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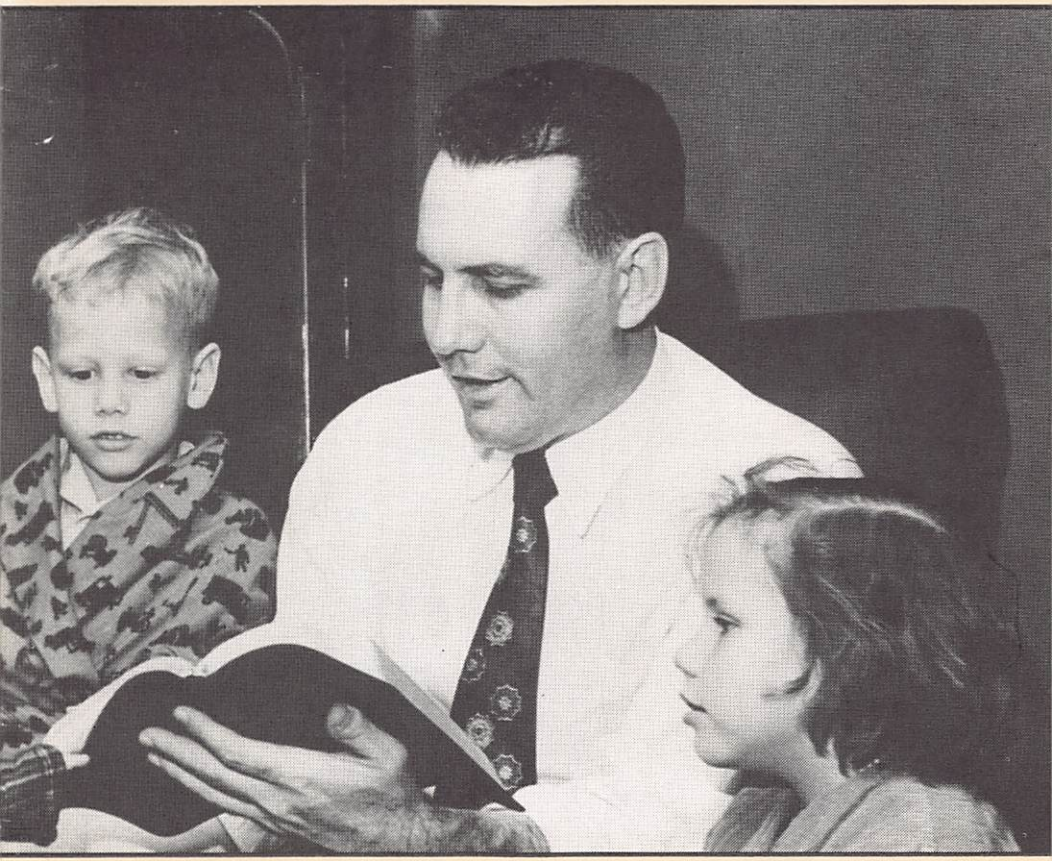

Wanted: Committed Fathers

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words of wit and wisdom

TO HANDLE YOURSELF, USE YOUR HEAD: TO HANDLE OTHERS, USE YOUR HEART.

What are Christians put into the world for except to do the impossible in the strength of God?

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A colored man in Boston once came to the late Dr. Gordon to consult him about his pastor's strangely destructive teaching.

"Why," said Dr. Gordon, "I thought your minister was quite an expert in Bible analysis."

"Yassah," the other replied, "he done seems to be able to take da Bible apart, but can't seem to get it back togedder agin.

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THE MOST DESTRUCTIVE ACID IN THE WORLD IS FOUND IN A SOUR DISPOSITION.

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Many of us spend half our time wishing for things we could have if we didn't spend half our time wishing.

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"OH STOP CARVING A NOTCH EVERY TIME HE SAYS 'IN CONCLUSION'!"

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STATEMENT OF FAITH

WE BELIEVE: 1. In the verbal inspiration of the Holy Scriptures. 2. In the existence of One True God who has revealed Himself to this world as the Father, as the Son and as the Holy Spirit. 3. In the Saviour of men, the Lord Jesus Christ, conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, very God and very Man. 4. In the creation, test and fall of man, as recorded in Genesis; his total spiritual depravity and inability to attain to divine righteousness. 5. In the Gospel of the Grace of God, how that Christ died for our sins, was buried and rose again the third day for our justification. 6. In the salvation of sinners by Grace alone, through faith in the perfect and sufficient work of Christ on our behalf upon the Cross of Calvary. 7. In Water Baptism of believers by immersion in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. 8. In the Baptism with the Holy Spirit as an experience subsequent to salvation, with the scriptural evidence; namely, speaking in tongues. 9. In the Gifts of the Spirit as enumerated in Corinthians, being exercised and practised as manifest in the early Church. 10. In the Lord's Memorial, commonly called Supper, for believers. 11. In the healing of the body by Divine Power, or Divine Healing in many aspects as practised by the early Church. 12. In the eternal life of the believer and the eternal punishment of the unbeliever. 13. In the Spirit-filled life, a life of separation from the world, and the perfecting of holiness in the fear of God as an expression of Christian faith. 14. In the personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ for His church.

"COME UNTO ME all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).

The First Word

by Irvin W. Ellis

Invitations

• . . . are common to all of us. From the simple • neighbourly gesture of having one over for tea • — to the official engraved invitation to a wedding or some other important social function — all require an RSVP — a response from us. . . to either accept or decline.

Your greatest invitation has already been given by Jesus Christ Himself. It is directed to those who are aware of their crushing, oppressive burden of sin. Those who are willing to acknowledge that they have broken God's laws[1] and have come far short of meeting God's righteous requirements.[2] Those who are tired of their vain attempts to win God's favour by their self-effort, good works and law keeping.[3]

The invitation is to come to Him — to stop struggling and striving and start resting on the perfect work of Christ which He accomplished for you through His death and resurrection.

The last chapter of the Bible records God's final invitation:

"The spirit and the bride say, 'Come.' And let him who hears say, 'Come!' Whosoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life" (Revelation 22:17 NIV).

Do you fit any of these descriptions? Weary? Heavy laden? Thirsty? Discontented? Searching for meaning and purpose in life? If so, you should welcome our Saviour's words.

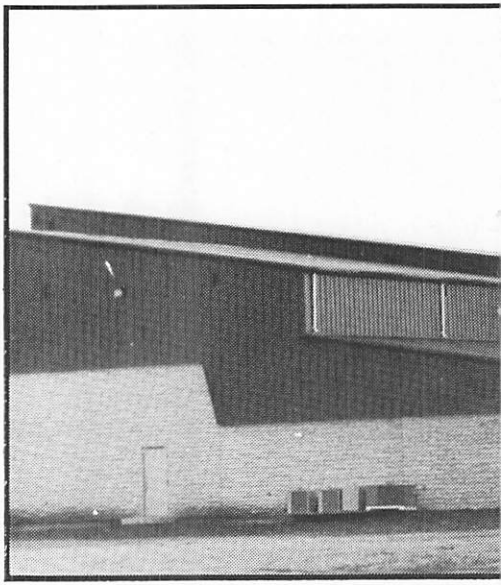
Christ's invitation is to come to Him — just as you are. . . with your cares, your sins, your problems and your anxieties. As you trust Him as your Saviour and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life . . . His peace and rest will be your portion.

What is your reply to His invitation?†

Scripture References: (1) 1 John 3:4; (2) Romans 3:23; (3) Titus 3:5.

Eston Full Gospel Church Today

by Bill Macaulay, Assistant Pastor



The new Eston Full Gospel Church — site of

HAVE you ever attended our church? Chances are you probably have — as a student or convention attendant. About 2000 students have attended this church for at least six months of their lives. Many others have worshipped here during conventions or special meetings at Full Gospel Bible Institute.

Yes, many of the Lord's servants have spent important time in Eston. This is still like "home away from home" to many of God's children.

But for a home to be "home," there must be a stable base of family! Eston is a busy, serving church with many strong, committed Christian families providing spiritual and material support for the ever-changing young faces. Many today never get to know these young people personally because they're here for a short time and invariably they are busy with studies and school programs. God has blessed our people for their faithful support in all of their endeavours!

The Lord continues to provide the vision for a unique church setting in Eston. In addition to providing facilities and ministry opportunities to students each year, the church has a full schedule of activities for its growing Eston congregation. The pastoral staff are regularly assisted in preaching and teaching by staff from the Bible school — many of whom are former pastors from across our Fellowship. They often find a real sense of satisfaction in being able to share the pulpit, teaching and other areas of church family ministry.

Eston, a prosperous farming area, is home to families who come from the nearby farms as well as the town. In the winter months the church is a hive of activity four or five nights per week with Pioneer Girls, Boys' Clubs, Ladies Missionary, Youth Program, Mid-week Bible studies and special meetings. In recent years a Local Church Training Centre has been successful. Assembly and student participants register for their choice of Bible studies taught by church pastors and Bible school teachers. It is like a mini-Bible school and provides stimulating learning with good fellowship, worship, and prayer times.

Youth programs at the Sunday school, mid-week studies and social

our 65th Dominion Conference — June 3, 4, 5.

levels are highly successful. Many church and non-church young people are involved with these programs. Pastor to the Youth for the past three years is Henning Lindbjerg. He and Lois, his wife, have had a very successful ministry since coming on staff after graduating from Bible school here. Henning's reputation among high school students and teachers gives him many opportunities for Christ. Counselling and discipleship training are areas yielding good fruit for the Lindbjergs. God bless their continued ministry here.

Gil Killam provides leadership and direction to the church. He continues to be involved in Bible teaching and preaching in church and community many times each week. He also finds opportunity to be involved in the community and Bible school (teaching Old Testament, Ecclesiology, Daniel, and Revelation). God has also given our pastor a real heart for the needs of individuals. He provides counsel and visitation to many of our Christian family members. Brother Glen McLean and his wife are busy with many of our senior citizens and church family, as they are able.

Reaching out to Eston as a community to the unsaved and to those who have drifted away from God continues to be a matter of great concern to us as a body. Various programs and crusades have seen some fruit over the years, but recently the majority of new converts have come through personal contact — especially through cultivation of friendships and prayerful commitment of others to the Lord. The Holy Spirit has set a renewed flame of outreach burning in a number of lives, particularly recent converts, and many are showing an interest in Christ and His Word.

As student and local members have increased in number in recent years, the church has felt a need to expand its facilities in Eston.

Pray for Eston and the believers here that we may continue to serve God for His glory and service.†

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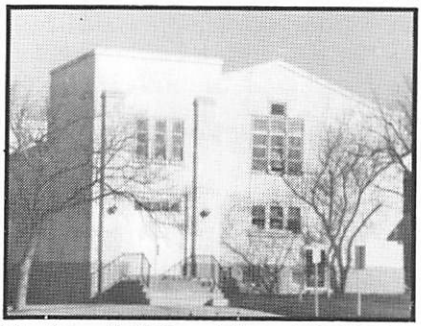

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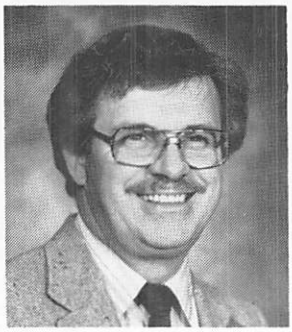
Why The Local Church?

by G.O.B. Killam

God's agency in the world is the church, both universally and locally. He has no other plan. Yes, there are other organizations that are doing good work, but God's plan from the beginning of the church age has been the local church. The great statement made by our Lord in the face of the new age was "I will build my church." The Apostle Paul said, "Christ died and purchased the church with His own blood." This makes the church of infinite value, both to God and to us.

What is not understood by a lot of people is that God designed that the needs of Christians be met through the local church which is the visible reality of the universal church. The local church was God's idea — not some brain-child of human design which can be discarded whenever we wish. The local church is more than an organization with rules and ethics, but it is a living, vital, breathing, speaking, loving, powerful organism which should affect every part of one's life.



Rev. G.O.B. Killam
Eston Sask.

It was intended to be more than just a mere convenience or something to do when Sunday rolls around, but an inseparable part of the believer's life. All New Testament Christians were enfolded into the local body of believers. These are no free-lance Christians in the New Testament. A believer who has not seen this has missed the true impact of the New Testament church, and God's plan for this age.

The moment one becomes a believer he should be taught from the Scripture his responsibility to the local church and also the benefits of the local body of believers. Many Christians do not know what the local church is for, or what it is to provide. I would like be share some of the things that we should expect of a local body of believers:

FELLOWSHIP -
(Acts 2:42; 1 John 1:5-7)

Fellowship is a vital part of a believer's life, and the local church should provide that fellowship. It is not fellowship merely in the sense of wordly fellowship or friendship, but rather the New Testament fellowship means sharing, helping, communicating and communion. This is where we should receive real support and blessing from the entire body of believers. It gives a Christian a sense of belonging. John points out that our fellowship is with the body of believers, and it is hindered by not

walking in the truth, and it is promoted when we walk in the light.

PROTECTION-
(Acts 20:28-32; Hebrews 13:7)

The local church is intended to be like a sheepfold in this regard so that sheep would be protected from the enemy. The local church will protect from evil coming from the outside, and from problems which arise from the inside. God provided every believer to be under the protection and canopy of the local church. Here he will be protected from deceivers and false teachers, and from satanic attacks. Here he will be protected because he comes under the shelter of the church, and the under-shepherd who the Lord has appointed.

BIBLICAL INSTRUCTION -
(II Timothy 2:2; Acts 20:28)

The local church is to provide sound Bible teaching that will stabilize and mature the believers, and thus the elders will feed the church of God and here they will learn co-ordination with the rest of the body, spiritual growth (I Peter 2:2), and how to become stable Christians coming to maturity (Hebrews 5:11-14). It is here that they will also find out what their ministries are, and have opportunity to put them into practise.

SERVICES -
(Hebrews 10:25)

The local church provides a place of worship collectively. So important is this that the writer to the Hebrews said not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together in local bodies of believers. It is here also that we have prayer for the sick by the elders (James 5:14); opportunities for fellowship in ladies and mens gatherings; training sessions; teaching of parents to teach their children; and in addition to his, boys' clubs, Sunday School. Visitation and caring ministries, counselling for marriage, for the home, for the future, and for personal problems are a part of the ministry of the local church. Also, it is a place where ordinances instituted by the Lord are carried out such as the Lord's table, baptism, marriage, dedication of children, etc.

EDIFICATION
(I Corinthians 14:1-4)

Edification is one of the characteristics of a local church which is ministry to a believer. The local church is to be a place of encouragement, comfort and strength. These things should mark the local church gatherings and ministries. By this we do not merely mean a good feeling in a service, but to be built up in character, attitude, faith, and faithfulness, etc.

DISCIPLINE -
(I Corinthians 5:11-13; Galatians 6:1; II Timothy 4:2-3; Matthew 18).

Being a member of a family not only entitles us to be the recipient of fellowship and food and understanding and protection and other blessings, but also discipline. So it is also with the church. Discipline is not punishment, but rather training to be disciples. Sometimes this can mean correction, guidance, and other areas of discipline so that we come under the authority of the local church body of believers and become truly disciples of Jesus. The local church is to be a place where God speaks a special word to us from the Lord. As the ministry that God has placed in the church ministers from Sunday to Sunday, and from week to week, both collectively and individually, we will hear from God, and God will provide these things for us as children of God in our community.†

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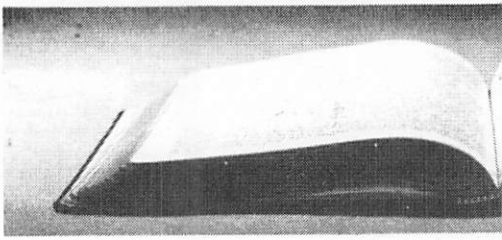


SINCE the beginning, Christianity has accepted the Bible as the standard "for life and conduct."

However, by rejecting the inspiration of **all** Scripture (2 Tim. 3:16), some now teach that the writers of Scripture were "conditioned by their cultures." As a result, churches have led in promoting a "new morality". This morality includes the excusing or approving of fornication, adultery, homosexuality and lesbianism. A Methodist minister said: "I say loudly and I say clearly, there are advantages in adultery". (Prophetic Witness) In his book "Honest to God", Bishop Robinson said the same.

They go on to say that "to use the Bible to prove that homosexuality is wrong, is using Scripture to generate hatred against gay and bisexual persons".

It is because of a low-view of Scripture, men teach "situational ethics". This allows such to believe that the "morality of various sexual acts, including homosexuality, depends on circumstances". But what saith the Scriptures?

Before the flood, God said that he saw **wickedness** in the earth (Gen. 6:5).

He states clearly that the men of Sodom were **wicked** sinners (Gen. 13:13). In Genesis 19:4-7 the homosexual men in Sodom are called **"wicked"**. One should also read Gen. 39:9; Lev. 18:22; Lev. 19:29; Lev. 20:13, 14, 17, 23.

One can see by reading these Scriptures that "sexual immorality", including homosexuality, is involved in the Bible word "wickedness".

In I John 5:17, we read that *"all unrighteousness is sin"*. What does the word "unrighteousness" mean? A simple definition — all that is not right. Anything that is not right is sin.

We have observed that those who write in support of homosexuality go to great lengths to prove that its practice is right. But no one has because no one can prove that it is right.

Therefore, when we discuss homosexuality from the Biblical viewpoint, we are dealing not with an acceptable lifestyle, but with a problem called "sin". It is not right.

Homosexuality is a sin of the flesh. In Galatians 5:19 listing the works of the flesh, Paul writes *"Now the works of the flesh are manifest — adultery — "*. The New International Version translates the word, "sexual immorality".

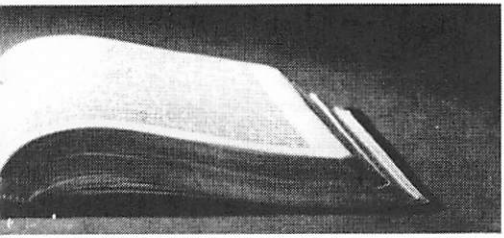
Again in I Cor. 6:9 NIV — *"the sexually immoral — nor male prostitutes nor homosexual —"*. So if we take the Bible as it is, it plainly states that a manifestation of the sins of the flesh is homosexuality.

Personally, we have talked to a practicing homosexual pastor who claimed to have been saved and filled with the Spirit. This individual was not ashamed, he almost seemed proud of what he accepted as a "life-style".

Now we must remember that all believers sin (I John 1:10). Believers are capable of committing any sin of the flesh (Gal. 5:19-21). In this regard, remember King David.

Homosexuality

by L.O. Pritchard



We seem to forget that in our flesh *"dwelleth no good thing"* (Rom. 7:18), and that we believers are to have *"no confidence in the flesh"* (Phil. 3:3). That includes our own flesh as well as others.

However, when believers sin they are convicted by the Holy Spirit. As David's heart "smote him" when he had sinned (2 Sam. 24:10), so the heart of every believer is smitten when he sins. If one's heart is never smitten with conviction of sin, one has the right to question the reality of one's faith in Christ.

Galatians 5:17 states: *"For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh and these are contrary the one to the other; so that ye cannot do the things that ye would".*

This verse is not talking about the inability to do good, but rather is stating that there is no longer the same liberty to do the evil that we once did. An unbeliever is not convicted when he sins but a believer is, and therefore a believer is not free to live in sin.

Believers therefore are never proud of their sin. Nor do they want to parade their sin. Like Job, seeing the Lord and then seeing self they *"abhor themselves and repent"* (Job 42:5, 6). When I see myself I don't like what I see. The closer one is to God the more sinful one feels and sees one's self to be.

We are convinced that any individual who is proud of being a homosexual or lesbian, should examine themselves and see if they are "in the faith". Surely a saved alcoholic, or a saved prostitute cannot be proud of that kind of lifestyle. Nor can a saved homosexual be proud of that practice.

We argue, that because homosexual practise is sin, every genuine believer knows that it is sin.

Homosexuality is a shameful thing. Ephesians 5:12, *"for it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done in secret."* Here Paul does not name homosexuality, but speaks about *"the works of darkness."* But surely sexual immorality belongs in that category. Jesus said, *"men love darkness rather than light BECAUSE their deeds (are) evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved"* (John 3:19-20).

Having rejected the revelation of the doctrine of man's creation and having accepted the human doctrine of man's evolution, men feel better in the dark. I am always arrested when I hear our western scientists pronounce the word "evolution" as EVIL-lution. They are correct!

Homosexuality is against nature Romans 1:26, 27. *"For this cause God gave them up unto VILE affections, for even their women did change the NATURAL use into that which is AGAINST NATURE: And likewise also the man leaving the NATURAL USE of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another, men with men working that which is unseemly —".* People want to call homosexuality a "lifestyle". God's Word calls it "lust".

This passage in Romans clearly states that homosexuality is unnatural

— it is against nature. Even "nature teaches us" that it is wrong. Children are born male or female, not homosexuals. This is not inherited behaviour. "At some point in life the homosexual chooses to do what God forbids." (Moody Monthly)

Marriage is natural. God has ordained it and says it is right (Heb. 13:4). The desire to breakdown marriage and home life, for these go together, is rebellion against God, who is the God of nature.

The rapid increase in the number of homosexuals and lesbians is a sign of the nearness of the end of this age. In describing the last days Paul states in 2 Tim. 3:1-2 that people will be *"lovers of self", "lovers of pleasures", "without natural affection".*

"The issues of gay rights isn't primarily a legal one; nor does it involve questions of human rights, as these questions have lately been framed. What advocates of gay liberation ultimately seek is respectability and legitimacy". (Los Angeles Times) They are seeking to have that which is abnormal accepted as being normal. That, which throughout history has not been respectable to be respectable. That which has been wrong to be right, and that which has been abominable to be acceptable.

"I believe that Americans simply have every right to condemn a practice or lifestyle that is not only immoral but unnatural as well". (Los Angeles Times)

"Homosexuality is condemned as an abomination unto God in the New Testament as well as in the Old Testament". The Gospel Truth)

In Genesis 9:22 the literal Hebrew meaning is — "and Ham — gazed with delight upon the nakedness of his father, and with relish told his two brothers". "Ham was a homosexual". (Message to the Christian Jew)

Whatever Ham did, and why he did it certainly brought God's disfavour. Gen. 19:4, 5 certainly teach that the men of Sodom were homosexuals. And the destruction of Sodom reveals how abominable it was in God's sight.

Leviticus 18:22, *"Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind, it is abomination".*

Deuteronomy 23:17, *"There shall be no — sodomite of the sons of Israel."*

Judges 19:22-25 is another story about homosexuals. The conduct of the men of Gibeah, like the conduct of the Sodomites, in Genesis 19:11, indicates that they became overpowered by satanic blindness.

In Judges 20:12-13, we learn that Israel knew that the conduct of the men of Gibeah was wicked. But the men of Benjamin rose up to fight for the homosexuals. The result was violence and death.

Romans 1:32 states that *"they that do such things are worthy of death".*

Men do not want to believe that AIDS is judgment. But to try and prove that AIDS has no connection with homosexuality is like trying to prove that lung cancer never has anything to do with smoking.

It is a known fact that this new disease called AIDS was first detected in male homosexuals. Furthermore, the transmission of AIDS through household contact is virtually non-existent. AIDS is transmitted through sexual contact.

Paul states in I Timothy 1:9-11 that *"the law is made for the lawless — murderers, whoremongers, for them that DEFILE THEMSELVES with mankind —".* Therefore we must conclude that it is right to make laws that restrain homosexuality.

"Since the Bible is so explicit, there are those who wonder — if the Church will have any Biblical basis for

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Take Up Your Cross

by Hazel F. Brisco

"*They forced him to carry the cross*" (Mark 15:21).

ON that memorable day, Simon, the Cyrenian, came in from the country.

That country today is known as Libya. It seems that he brought with him, his two sons, Alexander and Rufus. It was an eventful journey, one that neither he nor his sons would ever forget.

As they melted into the crowd they could not help but feel themselves drawn toward the Man carrying the wooden cross. Christ had already had a sleepless night and bore tortures beyond words so that the added suffering of carrying the heavy wooden cross was too heavy to Him. When he stumbled beneath the weight and was unable to proceed toward the hill because of human exhaustion, the onlookers decided that the cross should be laid on Simon.

Some versions read they compelled him or forced him to bear the cross of Jesus. Somehow I am impressed that this act was one of sweet compulsion. When Simon saw the compassion in Christ's eyes, he fell in love with this Man. When those small lads looked up and saw their daddy, even they knew that their lives would never be the same again. The scenes of the crucifixion that they had witnessed were repeated to their mother on their return home.

This family went down in church history as disciples of Christ. Romans 16:13 recorded Rufus as the chosen one. It also speaks of the mother, who undoubtedly was won by her husband's testimony of that day at Calvary. She sensed that her husband was proud to have carried the cross and helped Jesus up Golgotha's brow.

Through Simon's testimony their home was changed and brought from paganism to Christianity. Their home was so deeply spiritual that Paul greets this mother with the affection he would have shown to a real mother.

The good news for modern man is for you to take up your cross and follow Jesus. The enemy of human souls attacks the family unit. We only need to look around us to see incidents where the family unit is destroyed by sin and disobedience. So many precious people are broken and bruised. You too need to take up your cross.

Many years ago an article was written on the vanishing father. It was stressing the absence of men in the pews. Sunday morning found the vanishing father out on the golf course, instead of in the Lord's house with his family. Sunday evening the TV won out over the evangelistic service. A father told his little son that he couldn't go to Sunday School because he was suffering from a severe case of voluntary inertia. "I bet you aren't," answered the child, "I bet you are just lazy."

In a Christian home the greatest single influence is for the child to realize that the parents want them to accept Jesus more than anything else. A child soon recognizes if Christ is second. A child soon senses if the parents' ambitions for their child are

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The State of Our Fellowship

The Moderator's Report

by Wesley S. Schindel

Ps. 127:1, *Unless the Lord builds the house, They labour in vain who built it; Unless the Lord guards the city, The watchman stays awake in vain.* (NKJV).

GROWTH and maturity do not come without effort, commitment and personal involvement. When I speak of involvement, it is God with man and man with God, as well as man with man and church with church.

As a Fellowship, we have faced some major crises in the past year, but we can truly say, the Lord has brought us through and drawn us closer together as churches and members of this Fellowship.

In Matthew 12:25 the reference is made to a house divided against itself. The verdict is, it cannot stand. As we reflect on the past year, it is evident that there is a commitment to God and a bond within the Fellowship that has been strengthened, with the visible and factual evidence that we are labourers together for the furtherance of the Gospel.

The Board of Presbyters have met to pray for direction and God's blessing upon the workers and churches. It is our prayer that A.C.O.P. will continue to be a vehicle God will use in these days of ingathering. There is a desire to work together and we feel a fresh wind is blowing as the Holy Spirit is preparing us to meet the challenge of this hour.

The Missionary Council - has also faced major decisions both at home and abroad. The devaluation of the Canadian dollar has made it very difficult for some of our missionaries in Latin America.

We need a stronger home base, and secondly, there is an urgency to train national workers so they can take the Gospel to their own people. Missions is God's commission. Let us all share in giving, that those who are called may go.

The Internship Program has been in place for a number of years and proves to be appreciated by those desiring to enter full time ministry. I would encourage pastors to consider taking a student and training them. It is scriptural and rewarding.

Our Bible Schools - There has been a drop in attendance and this is a concern. As churches, I believe we need to pray that God will send forth labourers into His harvest field. Then we need to be prepared to train and equip them for the ministry that God calls them into. Finally, we need to send them. Pray for our Bible schools, faculty and student body.

Apostolic Youth Ministry - There is a growing interest in the work of the youth, and rightly so. The greatest resource of our nation is youth. We would like to see this department continue to grow and be used of God for street ministry and outreach in the local assembly. Throughout the fellowship districts plan annual events, as well as the ones at the Bible schools. Pray that God will strengthen this department of our

Fellowship and give direction to the chosen leadership.

The Apostolic Ladies Missionary Fellowship has proven to be a blessing both at home and abroad. Not only is it an opportunity for ladies in a local assembly to set aside time for prayer and working together. It has also been a blessing on a district level, as well as the annual gathering at the time of general conference. Pray and plan that your local executive attend some of the larger gatherings.

Apostolic Covenant Builders - has proven to be a great help to new works. Twice a year a call goes out to those who have voluntarily signed up, asking for $5.00 per call, (or more if you wish) which goes towards helping a new work get established. If you have not joined as yet, we encourage you to write to the office for more information. In the fall of 1985, the 49th call went out and the money received went to help the work in Prince Albert, Sask. Thank the Lord for 49 churches that received help!

Apostolic Men Enlisted Nationally has not been as vibrant as we would like to see it. However, a number of churches have a good chapter which is proving to be great blessing. The leadership is chosen from lay members whose work demands do not permit a lot of time for planning and travelling so they can share the vision and burden on their heart. Men, could we call upon you to pray and work together with the national executive to see this department of our Fellowship enter into their fully ministry?

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This is our 65th anniversary as a Fellowship. The original charter was taken out October 25, 1921. We thank the Lord for the past. While the blessings of the past are precious, we need a fresh vision, fresh oil and be willing and ready to meet the challenge of the present. Let us be sensitive to what God is doing today in our Fellowship and around the world. A.C.O.P. was born and raised up of God in revival. This is a wonderful heritage, but to whom much is given, of him, much is required. Let us not fail the Lord nor our generation by being less than God intended for us to be.

The Christian Education Department of our Fellowship is concerned that current quality material be made available to our churches to equip and train for more effective living and teaching. God is raising up those within our ranks who share this burden and vision.

Our Office Staff are committed to serving the Lord, our Fellowship and churches as a ministry of God. Remember each one in prayer. They prayed about these positions, will you pray for them in their position?

A word of thanks to you and our Lord Jesus Christ for your support in prayer and giving, as well as being part of the team that works together for this great cause.

May I encourage you to order extra copies of the *End Times Messenger* to place in libraries, nursing homes, or give to friends. Let the *Messenger* continue to share the message of Christ, after you have made the contact. God bless you.†

— Wesley S. Schindel is Moderator of the Apostolic Church of Pentecost of Canada.

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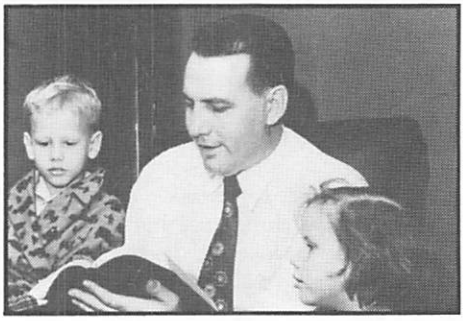

by Leonard K. Martin

THIS month we commemorate "Father's Day". Thank God for the army of fathers who are committed to their wives and children — for the father who takes his place as the priest in his home, and who honors the Lord and His Word in his personal and family life. What a needful model in a loose, permissive society! Let all uncommitted fathers take note. Let them turn their eyes to the Lord from whence the true fatherhood spirit proceeds.

While many fathers assume their God-given role, there are too many situations where there is no father at all. Devastating marriage break-ups abound. The children are not literally fatherless and mother is not a widow, but the effect on the emotions and personalities of the children can be more traumatic than if a parent had died.

In some cases the philosophy seems to prevail that fathers are easily replaced. Partners change allegiance before they have allowed themselves time to work through their difficulties. They may already be looking across the fence to "greener pastures". "Till death do us part" appears to have been a glib cliche instead of a solemn vow before Almighty God at the altar.

Many excuses and arguments may be offered on this important issue, but the confusion and heartache we see all around us leads us to conclude that somehow there has been a serious violation of the heavenly Father's blueprint for the security, the peace, and the happiness of the family and consequently, the community. The moral erosion of any society begins with the breakdown of the family unit.

The privilege of bringing children into the world is a most sacred and solemn trust allowed us by God. In a sense they are not "our" children. They are His. We can create neither a body nor a soul, and severe indeed will be the indictment on those who destroy those lives, whether by abortion or by abuse and neglect after they are born. *"Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. . ."*

"But whosoever shall offend one of these little ones who believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea" (Matt. 18:3, 6).

Strong words! Solemn responsibility!

Father! Shoulder your responsibility in the name of the Lord. Take the initiative in loving your wife and nurturing your children according to the principles of the Word of God. It won't just happen.

Consider carefully the instruction in Colossians 3:19. *"Husbands, love your wives and be not bitter against them."* Certainly it is true that the Lord has

instruction for wives also, thus: *"Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord"* (verse 18). But a right heart attitude on the part of the husband will make it a joy for the wife to submit to him and love him back in the process. So-called submission without true love is not true submission. And so-called love without true submission is not true love.

Again, note this further instruction: *"Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged"* (verse 21). It is not enough to be a provider of material things for the family. A father must have good understanding of the personality and feelings of each child, and adjust his words and actions accordingly.

God bless every faithful, prayerful, conscientious, caring Dad! †

— Leonard K. Martin is a faculty member of Vancouver's Jubilee Bible College.

The Bible and Homosexuality

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imposing any restrictions on human behaviour if it votes moral acceptance of active homosexuality". (TIME)

"When American churches were strong, America was strong". Prophetic Witness) Acceptance of homosexuality as an alternative lifestyle is proof of a weakening Church and a crumbling society.

We agree with a letter published in Christianity Today: "The haggard features of an emaciated Rock Hudson show how far the good old English definition of the word gay has been devolved. Let us begin calling homosexuals sads instead."

To accept homosexuality as an acceptable lifestyle is to reject the Bible as the rule of faith and practice.

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Glorious Truths Related To Restoration

PART TWO

by T.A. Osiowy

BECAUSE of theological extremes related to restoration, many have steered completely away from the truth of restoration in recent years. One particular extreme related to this theme has been drawn out of Acts 3:21 concerning "the restitution of all things". Some extreme restorationists would try to convince us that this phrase is an assuring statement that everyone will be saved including the devil. Early in my Christian life, I heard of this teaching and labelled restorationists with that particular extreme.

We want at this point to clarify that the restitution of all things must coincide with that which is witnessed by all of the prophets and nowhere do I find the prophets speaking clearly to us about universal salvation or the conversion of the devil. However, Peter is emphatically taking the Old Testament prophets and clearly establishing the fact that all the prophets from Samuel on taught restoration, that restoration being some of the things contained in Acts chapter 3.

What then is the restitution spoken of in Acts chapter 3:21? First of all, let us not forget the physical restoration that took place in the healing of the lame man. This was a work of restoration worked through Peter and John by the Power of Christ. This is a glorious present-day, last-day truth related to restoration; healing is for the church today.

The restitution of all things obviously refers to the blessing that comes through the "seed" Jesus Christ Who redeems man from the fallen state, enabling all kindreds of the earth to be blessed because we are turned away from our iniquities, Acts 3:24-26. It is also obvious from Romans 8:18-23 that there be a transformation of the body and all of creation in the ultimate restoration purposes of Christ, but that does not negate present restoration blessings.

George Eldon Ladd of Fuller, in his book, "A Theology of the New Testament", commenting on Acts 3:20, states, "the promise in Acts 3:20 of the restoration of all things refers not primarily to Israel, but to the restoration of divine order in the new messianic creation". He also states that, in essence, this restoration is not so much of political significance as much as it is related to the pneumatic or spiritual sphere.

We say all of this to affirm that there is an obvious plan in action bringing about present restoration in these last days which will culminate in the purposes of God being completed at the coming of Jesus Christ or the end of the last days. The

beginning of the last days being Pentecost, the end of the last days being the coming of Christ (Matt. 28:20, Matt. 24:14).

Another problem in many people's minds is the restoration of the Tabernacle of David. I suppose in recent years this scripture has brought forth no end of controversy. Some believe that the restoration of the tabernacle is the restoration of the temple; some believe it is the dead church restored; others believe it is both, bringing in a dualistic theology which parallels the natural and the spiritual, sort of satisfying both theological extremes. Interestingly, both are restorationists in a sense. One believes in a restored temple of brick and mortar, the other believes in the spiritual temple restored.

In my understanding of interpreting Scriptures, it is important for us to understand several things:

1. Background
2. The context of the issue being dealt with
3. The primary meaning of all said.

The background of the Tabernacle of David is simply that David placed the Ark of the Covenant in a tent after bringing it from Obed-Edom and there it remained for some time. The significance of this was that the ark or presence of God was open to all, having done away with the sacrifices and formality of the Tabernacle of Moses to a large degree. There was no longer a veil, the praise to the Lord was continued before the ark or presence of the Lord (1 Chron. 15-16). Now all this stands clear as a type that anyone can come to Jesus and experience His presence in their lives, worshipping and adoring Him.

In case you think we are taking a text out of context, we would point you to the fact that this is the text James uses in Acts 15:15-17 to explain the context, that being the Jerusalem conferences in which the big issue arose over who can be saved or better stated, how can one be saved. The obvious answer was that through the grace of the Lord Jesus we shall be saved, Acts 15:11.

James then states that to this agree the words of the prophets, or we could say to the conclusion of the conference the prophets agree and then he quotes Amos 9:11. James spiritualizes the Tabernacle of David to mean that the coming in of the Gentiles was the tabernacle restored. If the Tabernacle of David were to be literally restored as some believe, we should anticipate a tent on Mount Moriah exactly like David erected.

James further states that the tabernacle of David would be set up, "*that the residue* (those left remaining, that is the Gentiles) *might seek after the Lord*". Now they didn't throw James out of church for his phoney interpretation of scripture; as a matter of fact, they all confirm it. When James quoted to many who were of in Jewish tradition what Amos said in the context of the issue at hand, they were all pleased and sent forth a decree establishing the fact that Gentiles come into the body of Christ by the grace of God and faith in Jesus. Amos wrote it this way, speaking of David's Tabernacle prophetically, "*I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old, that they may possess the remnant of Edom and of all the heathen which are called in my name*".

In regards to Acts 15, the background is clear, the context is obvious and James' primary interpretation is obvious. The Tabernacle of David has been restored by Christ's work on the cross establishing a rent veil and opening the door to both Jew and Gentile by the gracious work of

Calvary; nothing more, nothing less, nothing else.

Restored praise and worship comes from the typology given in I Chron. 15 and 16. Because of an open tent door into the presence of God, our response, which was not there before new birth, is now one of restored life, restored praise, restored worship, rejoicing around the ark which is symbolic of the Lord Jesus.

No wonder Peter says, "*ye also as lively stones ARE built up a spiritual house to offer up spiritual sacrifices*". The writer of Hebrews emphatically states, "*ye ARE COME to Mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem...to the general assembly and church of the first born*". Mount Zion is that place of the tent, the place of the presence of the Lord and in a spiritual way we enjoy that today.

I might say the Tabernacle of David has been restored through Christ's work and is being fulfilled as people come to Christ.

Are we living in restoration days? If we are not, the work of Christ is no longer effectual. If we are not, James and the New Testament elders were all wrong and left the conference deluded. If we are not, then we should consider stopping the heralding of the glorious gospel of grace and close the doors of our churches for the worship of Jesus according to New Testament pattern portrayed in Old Testament type.

However, we are in these glorious days of restoration and Jesus is building His church in these last days, so let us take courage and believe God for the restoration spoken of by the holy prophets. Let us allow the Lord in His time to put an amen on the book of Acts. Until the restitution of all things and until Jesus comes, let us take heed to the words of the resurrected Jesus in Acts 1:7-8 and be full of the spirit answering the question the disciples of old asked long ago about the kingdom restored.

— Rev. T.A. Osiowy is Senior Pastor of the Full Gospel Christian Fellowship, Prince George, B.C.

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During the course of his involvement with the local assemblies he was very active in church ministries and at the time of his passing he was secretary-treasurer, a position he had held for many years.

In 1982 he and his wife loaned the use of a parcel of their land to the Arrow Full Gospel Bible Camp.

Rev. Ed Lievers of Burton/Fauquier officiated at the funeral service in the Burton Community Hall. Rev. John Wassell read the Scriptures from Psalm 23 and Rev. Rick Parkyn read the eulogy. Internment followed in the Burton Community Cemetary.

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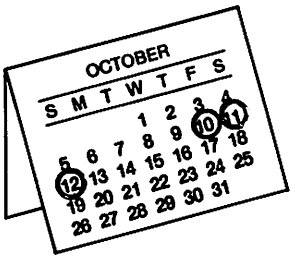

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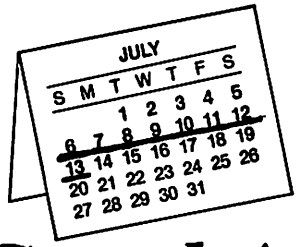
The dedication service was well attended, with friends and well-wishers from surrounding area. Ministers present were Brother E. P. Wickens from St. Stephen, who preached the opening message, Brother Keith Brooks from Newcastle Bridge, who prayed the dedication prayer. Others attending were Monty Lewis, Phil Prosser, Mart Vahi, Howard Reed, Mark Cunningham, Charles Curtis and Maynard LaKing. The mayor of Harvey, Art Smith, was also there, to welcome us on behalf of the village.

Brother Hubert Perkins, a young man from the church in Springfield with the work of the Lord at heart, has been of great help in the work at Harvey. He and his family go over and take the services regularly at the present time. Brother Clark will be moving to Harvey soon, as the Lord leads.



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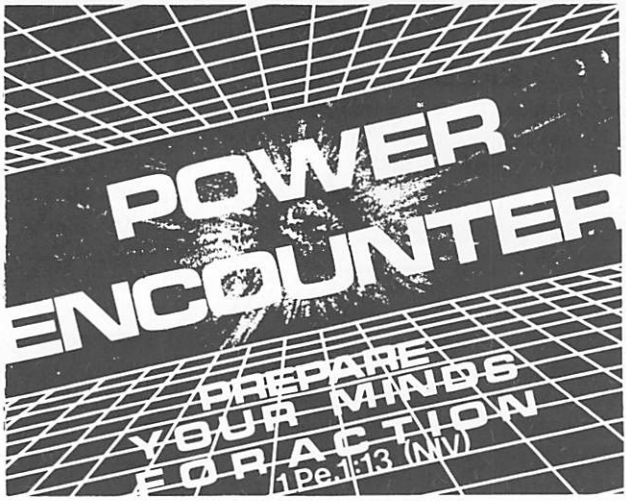

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TRENDS OF OUR TIMES

By LORNE O. PRITCHARD

C. S. LEWIS said: "A man can't always be defending the truth: there must be a time to feed on it." These words came to mind as we took up our pen to write "trends" once again.

The question is often asked: "Why not write more "good things"?"

Did the Prophet Isaiah face the same? Israel said: ". . .*Prophesy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things*" (Isa. 30:10).

If we are to keep to the purpose of this column and follow the trends, there are few 'smooth things' to write. As we observe our world we do not see things getting better and better. But we do see the perils of the last days as described by Paul (II Tim. 3:1-7).

Why do we continue to point out the evils of today? So that we can feed on the doctrine of the Second Coming of Christ. That is our hope (Tit. 2:13). That doctrine purifies our walk (I John 3:3). It has a bearing on our talk, for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

So we continue to write these lines with one purpose in mind. to encourage believers to live "*looking for that blessed hope and glorious appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ*".

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RECENT events have brought our world ever closer to a major war.

When the U.S. jets retaliated against Libyan forces, 'Libya promised to take their 'holy war' beyond the gulf — "with terrorist attacks in Europe and the United States." (The Toronto Globe & Mail)

Remembering the events that triggered off World War I and World War II one can see how present developments could easily lead into another war.

This event in Libya divided the world even more. By the attack "the United States won qualified support from most allies and condemnation from the Communist and Arab blocs". (The Toronto Globe & Mail)

At the same time, U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger reports: "The Russian bear is still sharpening its military fangs." Russia is "armed to the teeth". (The Vancouver Province)

Believing that war is judgment, it seems only a matter of time before another war will become a reality.

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IN the U.S.A. every 27 seconds someone gets a divorce. Almost 50% of marriages now end in divorce.

Billy Graham said recently, among people who pray, read the Bible and regularly attend church, there is only one divorce in three hundred marriages.

Each year two million more children become victims of divorce and often parents "use the children" to battle each other.

New divorce laws in Canada will allow: "if you and your spouse both want to split, you'll be able to file for divorce the day you start living apart."

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"All of which means Canada's divorce rate is expected to sky rocket

—". The grounds for divorce will simply be "marriage breakdown". (The Vancouver Province)

Jesus said: "*As it was in the days of Noah so shall it be.*" They were "*marrying and giving in marriage*" *in ways God never intended* (see Matt. 24:38).

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"SITUATIONAL ethics" certainly reached another low in a recent report on law-reform in Canada.

"The report recommended that people in dire economic straits should be allowed to steal food and clothing and even commit welfare fraud."

"It argued that the right to such basic amenities as food and shelter is more important than personal property rights..." (Vancouver Sun)

The Bible tells us that "the minds of men and women" are blinded by the god of this age.

This is another illustration of calling "evil good" (Isa. 5:20).

In the name of "human rights" a flood-gate of evil is being let loose upon our nation.

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CHRISTIANITY Today, in a recent issue, devoted the cover story to "Pornography".

"This multi-million dollar industry is, without question, quickly undermining the foundation of the Western world". "The evidence continues to build that pornography is harmful". It is "a human tragedy."

Because men are "lovers of self" and "lovers of money" they care not what they do to others. The "love of money" remains the root of this evil and is another proof of "human degradation".

A TIME cover story a few months ago dealt with the problem of "children having children".

"84% of U.S. citizens feel that "teen pregnancies are a serious national problem".

One young mother said "I used to think in 10 years from now I'll be 24. Now I think I'll be 24 and my child will be 10".

The so-called "liberation" of the past ten or twenty years is now creating its own fruit.

That which the world sees as "Christian bondage" brings its fruit of true liberty; that which the world sees as 'liberty' soon produces its own awful bondage.

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A Newsweek cover story also reveals another trend. "Growing-up Gay". "The Society's dilemma — one family's crisis". "Doctors, Clergymen and politicians are openly and proudly gay".

The case of one family is presented. The mother struggles with accepting her homosexual son. Then the time comes when she publically states: "My name is Joan — I'm proud my child is homosexual".

The conclusion and opinion of this writer is that the purpose of the article, and therefore of the magazine, is to endeavour to make this so-called "lifestyle" acceptable.

Journalists will continue to whittle away until the general public will be brain-washed into accepting homosexuality.

The old-lie-approach still works. Tell people a lie often enough and finally they will accept it as truth. But the evidence continues to mount that "gay it not gay" and "gay is not good".

Songs of Manitou's Braves

by W. Leonard Simcoe

STAKED OUT

THE first song, (the Gospel of Luke), that the good man of medicine composed was the facts of the Great Chief's Life. The second song he recorded was the acts that the Great Chief continued to do after he **staked Himself out.**

In what is called the primitive times, a true chief was taught and trained from boyhood that he was to be a servant of the tribe. One of the disciplines involved controlling his appetite and the true chief did not touch anything until all had eaten.

The lofty laws of love and courage were also exercised. Should the tribe have the misfortune to be surrounded by a powerful foe and annihiliation was feared, the chief, without hesitation, would **stake himself out.**

The first step in **staking himself out** was to challenge the strongest and most skilled warrior of the enemy to do battle with him to the death. He then would drive a stake in the ground and tie one leg to it with a modest length of roped hide. If the enemy honoured the code the tribe was free to leave when the contest was over.

The attributes of the Great Chief, Jesus, were greater than the true chiefs of olden times. **He staked Himself out too,** but the garment He wore at Calvary was not the robe of a great chief, but the grubby soiled deer skin battle-jacket of this selfish sinful rebel.

He not only died for me but **HE STAKED HIMSELF OUT FOR THE WHOLE AUKI** (world). A new day, a new life can be yours by accepting the love and the new robe He is offering.†

- W. Leonard Simcoe is an Ojibwa Indian from a small reserve in central Ontario. He has been engaged in ministry for almost forty years and is well known within our Fellowship.

Take Up Your Cross

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for heavenly blessings or for earthly achievements. Temporal things are to be valued but spiritual things are more important. *"Seek ye first the kingdom of God"* (Matthew 6:33).

The Bible distinctly teaches more on the husband being the authority figure in the home. Eph. 5:22-24 *"For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, His body. . . Husbands love your wives, even also as Christ loved the church and gave himself for her."* The man who lacks authority in the home falls short in his obligation to God and His Holy Word. The Word teaches husbands are to guide and guard the home. Wives are to be protected and sheltered.

Are you willing to take up your cross and be the man that God ordained you to be? *"Quit ye like men, be strong"* (1 Cor. 16:13).†

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Divine Provision

by R.A. Larden

THE small adjective "all" as repeatedly used in Scripture is most captivating and exciting. Let's note a few from Psalm 103.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits" (vs. 2)

When we come before the Lord for prayer, may we be mindful first to praise Him, to bless the Lord. We will think of lots to praise Him for if we but take a moment to meditate on *"all his benefits;"* the provisions that He has made for us.

He has made a way for us, who have sinned and come short of the glory of God, to have access into His presence with assurance and confidence. He has enriched our empty and beggarly lives with His indwelling presence, with the overflow of strengthening power in the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

He has assured us that all our needs will be provided for, and past experience confirms the faithfulness of our God to perform His promise. He said, *"I go to prepare a place for you."* That is heaven. A sure home, an eternal dwelling place for every believer at the end of his earthly pilgrimage.

"Who forgiveth all thine iniquities" (vs. 3). What a peaceful *"all"* that is! We may not remember many of the ungodly things we did along life's journey, but He forgives them all, whether we remember them or not. Whether we considered the action engaged in as iniquity or not; whether in the eyes of others they are unforgettable monsters. He, our God and Saviour *"forgiveth all our iniquities."*

"Who healeth all thy diseases..." First, let's note that by this statement the redeemed children of God will in fact be afflicted by diseases. And that there are many different kinds of diseases that ravage mankind of which we are all subjected to.

The provision for healing for every disease has been made completely. The inspired record of Jesus' ministry by Matthew in chapter 8, verse 17, states *"That evening they brought to him many who were possessed with demons and he cast out spirits with a word and healed all who were sick. This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah, 'He took our infirmities and bore our diseases'."*

John P. Baker comments on the passage of Isaiah of which Matthew quoted. He states that "the same words 'nasa' (bear) and 'sabal' (carry) are used both of iniquities and of sorrows and diseases; and the representative and substitutionary trend of the passage seems clear." Matt. 9:35 states Jesus healed, *"every sickness and every disease among the people."*†

- R.A. Larden

Saskatoon Church Dedication

SUNDAY,, March 23rd, was dedication day for the newly renovated facilities of the Saskatoon Apostolic Church.

The weekend of celebration began with a Friday night fellowship supper in the church gymnasium. Guest speaker for the occasion was former moderator Rev. D.W. Breen. Tribute was given to those who had labored in the building. Brother Jake Harder from Penticton, B.C. was on hand to give testimony of his conversion during the first year of the church's function in 1924.

The Sunday morning dedication service, lead by Pastor Tauber featured a special Easter musical by the church choir under the direction of Brenda Larden. Moderator, Rev. Wes Schindel brought the message. The Act of Dedication was read by the Pastor after which Rev. R.A. Larden lead the congregation in prayer.

In the evening service the Full Gospel Bible Institute Choir presented the triumphant musical, "Jesus".

Having outgrown its former premises at 19th and Ave. G. South, the church purchased the Churchill Elementary School, located at 2410 Haultain Ave., from the Saskatoon Board of Education in July of 1985 for $400,000.00. The congregation held it's first service in the gymnasium on September 8th.

Since that time approximately $125,000.00 worth of renovations have been accomplished. The north wing of the school has had all partitions removed, providing an auditorium to accommodate 400 people. New offices and administration area have also been prepared as well as a modern nursery facility, washrooms and foyer.

The south wing of the building is used to house the Christian Education and Youth Ministries. On weekdays the classrooms are leased to the Saskatoon Christian School and Montessori School.

Future plans for the five acre property will include the construction of a larger, fully equipped sanctuary.

The congregation has chosen as its new name, "Churchill Park Full Gospel Fellowship". This is in keeping with the name of the area in the South end of the city and a desire for easier identity for the man on the street. Our Apostolic message and affiliation continues to play a growing part in the outreach for souls in the City of Saskatoon. - **Rev. Bob Tauber, Senior Pastor**

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Rest for the Restless

"But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked!" (Isaiah 57:20, 21)

WE are living in a very restless world! Authorities in the medical profession tell us that there are more people suffering from insomnia — the inability to sleep — than at any other time in human history. Frustration has overcome people in every walk of life. Many would almost give anything for just one good night's sleep.

Because of their frantic search for inner peace, multitudes are flocking to self-proclaimed prophets and supreme religious leaders who promise them the secret of peace and rest...for a price. The tragedy is that many are "paying the price" and are ending up more disillusioned than before.

A recent survey revealed that one out of every twelve adults now takes tranquilizers regularly. In fact, they tell us that tranquilizers are now the third largest-selling prescription drug. As one old-timer remarked, "How did we ever get along without them?"

Anxiety, in this restless, nervous world, is also responsible in part for the rapid rise in alcoholism, narcotic addiction, divorce and suicide.

What seems to worry people most? There are economic worries...spiralling inflation...exorbitant interest rates and a devalued dollar. Ecological concerns...air and water pollution that threaten our fragile environment. Health worries...devitalized foods...additives and preservatives and the symptomatic treatment of diseases by the medical profession. Not to mention world unrest...international terrorism, and the very real possibility of disappearing in the dust of a nuclear explosion.

It was to the restless, anxious and burdened that the invitation of the Lord Jesus Christ was directed in Matthew, chapter eleven.

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and you shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30).

You, too, my friend, can personally experience that wonderful rest that Jesus promised simply by coming to Him in prayer and turning your life over to Him — the Author of peace and rest.†

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