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Bible Vision

MARCH, 1950

Garden of Gethsemane

Shadows, . . . night-dew, . . . rest;
But a Man at arms is kneeling there,
And He grips our hearts with the mighty prayer,
 "Thy will be done!"

Starlight, . . . silence, . . . peace,
For the peace of conquest fills His heart,
Self-conquest, O, the heaven-taught art!
 "Thy will be done!"

Torchlight! . . . Treason! . . . Death!
But He meets them all with a valiant soul
Aflame with God, His eye on the goal!
 "Thy will be done!"

—Frieda Martini Buchen

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From



The President

An observer sums up the present scene by saying that statesmanship has come to a dead end. There is nothing left to do but make H-bombs. If we gave this a more literal turn, we can say that the H-bomb is not only the death end for statesmanship but of modern technology and science as well. What terrible irony that man's supreme achievement in this age when God gives man a free try at managing human affairs should turn out to be a weapon of unlimited destruction!

Likely our political leaders need our sympathy and prayers more than words of condemnation for their folly of pride and self-sufficiency. We can pray that the present impasse may be used by the Spirit of God to make them aware of their insufficiency and their need of divine help.

It should be very obvious by this time that there is no purely human solution to the problems of this decisive hour. That is because the basic problem is not in the field of statecraft nor of political theory. Modern problems stem from an unprecedented revolt against God. SIN as rebellion against God and the revelation of His will is the

real problem. And for that God has the only answer—His redeeming, forgiving grace through the atonement of Christ, or judgment for persistent and unyielding rebellion.

Only a mighty, gracious revival can restrain impending judgment. It is certain that the present course of events, moving with inexorable pace toward an apocalyptic climax, points up to the end of this age. The present tokens of spiritual revival may become a floodtide to avert for the time being the judgment of God.

In any event, we cry with the Psalmist, "Give us help from trouble: for vain is the help of man."

Another favored nation in another era came to a dead end. The "valley of Achor" (trouble) was filled to the brim. There was no way out of the impasse brought on by the nation's iniquity and apostacy. Through the prophet Hosea came God's promise of deliverance through the only way out: "I will give . . . the valley of Achor for a door of hope" (Hosea 2:15). The condition of fulfillment was REPENTANCE. That is America's and mankind's only hope!

GETHSEMANE

Mighty

A Missionary

Motive

Alone in the starless night, beneath dark rows of olive trees, the Saviour kneels, beginning to taste for us the chalice of God's wrath. There He victoriously fights out the weighty question, "Whose will shall dominate My life?"

The question settled, He offers His wrists to the tormentors' ropes, His cheeks to Judas' traitorous kiss. For the soldiers had come to seize and bind Him, a Lamb, pure as the new-fallen snow.

What impelled our Lord? Why should the thought of this garden experience be a mighty missionary motive?

Because in Gethsemane Christ's battle between God's will and self-will was fought to a glorious finish. God's plan to evangelize the world through Jesus' atoning death could never have been carried out, had not Christ willingly chosen God's will. He turned His obstacles into a challenge, no matter how impossible the coming crucifixion ordeal seemed. With a courage to venture the impossible, He faced the whole miserable business. With divine undergirding, He knew He would pass triumphantly through the frightful experience. As a

saintly college president used to say, "This was not a weakening denial, but a strengthening affirmation of self."

Has it not always been true, since Creation, that the more ideal a deed appeared, the greater the difficulties stepping its way? Impossible it seemed for Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt; impossible, for Luther to liberate the gospel, facing the wrath of pope and empire; impossible, for Wilberforce to abolish English slavery! Yet **with God** all these feats proved possible and were gloriously accomplished!

Before going out into Christian service, be it home or foreign missionary work, each one must fight his own battle of Gethsemane. Will he yield to his own will, or accept the Lord's? He only who, empowered by God's spirit, can say, "Not my will, but Thine, be done!" can be a true missionary, a genuine shepherd of souls. It is not enough to be enraptured with the clarion call of Christ, we must decide the crucial question, "What shall dominate my life? Do I want to be self-led or God-led?"

—Frieda Martini Buchen

Dangers of the Self-Life

by E. T. Neuenschwander

For many centuries before the time of Christ's sojourn upon earth, and ever since, man has been devising philosophies of life which try to solve the mystery of the ego of man. Some Greek philosophers of old declared to the seeking man that all would be well if he could learn more about himself. The Roman philosophers commanded, "order thyself." The oriental philosophy of Confucianism cried out, "correct thyself." The followers of Buddhism heard the words, "annihilate thyself." Mohammedanism demanded "bend thyself." Judaism says, "conform thyself." Modern philosophies go to the other extremes, with the materialist saying "enjoy thyself" and the socialist exhorting "cultivate thyself."

Every one of these philosophies is directed at the self, the ego of man, with various attitudes as to the method of approach. However, each of these stands in direct opposition to the Gospel of Christ. A life which centers all attention to self, its exhaltation or its degeneration, does not come close to the high standard of the Gospel which says that man's devices are not as important as God's plans; in fact, man will fail, now and eternally, if he rejects God's plan. A self-centered life is not a God-centered life.

One of the dangers of the self-life is seen in the **danger of self-confidence**. The error of having over-confidence in the values of a man-chosen trust rather than all

confidence in the eternal God is spoken of by various of the sacred writers. In Proverbs 28:26 we read: "He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool, but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered." The prophet Hosea (10:13) wrote this quick summary of the failures of Israel: "Ye have plowed wickedness, ye have reaped iniquity; ye have eaten the fruit of lies." He then tersely states why this has been their lot—"because thou didst trust in thy way, in the multitude of thy mighty men."

This same said epitaph could be written today of many people. They have failed—they have plowed in wickedness; they have reaped the harvest of iniquity after planting in sin; they are now in sad remorse because they are eating the bitter fruit of such a harvest. Why? Why did this have to happen? And in the words of the prophet the answer comes back unmistakably correct, "because thou didst trust in thy way, in the multitude of thy mighty men."

Israel had been put to a great loss. Their efforts to save their country and their people had been in vain. They were becoming a desolation where once there was abundance. Their life was now wane and weak, where once it was steadfast and strong. And the whole reason for this is that their own self-confidence had now ensnared them. Their valiant men, the object of their trust, were now slain and the kingdom had come to

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In Memoriam

Elizabeth Mae Birkey, wife of Rev. Roy J. Birkey of the Institute faculty, quietly slipped away to be with the Lord February 20, after an illness of some duration.

A native of Grabill, Indiana, Mrs. Birkey gave her heart to the Lord in early life, and graduated from the Bible Institute in 1926. She entered Christian service in 1928, and with her husband was a missionary to China from 1933 to 1940

Funeral services were held February 22 at the Grabill Missionary Church, of which she was a member. The pastor, Rev. A. C. Steiner, was in charge. Institute personnel who assisted were Pres. S. A. Wit-

mer, who read Scripture and spoke briefly concerning faith in time of sorrow; and Dean J. F. Gerig, who, at Mrs. Birkey's request, gave a short message on Matthew 11:28. The songs, also chosen by Mrs. Birkey, were sung by students and staff members of the Institute.

With the husband, there survives one son, John Richard; also two brothers, Noah Goldsmith, and Rev. J. J. Klopfenstein; and three sisters, Mrs. Anna Witmer, Turlock, Calif.; Mrs. Emma Rediger, Grabill, Ind.; and Mrs. Bernice Witmer, Bloomington, Ind.

Although illness kept Mrs. Birkey from becoming well acquainted with many of the students since she moved into the faculty apartments last fall, she will be remembered by those who did know her for her quiet and long-suffering Christian character and her strong faith in God. She endured hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. When she knew the end was near, she made plans for her funeral and afterward. A true missionary, her thoughts were for others until the very last.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

—Harvey L. Mitchell



ONE OF GOD'S REDEEMED



Ruth Stahl, a senior at the Fort Wayne Bible Institute, is loved by all for her "meek and quiet spirit" (I Peter 3:4). Her calm and sympathetic character has helped many a home-sick freshman.

Ruth was born the second of three children in a Christian home in Chicago. At the age of ten she received Jesus as her personal Saviour.

Several years later she attended a missionary service, and God spoke to her about the mission field. Thoughts of dangers and discomforts harassed her, and caused her to resist God's voice. Gradually the call left her, but she continued living a nominal Christian life. For several years she taught Sunday School, until one day she realized that something was radically wrong with her life. This realization caused her to spend hours searching the Scriptures and

praying.

One night, while praying, the Holy Spirit prompted Ruth to ask the Lord to show her just where she had failed Him. Immediately she felt the Lord's presence and asked Him for the answer, willing to pay the price.

The answer came several weeks later, as the Lord repeated the missionary call He had given several years ago. "Now I know where I have failed," said Ruth, "and the following weeks I spent in conviction and repentance as the Holy Spirit showed me how I had grieved the Lord."

Many times the Devil tempted Ruth to give up trying to get right with the Lord, but He whose "mercy endureth forever" drew her unto Himself. She confessed her sins, and as the Holy Spirit revealed things that required restitution, she went to the people involved and made things right. Three months later the Lord lifted the burden of condemnation and led her to gather the neighborhood children for Daily Vacation Bible School.

"Since these experiences," says Ruth, "the Lord has become very real to me, and He has placed a desire in my heart to do His will. One of my favorite verses is John 15:7—'If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.'"

—Faith Ishiguro

A CAPPELLA CHOIR SCHEDULE

A choir of thirty-four selected mixed voices, under the direction of Professor Oliver E. Steiner, will tour Indiana and several Eastern states. The schedule of their appearances is given below in order that B. I. alumni and friends may attend the concert in their locality.



MARCH

25	P. M.	Christian Union Church	- - - -	Edon, Ohio
26	A. M.	Hicksville Gospel Tabernacle	- - - -	Hicksville, Ohio
26	P. M.	Christian Union Church	- - - -	Fayette, Ohio
31	P. M.	Missionary Church	- - - -	Swanton, Ohio

APRIL

1	P. M.	Missionary Church	- - - -	Pettisville, Ohio
2	A. M.	E. U. B. Church	- - - -	Hoytville, Ohio
2	P. M.	Missionary Church	- - - -	Clyde, Ohio
3	P. M.	Methodist Church	- - - -	Tionesta, Pa.
4	P. M.	Bethany E. U. B. Church	- - - -	Canton, Ohio
5	P. M.	Presbyterian Church	- - - -	New Salem, Pa.
6	P. M.	Sideling Hill Christian Church	- - - -	Sideling Hills, Pa.
7	P. M.	Methodist Church	- - - -	Annapolis, Md.
8	P. M.	Youth for Christ	- - - -	York, Pa.
9	6 A. M.	Easter Sunrise Service (York Fair Grounds)	- - - -	York, Pa.
9 10	A. M.	Methodist Church (Providence)	- - - -	Darlington, Md.



9	11:30 A. M.	Methodist Church (Union Chapel)	Darlington, Md.
9	P. M.	Methodist Church	Union Bridge, Md.
10	P. M.	Methodist Church (rural)	Damascus, Md.
11	P. M.	Missionary Church	Allentown, Pa.
12	P. M.	Baptist Church	Scottdale, Pa.
13	P. M.	E. U. B. Church	Chillicothe, Ohio
14	P. M.	Congregational-Christian Church	West Liberty, Ohio
15	P. M.	Friends Church	Van Wert, Ohio
16	A. M.	E. U. B. Church	Celina, Ohio
16	P. M.	First Missionary Church	Fort Wayne, Ind.
20	P. M.	N. A. E. Convention	Indianapolis, Ind.
30	A. M.	Christian Union Church	Santa Fe, Ohio
30	P. M.	Christian Union Church	Lima, Ohio

MAY

7	A. M.	West Berne Missionary Church	Berne, Ind.
7	P. M.	First Missionary Church	Berne, Ind.
13	P. M.	Detroit V. C. Y.	Detroit, Michigan
21	P. M.	Gospel Temple	Fort Wayne, Ind.

DANGERS OF THE SELF-LIFE

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nought with their civil and sacred projects a fallen ruin. Well has it been said that "men's carnal confidences draw them into sinful courses. . . . Whatever fruit they promise, or whatever present comforts they bring, they will end in bitter experience."

A second danger of the self-life is seen in the danger of self-deception. Deception in itself is not for the Christian, for it smacks of untruthfulness. But self-deception is possibly even worse, for the one who has become engaged in it does not know about it, at least not until stimuli are brought to bear upon that person from the outside, as from one of an opposing view or then from the direct working of the Spirit of God. Let us notice two portions of Scripture which speak about self-deception and its danger, again turning for our first reference to the book of Proverbs. "The way of a fool is right in his own eyes; but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise." And then from Revelation 3:14, and 18 we read, "And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; . . . Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed . . ."

To this church of the early Christian era a severe charge is drawn, namely, that of lukewarmness or in-

difference. This charge is followed with a threatened punishment which is portrayed in the figure of lukewarm water turning the stomach into a violent revolt. What is the cause of this nausea to Christ? It is this gross indifference and inconsistency which has, according to the record here, one primary cause, and that is self-conceitedness or self-delusion. Notice how their own words of self-estimation such as rich, good, need of nothing, contrast themselves with the words of Christ as He, the only true and capable Judge, describes them as being wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked. What terrible spiritual bankruptcy this portrays, and all because of self-deception!

A third danger of the self-life is seen in the danger of self-will. Again from the book of Proverbs, chapter 29, verse 1, we read, "He, that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy." The truthfulness of this Proverb has been verified a multitude of times in the history of all ages. Consider only one illustration. In Deuteronomy, chapter 1, Moses is relating the history of Israel before the people, and speaks these words, "And the Lord said unto me, Say unto them, Go not up, neither fight; for I am not among you; lest ye be smitten before your enemies. So I spake unto you; and ye would not hear, but rebelled against the commandment of the Lord, and went presumptuously up into the hill. And the Amorites, which dwelt in that mountain, came out against you, and chased you, as bees do, and destroyed you. . . . And ye returned and wept before the Lord; but the Lord would not hearken to

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At the Institute

Enrollment Increased

Thirty-four new students registered for the second semester, which opened January 27. Total enrollment is now 292.

Spiritual Emphasis Week

Rev. S. Franklin Logsdon, of London, Ontario, spoke in the Spiritual Emphasis services of the new term. His solid, searching messages were of practical help to the entire Institute family.

He devoted several sermons to the discussion of the ministry of the Holy Spirit in and through the believer. Later messages treated of the ministry of the Christian, the victorious life, and the responsibility of leaders.

Rev. Logsdon has the ability to penetrate to the heart of his subject and to present truth unusually clearly and practically. It was the consensus of the Institute family that his ministry was an outstanding contribution to the spiritual life of the school. Copies of two of his books had a wide sale among the students and the members of the staff.

Mr. Cronk Joins Staff

Mr. Alton M. Cronk, accomplished piano teacher from Chicago, was added to the music faculty at the start of the new term. He is on the campus on Mondays and Tuesdays, giving private lessons to 26 students.

Two Instructors Ordained

Dean J. F. Gerig gave the ordination sermon when two of the In-

stitute teachers, Mr. O. Carl Brown and Mr. Elmer T. Neuenschwander, were ordained to the gospel ministry Sunday evening, Feb. 12. The service, presided over by Rev. J. A. Ringenberg, was held in the First Missionary Church. Rev. E. J. Neuenschwander, father of Prof. Neuenschwander participated in the ordination ceremony. Prof. Brown's father, Rev. Oral C. Brown, had also been invited but was unable to attend.

January Day of Prayer

Rev. J. H. Woodward spoke in the January day of prayer, which came just between semesters, Jan. 26. His practical, thought-provoking messages always make him welcome at the Institute. Many of the students also were blessed by his ministry in a two-week revival in the First Missionary Church.

Guest Speakers in Chapel

Recent speakers in the chapel hour include Rev. C. J. Gerig; Rev. H. J. Parker, of Foreign Missions Service Bureau, a purchasing and shipping agency for missionaries; Dr. Homer R. Gettle, local optometrist and Christian layman; Rev. Fred Joder, missionary to Africa; Rev. Gregorio Tingson, energetic Filipino Christian now in training at Olivet College; and Miss Anne Jones, Indiana Secretary of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship.

Students' Mission Band

Friday evening services during the past weeks have featured Miss Grace Kellerman, Worldwide Evangelization Crusade missionary to Tibet; Rev. Bert Watson, who works among the Campos Indians of Peru; Rev. G. C. Glittenberg, of the China Inland Mission; and Rev. Arthur Tarry, missionary to the Indians in Northern Canada.

Fellowship

Circle

CHILD PSYCHOLOGY

Rev. ('45) and Mrs. (nee Edna Neuenschwander '45) Daniel Dyck of the Dominican Republic are the proud parents of a baby girl, Doris Ann born January 4.

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On January 3, Richard came to make his home with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hoagland. Mrs. Hoagland was Thelma Van Skoik. ('40-'42).

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Rev. ('32) and Mrs. (nee Evelyn Kress '44) Russel Sloat welcomed a baby boy into their home on Feb. 9. He shall be known as Lloyd Elgin. Rev. Sloat is the field superintendent in Nigeria W. Africa of the U. M. S.

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George Henry, Jr., came to gladden the hearts of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Pike on February 10. Mrs. Pike was formerly Grace Rabausch ('43-'44).

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Recent additions to present students' families are:

A daughter, Lillie Pearl on Oct. 26 to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Bashand; twins, Jerry Wayne and Jean Marie on November 7 to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Eby; a son, Mary Emery on January 25 to Mr. and Mrs. Marion Noel.

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HARMONY II

Thomas Florence (present stu-

dent) took Shermine Smith of St. Louis, Mo., to be his bride on Dec. 28.

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On Friday evening, February 24, Glenn A. McHattan ('47) and Lois Jean Harvey tied the knot. The wedding took place at 7:30 in the First Church of God in New Castle, Indiana.

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The St. Paul's Methodist church of Celina, Ohio, was the scene of a pretty wedding on January 28 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Jean Andrews ('47-'49) and Paul Amstutz ('46-'49) were the "honored guests." Rev. Pritchard Amstutz performed the ceremony. The bride was attended by Betty Blosser ('47), maid of honor, and Dorothy Ringenberg ('47), bridesmaid. Don Young ('47) was best man, while Roger Amstutz and the bride's brother were ushers.

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Saturday evening, March 4, David Craig ('47-'49) and Marguerite Weida ('48-'49) were married in the First Missionary Church of Clyde, Ohio.

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James Bell ('48) and Judy Burton exchanged marriage vows last fall.

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Viola Van Skoik became Mrs. Arthur Tallman last May. They are making their home in Terre Haute, Indiana.

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Virginia Thomas ('48) was married to Carl Burley on October 15.

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PERSONAL EVANGELISM

Rev. W. E. Manges writes: "We are now completing our ninth year as District Superintendent in the

Indiana Conference of the United Missionary Church. During the past year it was my lot to pass through a long physical test. At the present time I am able to carry on the most of my activities for which we surely praise God. Mrs. Manges joins me in thanking our friends of the Institute for their faithfulness in remembering us in prayer."

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Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Smith (both of '39) moved from Bicknell, Indiana, to Lebanon on January 23 to pastor the First Baptist Church with a membership of about 800. Rev. Smith finished his work at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Chicago and will receive his Th. B. degree in May. The Smiths have four children: David 9, Paul 7, Sarah 5, and Thomas 3. They write, "We are all happy in the Lord's work and feel we have a great opportunity to do much here in this city."

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Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Reifel (both of '45) write:

Dear friends of the Institute,

We can again say "hello" to you all from Salka, Nigeria. We arrived back in Salka just two weeks ago today. (The letter is dated December 23). It is sure good to be back again and take up our work here. We are praying that God will grant us wisdom and help that many of these Kamberri people may be led to the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world. We thank God for the few converts and for the few who seem interested but the majority of them are so self-satisfied and willing to go on the way their fathers went seeming to think that that way was good enough for their fathers and it's good enough for them.

"God answers prayer today in the same old fashioned way.

He will grant us our petition if we truly pray."

Connie and Earl are here with us and seem to like their mud house and the natives. Connie forgot most of the Housa she knew but has already begun again. Earl talks a lot for not being two years old yet and he gets his tongue around a few Housa words too. The natives think a lot of the children and we trust they shall also be made a blessing to the work here.

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Dear Fellowship Circle members:

God has been blessing in a marvelous manner and many souls are finding the Lord. There are many hungry hearts that are ready to hear and to accept the gospel if they have the opportunity. Because of their background, it seems very difficult to reach the mass of people that need to be reached.

(The Gaddis's have been labouring in Central America.) Traveling 3000 miles on 10 types of conveyance, using 7 interpreters we have ministered to 10,000 people in this land of poverty and extreme need. Have had from one to three services every day since we arrived. Have lived in everything from native jungle homes to lovely hotels. Have been eating 40 kinds of food from Tortillas and fried bananas to roast beef and chicken. Had enough thrilling experiences to fill a book. We rejoice at the opportunities and openings and find that music brings the multitudes.

Mrs. Rachel M. Gaddis ('21)

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From the Jake Schierlings ('45)
in Sierra Leone:

The work is encouraging some-

times and not quite so at others. We have quite a number who are very much interested and some have come and prayed with us, four of these being women. This is a real encouragement to my heart to see some of these women come to the Light of Christ. We do not say they are really Christians, because they know so little about it. We call them seekers. God is blessing His Word as He has promised to do.

DANGERS OF THE SELF-LIFE

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your voice, nor give ear unto you.”

Every mark of the self-life carries with it its hindrances and its punishments, but possibly none is any more serious than this last one. There is considerably more hope for an individual who is self-confident or even self-deceived than there is for one who is self-willed. The reason for this is simply stated in the Scriptures quoted. If you turn your mind against the will and plan of God and determine in your heart that you will go your own way rather than God's way,

your conscience will become gradually hardened until you will no longer desire to hear the voice of God, and you will absolutely refuse to obey His call, and eternal destruction will be the final end.

Oh, that my life might be entirely Christ-centered and not self-centered!

COMMISSIONED

John 20:21

Out from the realm of the glory
light

Into the faraway land of night;
Out from the bliss of worshipful
song

Into the pain of hatred and wrong;
Out from the holy rapture above
Into the grief of rejected love;
Out from the life at the Father's
side

Into the death of the crucified;
Out of high honor and into shame
The Master willingly, gladly came:
And now, that He may not suffer
anew,

As the Father sent Him, so sendeth
He you.

—Author Unknown

SLATES OF B. I. EVANGELIST-ASSOCIATES

Rev. and Mrs. Blanchard Amstutz, 1100 Ensley Ave., Auburn, Ind.

March 28-April 9 Methodist Church (Rural) - - Geneva, Ind.

April 25-May 7 Trinity Methodist Church - - Richmond, Ind.

May 9-21 Epworth Methodist Church - - - Covington, Ky.

May 23-June 4 Ross Chapel Methodist - - - Catlettsburg, Ky.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Strubhar, 1237 Seneca Place, Peoria, Ill.

March 15-26 Missionary Church - - - Chino, Calif.

March 29-April 9 Missionary Church - - - Lomita, Calif.

April 11-23 Missionary Church - - - Van Nuys, Calif.

Rev. J. H. Woodward, 3811 Indiana Avenue, Fort Wayne 6, Ind.

March 15-26 Christian Church - - - Murray, Ind.

March 30-April 9 Union Chapel - - - Pennville, Ind.

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