anniversary on Sunday.

Nearly two thousand years after the Resurrection Christians celebrated, the world, though much closer together geographically through vast scientific and engineering advances in transport and communication, remains a series of armed camps, with power balances (such as the Western World versus the Communist World) the chief instrument of maintaining the peace.

There is hope for the future. The posture of leading governments today is, at least, one of lip service to avoiding war.

This posture is a happy contrast to that of past centuries when almost every king's principal desire was the expansion of the real estate of his domain.

Lip service, of course, is unhappily in contrast to the acts of many nations, large and small, the seat of trouble in many areas throughout the known world.

The season of re-birth will be accompanied by prayers for peace, both locally and nationally, and by prayers that the principals of the Saviour will pervade all peoples of the world.

## And There Was Light

A Kings Mountain citizen remarked facetiously over the weekend, "Gee, I'll have to get off the front street. It's too bright."

He referred, of course, to the bright-like-day appearance of the Battleground avenue—Railroad avenue piece of the business section, where the ten new outdoor lighting units did, indeed, produce daylight.

It is a far contrast to the old lighting, in use more than three decades, which had rather long been in the obsolete category, and, by comparison, gave poor light, both in terms of candlepower and in comparison to power consumed.

The city launched this modernization program with a plan to make it continuing, that is, to install new units annually, via small appropriations, until it catches up on needs for outdoor lighting, as it is doing in the direction of improving streets and sidewalks.

The city's expenditure for the ten units installed will approximate \$5,000.

With the impact of the first section, installation, it is conceivable that the public demand for modernization will quicken, and the board of commissioners may want to implement the modernization program more quickly than originally anticipated.

The appearance of the city is more enhanced than many of the more ardent promoters of the lighting program anticipated.

## The Academy Awards

The large nation-wide audience which postponed bedtime Monday night to televise the 35th annual awards of the Motion Picture Academy of Arts and Sciences were treated to a fast-paced live show which lived up to advanced billing of "best yet."

The tone of the event was different from prior years.

Frank Sinatra, the idolized crooner of the forties, who faded as a singing star, then won one of the coveted Oscars as a serious dramatic actor, purveyed some humor in his role as master of ceremonies, but the humor was more serious than funny, and at most facetious.

Said Mr. Sinatra, he is tired of the conversation which would put movie-making on the government subsidy list, or any other prop. What is required, he contends, is serious hard work and the desire to return the movie to the role of required recreation and art it attained before the impact of television.

Hollywood's performance of 1962 indicates that the movie-makers have returned to bedrock, with a host of dramas, musicals, comedies and tragedies which deservedly attract the consideration and coin of mass audiences.

Few who saw the film clips Monday night of "Lawrence of Arabia," "The Longest Day," "To Kill a Mockingbird," or the other top films of '62 will want to miss their run at local area theatres.

Product sells, be it at the theatre, over the apparel counter, or in any field.

Congratulations to Danny Dyke, champion Kings Mountain elementary school speller, and best wishes to him as he represents the community in area competition.

A best bow to Harold Pearson, who has been elected commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9811.

## MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By MARTIN HARMON

Ingredients: bits of news, wisdom, humor, and comments.  
Directions: Take weekly, if possible, but avoid overdosage.

Years ago, it has been now, this newspaper supported the subsequently approved program for periodic vehicle safety inspections in North Carolina.

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By the time it had been operative for 18 months and another General Assembly was to meet, the Herald's position had switched by 100 percent. The time involved in collecting the little blue "approved" sticker, particularly if an ailment were found and a return trip necessitated, brought revulsion to the program throughout the state and the General Assembly honored the wishes of the people.

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Since this law was killed, mechanical inspection bills have come before the Assembly each session, but none has ever been airborne.

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With the background difficulties of years ago in mind, I've been rather much of an "agin-er" since.

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Some three Sundays ago, however, I had a rather harrowing, if not completely out of the ordinary experience. Enroute collecting the morning mail, I must have made eight or nine stops for alls and red traffic signals. After collecting Uncle Sam's postal offerings of the morning, I honored the stop sign at the Gaston-Mountain corner, then circling office-ward, the one at the Gaston-Gold corner, this one for double reason. In addition to the big red sign ordering a stop, a brown-and-cream Pontiac sedan was approaching. Though we didn't know each other, the driver of the Pontiac and I mutually nodded greetings.

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I pulled around the corner, made ready to make the right turn at Piedmont avenue. But ready was as far as I got. When I depressed the brake pedal of my vintage Dodge, the pedal remained depressed, and, actually or not, the vehicle seemed to gain momentum. It probably did speed up, on benefit of the down-hill drag. By the time the car was cresting toward the Cherokee corner, I'd remembered the hand brake and found it functioned. It enabled stopping in front of Ted Ledford's establishment. Driving up-hill and in second gear, I parked in front of the office to await some Monday morning service for what I assumed would be a new master cylinder or fluid line.

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It reminded of a similar experience about 19 years ago, equally frightening, but with a happy ending. It was a rainy, cold Sunday afternoon. I was home for the weekend, and a cousin was visiting in the afternoon. I offered to drive her home. In second gear, I pulled away from the curb found on first attempt at use I had no brakes. No near accidents occurred.

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## Shopping Around

By Rolfe



"My wife spends too much money!"

## Viewpoints of Other Editors

### LO, THE POOR INDIAN

The fame of Indian guides whose cunning has often brought the white man safely out of the wilderness has become legendary. But look what happened in Wyoming.

A Shoshone Indian guide was with a party of Bureau of Land Management surveyors returning from an inspection of timber.

The Shoshone became separated from the rest of the party and got lost in a dead-end canyon 11,000 feet up.

His party of surveyors returned to their headquarters unaided, then sent out a group of horsemen who, with the aid of a helicopter, rescued the lost Indian.

This was hardly in keeping with the legendary belief that an Indian can see things in the wilderness that a white man can't.

And what about a helicopter, which is surely a product of the machine age, rescuing a lost brave whose moccasined feet have so swiftly carried him through the forest to safety in the past?

Could James Fenimore Cooper have been wrong?

Perhaps the legendary Indian is changing. He may be more resourceful in the city than in the wilderness.

For instance, there was that old Indian who always seemed to know what kind of weather was coming.

Asked why he could predict weather so accurately, he replied: "I tune in on the weather bureau broadcasts."

*Topoka, Kansas Capital*

### SEASONAL NOTE

24 pt INSIDE SWEET POTATO  
Oh no. Sometimes there can be no doubt of it.

The calendar says yes; but so does the thermometer. Even people's faces manage to overcome the habitude of wintry expression. Some smile at you, some smile just to themselves.

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### CHORAL SOCIETY PERFORMS IN EXCELLENCE

The Cleveland County Choral Society rendered pure excellence Sunday in its premiere at First Baptist Church. Those who appreciate beautiful sacred music and who failed to fill a pew for the performance have much to regret.

Rendering Herbert Grieb's "The Magnificat" in the second portion of the service of praise and worship, the mixed voices filled the sanctuary in beautifully blended chorus. Masterfully produced and leaving with the audience a hunger for more was "Gloria Be To Thy Father."

Members of the choral group are rendering a real service to their county and communities by bringing this musical opportunity to us.

We toss bouquets to the Cecilia Music Club, sponsor of the group, and to Harvey L. Woodruff, able conductor, along with each important member of the 60-voice talented Choral Society.

*The Cleveland Times*

### NOT ALWAYS SAME

An editorial in a West Coast newspaper recently assailed those who resist change, pointing out that "Progress Means Change."

That is true, to a certain point. It is difficult, if not impossible, to bring about progress if everything and everybody adheres to a rigid pattern.

But it's equally true that everything isn't progress. The idea that everything new is superior to everything old simply isn't true. That's been proved so often that it scarcely is necessary to quote examples. But it's particularly true in the field of Government, where new and "progressive" theories have supplanted tried-and-true rules of the past—and haven't worked.

Few people are opposed to real progress, but a great many are convinced that change and progress aren't always the same. And they are right.

*Lubbock (Texas) Avalanche-Journal*

### JOY TRANSMITTED OVER THE MILES

It was required, in the course of my day's work, to place a long-distance telephone call to London, England. As the overseas operator made the connection and a clear British voice answered my request, I heard him singing away as happy as a lark s he wited for the person to pick up the receiver. He sounded so cheerful and happy, I remarked, "Surely it must be a fine day in London for you to be singing so gaily."

"Are you joshing?" he said crisply. "Why, it's raining 'cats and dogs' here!"

"Well," I said, "All the more power to you . . . if you can be so gay on such a dreary day."

"I am just happy and won't allow drab weather to dampen my spirits," he said.

Thereupon the call came through and I left the matter which stayed with me all day. Surely real joy and cheer were conveyed over those thousands of miles.

*Christian Science Monitor.*

### 10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Items of news about King Mountain area people an events taken from the 195 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

Grady Howard, well-known Kings Mountain man, has been named manager of Kings Mountain hospital and will assume his duties about May 1.

Harry E. Page was elected Tuesday night to serve as president of the Kings Mountain Country Club for 1963-64.

Social and Personal  
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Littlejohn have returned from a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harrill in Clearwater, Fla.

# The Battle Of Sin

George T. Moore, Pastor  
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Text: John 8:31 "Truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death."

Battles are fought for one purpose. Opposing forces, those who are enemies, fight to win, to defeat the enemy. Anyone who expects to win a battle, defeat an enemy, must have knowledge and understanding of that enemy. This knowledge must examine weaknesses and strengths.

Anyone who expects to win a battle, defeat an enemy, must have two strengths of his own—a good defense and a good offense. The good defense is protection against attack, especially a surprise attack. However, defense is always the negative side. Defensive actions do not win wars. They only prolong them. Offensive action, the good offense, is the aggressive attack. It is the only way and means of victory.

During the Korean War, General Douglas MacArthur was removed from command of the United Nations forces by the President of the United States. Many of the leaders of this country disagreed with that decision, and General MacArthur was invited to express his views before a joint session of Congress. Included in that speech were these prophetic words concerning the basic principles of warfare: "Once war is forced upon us, there is no alternative than to apply every available means to bring it to a swift end. War's very object is victory — not prolonged indecision. In war, indeed, there can be no substitute for victory."

I say those were prophetic words for, twelve years later, the results of all our defensive warfare have gained little or nothing in this nation's continuing struggle against communism. The principles stated by the General, and accepted by every military leader of worth still hold true. There is no substitute for victory.

Now it's quite obvious that the average person has little or no experience with military tactics, and is not expected to have, but it should be understood that these very same principles apply wherever Christianity is in conflict.

As far as the Christian is concerned, the great battle, the heart of the matter, the very center of the conflict of life, is the battle of sin. And, if the Christian, if you and I are going to win over sin, it will not be by holding our own. It will be through defending ourselves against the onslaughts of sin. Victory will come only through aggressive action.

Yet, even where the principles are the same, and the goal of victory the same, the battle is different. It's different because someone else entered this battle on our side. God took part in this struggle, and set the stage for our victory. God entered into this conflict, and insured the end come — but with one condition! It's the outcome, the victory for those who fight on God's side, in continued, aggressive action, as though the final outcome, the fate of the kingdom depended entirely upon that action.

But what of this enemy labeled "Sin"? If we are to fight such an enemy, do we really know its strengths and its weaknesses? We must, if we would do battle with sin.

To most of us, the usual ideas of sin revolve around such things as badness, violence, destructiveness, trouble, worthlessness—all the individual and social evils. However, even though we cannot deny the reality of such things, these are merely the results, the outward signs. Behind these stand the basic factors which cause such results. And, unless we know these, we have little chance of victory.

One of the basic biblical definitions of sin is deviation from the right way, that is, missing the goal, missing the way. It's the picture of man going astray from the ways of God with Adam as the primary example and all mankind, including ourselves, following in his footsteps. It's the picture of the entire human race wandering away from God.

Another biblical definition makes it more personal, startling so! Sin is not only missing the way. It is also the status of the person involved. It is the

mark of the individual, the very nature of the person, and of all mankind. It is guilt rather than innocence, being evil rather than good. Yes, it is most personal for no one, not one of us, is free from such guilt or evil. We are, of ourselves, sin! It's the state, the status, of our humanity.

A third biblical definition goes even further. It fixes that guilt in no uncertain terms, for this state of existence, and this wandering away is no accident. It is done through innocent ignorance. It is deliberate, intended rebellion against God! Sin is a personal, voluntary act, rebellion against the goodness and mercy and authority of God.

Of course, behind all this is another personality, the one we call Satan. His temptations lead men astray. His deceptions ensnare and hold, but this going astray, and the bondage, are accepted by desire and agreement. It is a willingness to be so bound.

However, let us suppose this is not what we want. We want to do the right. We want to do battle with sin, the sin we know and understand and dread. What's our defense and what's our offense? Sure, you know the answer. You know you can't do anything. You have no defense, no offense, of your own.

But, remember, God is on your side. He fought for you, and still does. The one answer is Jesus Christ, the One Who won the victory at the Cross! The title of this Sunday, "Passion Sunday," is quite appropriate where the question of sin is raised. In the "Passion" of our Lord, in his innocent sufferings and death, in his giving of his own body and blood, He fought and conquered "sin, yours and mine. He freed us from the power of that sin, and from its destructive result, which is death.

And, even when by the permissive will of God sin continues to roam this earth, permitted to spread its deception, its powers are doomed to failure where God's children are concerned. It cannot conquer those who fight on God's side, and for his kingdom.

For those who fall for such deceptions the end result is death, eternal death! For those who fight for God, with complete faith, and trust in Christ's victory, the end result is victory, eternal life!

The struggle is real. The struggle is vital. The struggle is personal, and the outcome is real, vital and personal. It is either life or death — for you!

The challenge which God places before you is just as real, vital, and personal, if you would a conqueror be. The battle goes on in our day, with ever increasing intensity.

In that same speech given before Congress, General MacArthur made reference to his remarks given on the deck of the battleship Missouri, as the Japanese surrendered to the United States. This is a part of what was said: "We have had our last chance. If we will not devise some greater and more equitable system, Armageddon will be at our door. The problem is basically theological and involves a spiritual recrudescence and improvement of human character that with synchronize with our almost matchless advances in science, art, literature, and all the material and cultural developments of the past 2000 years. It will be of the spirit, if we are to save the flesh."

That's the truth we cannot escape. The problem is spiritual, but has our spiritual growth matched all the rest, or have we created a monster we cannot control? Do we, of ourselves, have the weapons with which to fight?

No, of ourselves, we are doomed to failure and destruction — self-destruction! However, regardless of what we have done, or not done, God has the way out, and the weapons for victory. The battle of sin can see our victory. The echo of the Lord's voice resounds through the corridors of time and eternity, for those who hear, follow, and fight for Him: "Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." In Him there be.

It is victory, life that shall endless. Christianity is in conflict! Who is on the Lord's side? Amen.

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