Is My Name Written There?

In the book of the great statistic spoken of in Revelation 21:27 are listed the names of those whom God has placed there. The final judgment is based upon whether or not a person's name is “written in the Lamb's book of life.”

This book, now kept by God in His own care, is therefore the most important of all literature. And life's great question—

Is my name written there.
On the page white and fair?
In the book of Thy kingdom,
Is my name written there?

The fact that we are listed in some documents of this world is important—is my name in the birth records of the state or place where I was born? Is my name recorded in the favorable credit reports of business agencies? Am I listed in the telephone directory? Is my name in a benefactor's will? These and other listings are of more or less importance—here, now, for a while.

But all fade into insignificance when we turn our attention to the eternal listing.

The Bible is of great importance because it tells how to get our names placed in the “book of life.” Such are the dignity and the splendor of the Church. It is busy telling people how to be among the listing of the great record of the book.

As the records of time are being tabulated and the books of the earth write their final chapters, the listing of the redeemed should occupy our attention more than ever.

Every church should strive with all its energy each Sunday, and all week, through the gospel and its redemptive ministry to add more names to that list compiled in heaven.

And every minister should count his days successful only in the light of their importance to the souls of men.

Every Christian should strive to lead souls to Christ and make plain the importance of being listed in the “Lamb's book of life.”

Above all, each one of us should be sure, very sure, through his soul's salvation that his name is there—forever there.

Lord, I care not for riches,
Neither silver nor gold.
I would make sure of heaven;
I would enter the fold.
In the book of Thy kingdom,
With its pages so fair,
Tell me, Jesus, my Saviour.
Is my name written there?
SOMEONE asked Thorvaldsen, a Danish sculptor, which was his best statue. Quickly he replied, “The next one.” He had an ideal to which he had not yet attained.

So it is in our Christian life. Although absolute perfection is not for this life, we should never be satisfied with our degree of Christlikeness. When He appears, we shall be transformed into His likeness. In the meantime we should be growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The experience of heart purity is both sudden and continuous. It is first purity and then maturity. It is a gift and then a continuing growth. It must first be a decision and then development. Cleansing from sin and the infilling of God’s empowering Spirit come after conversion. But ever there must be the continuation of the work begun. Hungering and thirsting for more of God is as natural for the Christian as life itself. Sanctification is not the end but the beginning.

TO BE CONTENT with present spiritual maturity can be disastrous. The Laodicean church during New Testament times commented that they had “need of nothing.” But the Lord replied, “Thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked.” The fact is that Laodicea was a backslidden people—the end result of complete satisfaction where growth has stopped.

God demands that His people be holy. This is essential, not optional, for Christians. With His demands are His provisions for fulfillment. In Him, there are forgiveness, cleansing, and growth. All are essential according to His Word. After forgiveness by faith, there is cleansing by faith. Although the instrument may look clean, it undergoes the necessary cleansing preparation before the surgeon uses it. Thus the Christian is cleansed by the fire of the Holy Spirit for inward purity and usefulness.

The beauty of holiness is an inner beauty of the fully yielded soul. What the Holy Spirit cleanses He indwells. Stephen was full of the Holy Ghost and this beauty shone through even in his dying hour. Such spiritual beauty is available to all and can last forever. However it will be more gloriously evident through growth in grace.

PAUL PRAYED that the Ephesians might “be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height” of the fullness of God. People desire fullness in other matters. The trucker wants the gasoline tank to be full before he begins his journey. How much more we should desire the fullness of God in our journey of life!

Mountain climbing is thrilling. Just as the top seems to be reached, another higher peak comes into view. Satisfaction would leave one at the lower level. Climbing gains new vistas. Saved and sanctified, but not self-satisfied—growing and gaining with each new burden or challenge by the grace of God.

Our president has challenged to physical fitness. Symbols of recognition are promised for certain achievements. There is also a prescribed and provided reward for spiritual fitness. It is psychologically true that an experience, good or bad, is strengthened when we give expression to it. Not only is spiritual exercise a blessing to others, but it is one means of growth. The satisfied soul settles for less than his best and others, as well as himself, suffer loss through his lack of endeavor.

SAVED, sanctified, and dissatisfied! This is not to be misunderstood. Gloriously, freely, completely the works of grace are received by the obedient, believing soul. God’s work is perfect and complete. But His plan is that we will ever be diligent in the continuing development of our spiritual life. All who know Him in His fullness need ever to reach forth to greater blessings and to be a greater blessing.

Holy Dissatisfaction

• By NORMAN W. BLOOM

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GREGORIO, a Pocomchi (Pocom-CHEE) Indian of Guatemala, sits at the desk beside me. His short, stocky body with brown, shiny skin and dark, beady eyes, hunkers over as he concentrates in helping me learn his language. He patiently pronounces (over and over sometimes) difficult-sounding words or grammatical constructions.

I transcribe the sounds and forms in my notebooks. Like a child just learning to know his language, I write down such elementary forms as:

Sedat’s work sheet

\[ \text{nu l o k’ take nutzi’i’} (I bought my dogs) \]

\[ \text{erre’ xu l o k’ take rutzi’i’} (he bought his dogs) \]

But in the process I discover pronouns, a pluralizer, verb stem, tense sign, and other pertinent items of grammar.

NOW AND then I chuckle: I ask Gregorio how he would say, “I will be rich.” He looks at me rather doubtfully, and volunteers the information that the prospects are rather slim. The corresponding form, “I will be poor,” brings a much quicker answer.

Thus it goes all morning and afternoon for three days of the week. As much of the rest of the week as possible I am out in the villages of the tribe studying dialectical variations and hearing how other Indians speak their language.

Yes, Pocomchi is spoken in six towns and in a number of villages. The six towns speak three different dialects, and each dialect group claims that theirs is the real Pocomchi. Only one dialect must be chosen for the translation, of course.

WHEN NOT studying grammar, I am recording text on tape so I can review and study intonation, pronunciation, etc., when Gregorio, Faustino, and other informants are absent. Each day is a challenge, each day like a treasure hunt, since I find new things that will help me sometime to preach and ultimately to translate the New Testament for this tribe of Indians.

Who are these Pocomchis? They are a tribe of about fifty thousand persons living next to the Kekchi area of Alta Verapaz, in Guatemala. Like the Kekchis, they belong to the Mayan family, and are one of over twenty tribes in this country.

Wherever the Pocomchis come into contact with the Kekchis, they

About This Issue . . .

Tactic, a Guatemalan town of 9,000 persons, two-thirds of whom are Pocom-chi-speaking Indians, is busy during market days. Pocomchis bring homemade articles and homegrown vegetables and fruits for sale in a sun-baked market. On the cover of this week's Herald, women sit, bargain, and only occasionally bustle home.

Here among the Pocomchis, Bill and Betty Sedat have launched their second major translation work. Their first was to translate the New Testament into the Kekchi Indian language. It was published by the American Bible Society in 1961. They have written above an interesting account of their current assignment.

To get an understanding of the meaning of Easter is, in part, to understand our responsibility in telling others about what Christ's death and resurrection mean to us. Bill and Betty Sedat are unleashing this meaning for 50,000 Pocomchis through their translation work. We can, in a real sense, pitch into the task of helping them by contributing generously in the Easter Offering a week from this Sunday.

—Managing Editor
are culturally dominated by them. However, they have their own language and tradition, which they desire to maintain. They have a characteristic costume—especially the women, who wear brilliant, hand-woven blouses and red, full-gathered skirts. The older women also wear a red band, wrapped around the head like a halo.

They are friendly and responsive. In several villages on our district there are small groups of believers, and we hear them pray, not, "Kacan' cuancat sa choxa" (Kekechi), but, "Kajaw wilcat pan tazaj" ("Our Father which art in heaven").

As I begin work among the Pocomchis, I relive in memory my early days among the Kekchi Indians, who number two hundred fifty thousand souls. When I came to the Kekchi area in 1936, I was for all practical purposes the first person to study their tongue and reduce it to writing. There was no alphabet, grammar, dictionary, or books of any kind. So the Indians became my books and informants; I had to draw out from them every bit of linguistic information.

First the sounds were written in phonetic script, and after much experiment an alphabet was established. I had to decide where sounds ended to form separate words, phrases, sentences. I took down stories, folklore, greetings, prayers—all sorts of "text." From all this I discovered the morphology and syntax inherent in the language.

I found that the grammatical processes of the Mayan languages are just as regular as Greek, though the system used is their very own. It is amazing that from simple roots and by adding nominal or verbal elements, prefixes or suffixes, complete linguistic patterns are developed to express complex ideas.

This lexical information, when finally organized, became the Kekchi-Spanish dictionary, published by the government of Guatemala in 1955. In addition to this material, I also studied the people in their environment—their customs and beliefs.

Grammatical and anthropological studies, however, were just a sideline; my primary purpose was to give the Word of God to the Kekchis in their own tongue. The process was to work verse by verse, using the original Greek and referring to commentaries, different language versions of the Bible, and working around a table with one or more Indian informants.

By explanation and discussion I would get a variety of ideas and then I would write down the final version as I felt it should be.

The first published portion was the Gospel of John in 1937. Mark followed in 1948, the Book of Acts in 1954. Hymns and Sunday school lessons were translated and...
The entire New Testament was translated in first draft in 1958, and after many subsequent revisions it was published by the American Bible Society in 1961.

A BY-PRODUCT of translation was the establishment of an Indian training school, from the first directed by a national, Rev. Guilleremo Dannamann Paau. Many fine lay workers have been trained in this school and have gone out to work among their people. Some have attended the Spanish Bible school for further training and are pastoring Indian churches. With the proliferation of groups needing leadership, I do not know what we would have done without these trained lay workers who are shepherding these flocks. God is blessing the work among the Kekchis and the work is growing in many areas.

It is only natural that the Christians of the Pocomchi tribe should see the advance of the gospel among their neighbors. They have looked with longing at their New Testament and at their training school. Now they are clamoring for a school and opportunities like the Kekchis.

At the last Pocomchi conference (like a camp meeting), they drew up a resolution requesting a center and sent it to the national district superintendent. They also made it their special subject of prayer. The district superintendent in turn sent a letter of recommendation to the missionaries at their annual council meeting.

THIS WAS the state of affairs when my wife and I returned from furlough in October, 1965. Rev. James Hudson, our field director, asked us to pray about the urgent need of the Pocomchis. If we were so led, we would be given specific responsibility in learning this language and later engage in the translation project. We did not consider long—a present need and an open door challenged us. I had organized my Kekchi grammar material during furlough, and with a little more work it would be ready for publication. The Kekchi Old Testament is yet unfinished (although work has been done on it through the years in preparing Sunday school lessons). But I feel the urgency of giving these other people their New Testament.

So I sit at the desk with Gregorio. I go to Tamahu and Tucuru to make tapes with Faustino. I start with elementary Pocomchi I, and hope to work up through Pocomchi IV, or further—with no professor to guide, of course. In the meantime I dream my dreams: someday we will have a Pocomchi Center; someday there will be a completed New Testament; and sometime in the future there will be Pocomchi churches filled with many thankful Indians.

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Then Surely—

By KATHRYN BLACKBURN PECK

If a worm can sleep in a silk cocoon
  The long, cold winter through,
And come forth in spring a bright-wing'd thing—
  A flower that sails the blue;

If a dry, brown bulb can dormant lie
  Till, stirred in its dreamless night,
It can force from its roots green reaching shoots,
  And lilies waxen white;

If a sinful heart can be purified
  From each vestige of its stain—
Henceforth to shine with a light divine,
  And crosses count as gain;

Then surely stones can be cast aside,
  And those who have slept can rise
To new life, transformed by the Hand which formed
  The planets and the skies!
Little Girl's Faith Is Rewarded

By KENNETH H. MARTIN

IT WAS ONE of those beautiful, sunny spring days which southern Ontario is known for, and I was making some of my first pastoral calls since arriving in this community. I was looking for someone else that morning as I knocked on that apartment door and met a young mother and two little preschool daughters. She told me of her desire to bring the children to Sunday school and church, but also of her truck-driver husband's indifference.

Soon this young mother and her little girls did begin to attend Sunday school and the morning service. But, as someone told me, "You will never get that man in a church—he's not the churchgoing type."

That individual was absolutely correct. I couldn't and I didn't, but God could and God did through the influence of a little five-year-old girl. Her name is Debbie and her dad's name is Roy. Our Easter Sunday school climb began and one of the members of the church offered a lovely Bible to the child who would bring at least ten new members to Sunday school by Easter Sunday.

IT SEEMED as if Debbie wanted that Bible more than anything else in the world, and she worked for it. By Palm Sunday she had brought nine. On the way out of church that morning she said sadly, "Mr. Minister, there's no one else for me to bring." I said, "Bring your dad."

All that week she worked on her project and on Easter Sunday morning begged her dad to come to Sunday school. He came.

Debbie won her Bible that morning, and her dad began to read it. A few weeks later while driving a huge rig across the Skyline Bridge on Queen Elizabeth Way he asked Jesus Christ to come into his heart. The next Sunday evening he made a public declaration of the fact at the altar of the church.

THE FOLLOWING summer I was in charge of our vacation Bible school. This new family had told others in their community about the church. We were picking up fifteen children from their street alone for V.B.S. After two busy weeks our demonstration program came, and the church was packed to the doors that Friday night in August.

Everything went well. The little ones made their parents proud, and everyone else giggled. The older classes presented the message of salvation in both word and song. Seated on the front pew was Roy's wife and one of her closest friends, another young mother from her street. They seemed to enjoy the program. After inspecting the crafts, I picked them up at the front sidewalk to take them home. Roy was driving a truck to Toronto that night.

WE WERE in a tired but happy mood as we started down the road. Then suddenly a speeding car careening wildly out of the darkness crashed into ours. As we crashed into the ditch I heard the screams of the children in the back seat. As I crawled from the wreck I heard a child screaming, "Our pastor's been killed!" I was alive, but the friend who had come to the church for the first time that night was dead.

Before we left for the hospital someone called Roy, telling him to come home at once, that we had been in a serious accident. The new convert drove his transport truck sixty miles that night believing that at least some of his family would have to be buried when he arrived.

AS ROY stood by my hospital bed at three o'clock the next morning, he told me some of the thoughts which had raced through his mind as he was driving down the Queen Elizabeth Way. But he also said with a voice choked with emotion: "Pastor, there were no regrets—I gave Christ my all." No regrets, even in the face of tragedy! What a marvellous testimony to have! It started because a little girl had said, "Daddy, take me to Sunday school."

The Roy Holland family, with Debbie (right) sans shoes . . .

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THAT WEEK of tragedy began so bravely—as they all do. The crowd was jubilant. They waved their palm branches and sang “Hosanna.” The atmosphere was jammed with excitement. But it ended as quickly as it began. There was a bitter halting of the gaiety and the hosannas turned to jeers. The bitter rain of hatred washed away the scene of the past Sabbath, and an awesome tragedy stalked on.

How did the events of this week become so involved? What happened between Palm Sunday and Good Friday? What went wrong? What misunderstanding turned joy into hate?

JEAN-PAUL SARTRE, in his book, The Words, related his own acquaintance with God and his testimony as perhaps only the soundings of many men. Sartre reminisced: “I have just relate the story of a missed vocation: I needed God, He was given to me. I received Him without realizing that I was seeking Him. Failing to take root in my heart, He vegetated in me for a while, then He died. Whenever anyone speaks to me about Him today, I say, wi
"It Is Finished"

• By RANDAL E. DENNY

The next to the last word of Jesus on the Cross was, "It is finished" (John 19:30). However, His cry was not one of defeat, but triumph.

The Greek word is tetelēstai, "It is finished." It is found on many ancient documents, including tax receipts. It is the exact equivalent of an English stamp, "Received Payment." What Jesus said was, "The debt is wiped out; the price of redemption is paid in full."

A skillful and kindhearted Scottish physician had died. His widow examined his ledgers and discovered that across many old unpaid accounts he had written in red ink, "Forgiven—too poor to pay." The widow, a greedy woman, brought suit against these patients, demanding payment.

The judge asked her, "Is this your husband's handwriting in red?" She admitted it was. The judge said, "Then there is not a court in the land that will grant your petition for payment of these accounts over which he has written, 'Forgiven—too poor to pay.'"

"It is finished." Christ's completed work on the Cross insures "Paid in full." Across the account of your life He has written by His own shed blood, "Forgiven—paid in full."

Jesus paid it all;
All to Him I owe.
Sin had left a crimson stain;
He washed it white as snow.

"It is finished." That was the victory cry. Christ had completed the work He came to do. He opened the way to the kingdom of God for all who would enter in. For Jesus the strife was over and the battle won.
By FRANCES BOWMAN

I saw God wash the world last night. Imagine God, the Creator, the Omnipotent, the Omniscient, washing His world. What a beautiful figure of speech! James Weldon Johnson, in his magnificent poem, "The Creation," speaks of God as being much like a "mammy bending over her baby." Tenderly, gently, but firmly and thoroughly, God, cosmic washcloth in hand, washes His world until it is clean... clean... clean.

But I too wash the world. I wash my little area of my little world. Sometimes I wash it with a scrub brush and scouring powder. Sometimes I wash it with detergent and an SOS pad. Sometimes I wash it with high suds in the sink and with low suds in the automatic washer. I wash it on bended knee with a damp cloth. I wash it from a stepladder with vinegar, soda, ammonia, and hot water. I wash little faces and behind the ears of certain people. I wash in cold water and in hot water and in lukewarm water. I wash things over and over and over and over and over and over here in this little area of my little world. I never run out of places and things to wash. They are always all about us—above my head, at my fingertips, and beneath my feet.

And so I come before God's cosmic altar, along with the other homemakers of the world, bringing my gifts of cleansing to a soiled and grimy world. We come with rags and buckets and brooms; some of us come with gourds and jars and pots; others of us come with a thousand different kinds of commercial cleaners. We come with a certain built-in endurance for the ever-present fatigue and monotony and with a certain uneasy tolerance for the cleaning tasks which must be enacted over and over and over. We come with our talent for removing soil from a stained and slovenly world. We would like to come always gladly, sometimes with excitement, sometimes with a sense of thrill and adventure. But some of the daily dust of life has clogged up our joy, and we do not always move in the awareness that we are engaged in the high and holy calling of washing up the world for God.

May the ministries of my hands at the laundry tubs and at my kitchen sink become a ministry at the high altar. May all the myriad aspects of washing up my little world be acts of cleansing for Thee. And even as I scrub away endlessly at the dirt which endlessly collects on the outside of things, may I inwardly keep scouring away at the stubborn dirt which keeps filtering its unwelcome, insidious way into the cracks and crevices of my soul. Then my first prayer shall be, "Create in me a clean heart, O God..." To have clean hands, a pure heart—this is my prayer.

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"The Easter Offering of your church becomes the ‘voice’ of your people to a needy world."

—George Coulter.
The Modern Meaning of the Cross

The Cross is beyond all controversy the world’s most familiar religious symbol. Wherever the gospel and the name of Christ have gone, the Cross stands high above chapel and cathedral.

The fact of the Cross is enshrined in history. Its meaning must be found again and again, by each generation for itself.

When we speak of the modern meaning of the Cross, we do not mean something new, but something necessary in our day as never before. We “upon whom the ends of the world are come” (I Corinthians 10:11) need to grasp the full meaning of the Cross as no other age before us has.

It is interesting to look back and see how different periods in the history of the Church have stressed different aspects of the Cross. For those who came out of the background of animal sacrifices and offerings, the Cross was described as the altar of mercy where the sprinkling of blood meant the putting away of sins.

In what is called the “patristic” period—the period of the church fathers—the Cross was viewed as the ransom to deliver man from the power of Satan. It was victory over the “principalities and powers” that had long enslaved the human heart.

In the Reformation period, the Cross was looked upon as the satisfaction of divine righteousness, exactly discharging the debt of guilt owing to the sovereign God.

Later, the death of Jesus was seen as a public vindication of God’s justice, enabling the Governor of the universe to forgive sin without at the same time downgrading or bringing contempt upon His holy law.

In days not yet fully passed, the Cross is seen as the supreme expression of the love of God, melting and softening the heart of the rebellious and reconciling him to the Heavenly Father, from whom he has become estranged.

Is it necessary to say that each of these, purged of excess and one-sidedness, is part of the whole truth about the Cross? Is it not in fact true that when we have done our best to grasp its meaning, our understanding still falls short of the full reality of what God has done for us in the death and resurrection of His virgin-born Son?

There is really only one way to look at the cross of Christ. It is not from the comfort and abstraction of the theologian’s ivory tower. It is not from the upholstered chair in the philosopher’s study. It is from our knees in the brokenness of wonder and love.

IN OUR DAY, we need to gather all the threads of meaning the Christian centuries have spun and weave them together into the strong cord that can only in this way be made.

The Cross is our mercy seat, the altar of propitiation where the “blood, which is the life” becomes the covering that blots out the sins of the past and purges the “conscience from dead works to serve the living God” (Hebrews 9:14).

The Cross is our victory. There the spotless Son of God became our Champion. He met single-handed the hosts of evil and the kingdom of darkness, and vanquished forever our Satanic enemy. Hear the sparkling translation of J. B. Phillips in Colossians 2:15 describe what happened at Calvary: “And then, having drawn the sting of all the powers ranged against us, he exposed them, shattered, empty and defeated, in his final glorious triumphant act!”

The Cross is our righteousness. In our hands no price we bring. Our guilt is wiped away in the sacrifice of Another. Christ Jesus “of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption” (I Corinthians 1:30).

The Cross is our justification. “Being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him” (Romans 5:9). Because of the Cross, God is both “just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus” (Romans 3:26).

The Cross is the melting, drawing power of infinite love. Jesus said, “And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me” (John 12:32). It is a terrible testimony to the hardening effect of sin that any can look at the cross of Christ and not be drawn by the love and forgiveness shown forth there.

We must bring together and cherish every facet of these meanings. To leave out any is to rob ourselves of something vitally important.

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AND IN AND THROUGH IT ALL we begin to see something of the meaning of the Cross for our days of unparalleled peril. For in the span of three short days, man’s worst deed and God’s greatest act came together. Human sin “killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead” (Acts 3:15).

Calvary and the nearby garden of the empty tomb bring to us the promise that, when men have done their worst, God will yet triumph. The last word in human history will not be spoken in Moscow, or Peiping, or Hanoi, or even in London or Washington. The last word will be spoken in heaven—and it is the Word that shall prevail.

What is the modern meaning of the Cross? It is the meaning all the ages have learned, brought to focus on the abounding iniquity of our times. The Cross is the mercy seat where sin is covered. The Cross is the mastery of our implacable enemy. The Cross is the manifestation of the justice of God. The Cross is the measure of divine love for a lost world. And for us, in our individual lives, the Cross is the means of our pardon, our purity, and our preservation in eternal life.

We may sing it over and over again, for it never loses its truth:

_In the cross of Christ I glory,_  
_Tow’ring o’er the wrecks of time._  
_All the light of sacred story_  
_Gathers round its head sublime._

_When the woes of life o’ertake me,_  
_Hopes deceive, and fears annoy._  
_Never shall the Cross forsake me._  
_Lo! it glows with peace and joy._

_When the sun of bliss is beaming_  
_Light and love upon my way,_  
_From the Cross the radiance streaming_  
_Adds more luster to the day._

_Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,_  
_By the Cross are sanctified;_  
_Peace is there that knows no measure,_  
_Joys that thro’ all time abide._

—JOHN BOWRING

**War on Affluence?**

Someone has suggested that it is time to be less concerned about a “war on poverty” and more concerned about a “war on affluence.” His idea was that in the long run prosperity may be more deadly than poverty to the highest human values.

There is something to be said for this point of view. More children get sick from eating too much candy than from eating too much spinach. While two-thirds of the population of the earth subsist on the brink of starvation, in areas of the West too much rich food in too large quantities is taking a toll of high blood pressure, overweight, heart disease, and digestive troubles too numerous to list.

It is claimed that the citizens of the United States, for example, with 6 percent of the world’s population, have 60 percent of its material goods and services.

Yet there are not lacking those who would argue that there is a real plus side in the quality of our rising standard of living. Dan Seymour, president of the J. Walter Thompson advertising agency, has stated:

“Expenditures for spectator sports have gone up only 33 percent [since 1947] while expenditures for participant sports have gone up 162 percent. Expenditures for movies have actually gone down 12 percent in those seventeen years, and per capita expenditures for alcoholic beverages have actually decreased! Meanwhile, expenditures for religious and welfare activities have gone up 153 percent, while church membership has climbed 56 percent.”

**WHATEVER THESE FIGURES** may or may not mean, they do suggest two relevant items.

While an individual may not be able to have as much as he wants, each of us can have as little as we want. We may not be able to get all we would like, but we can easily give all we wish.

If anyone should really be concerned that he is threatened by too much prosperity, there is an easy and speedy remedy. Let him set up a religious or charitable foundation, and let his money go to work for others.

The second relevant item comes from a far-sighted paragraph from the pen of John Wesley. Mr. Wesley quickly observed that “the fruits of revival tend to consume the revival.”

What he meant was that religion tends to make its adherents industrious and honest, and stops the sinful waste of resources in drunkenness and rioting. As a result, Christians generally begin to prosper.

But prosperity inclines its possessors to a trust in riches rather than in God, and thus begins again to undermine the very virtues that had created it.

This situation led to Mr. Wesley’s famous advice to his people: Earn all you can; save all you can; give all you can. In this way, the fruits of Christian piety will increase rather than destroy that piety.

While this may be no more than an academic problem with most of us, the solution is not hard to find. It lies in a new depth of Christian commitment, a new realization of the scope of stewardship. And a very good place to start is with the Easter Offering.
In case a nuclear alert ever blankets the Houston, Texas, area, post office employees there will have religious books to read, among which will be twenty best-sellers from the Nazarene Publishing House.

What Assistant Mail Superintendent Clyde J. Duke has started in Houston could spread across the country. He has written various denominations for materials.

Among the Nazarene selections sent were The Disciplined Life, Richard Taylor; Faith in the Day of Trouble, Samuel Young; Holiness and High Country, A. F. Harper; Good Morning, Lord, Paul Martin; Joy for Dark Days, Richard Taylor; Truth for Today, Bertha Munro; When Thou Prayest, Maynard James; and Words of Cheer, C. E. Cornell.

People in the News

Amarillo, Texas—Seventy-five persons found spiritual help recently in a revival at the North Beacon Church here. Evangelist Nettie Miller was the speaker.

Tyler, Texas—Several hundred persons have sought spiritual help during the first year of the full-time evangelistic ministry of Rev. J. W. McGuflcy, who lives here. His ministry has been largely in Texas, Arkansas, and Kansas.

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Hymn of the Month

Hallelujah! What a Saviour!

HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOUR! . . . hymn of adoration and praise, is by Philip P. Bliss, 1838-76, singer, music teacher, and song writer. A contemporary and colleague of Moody and Sankey, Bliss traveled as a co-worker in evangelism with Major Whittle. This hymn was written only a few weeks before his tragic death, resulting from the collapse of a railroad bridge in Ohio. His hymns and songs still heard throughout the world include "Wonderful Words of Life," "Whosoever Will," "Almost Persuaded," and many others. The hymn tune "Man of Sorrows," also by Bliss, was composed for this text.

Floyd W. Hawkins, Music Editor
Deaths

DAVID RAY SMITH, seventy-two, died December 29 in Eugene, Oregon. Frank Cawood conducted funeral services. He is survived by two sons, Charles and Harold; one daughter, Mrs. Laura Bailey; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

MELVIN KJIOJAS, forty-eight, died February 22 following a heart attack in Bloomina, North Dakota. He is survived by his wife, Hilda; two daughters, Margaret and Melvina; two sisters; and a twin brother.

LEVIE L. CHANNELL, longtime resident of Pensacola, Florida, died January 4. He is survived by his wife, Lillie Bell; two daughters, Mrs. Judy Bailey and Terri, of the home; and one son, Kenneth.

JO ANNE SHOMO, thirty-three, died February 12 in Harristown, Virginia, following a brief illness due to a rare heart condition. Rev. Carl B. Haddix and Rev. James D. Taylor conducted funeral services. She is survived by her husband, Rev. Richard N. Shomo; three sons, Stephen, Keith, and Mark; her parents; and a brother.

JAMES M. FETTER, seventy-one, died January 29 at Kylertown, Pennsylvania. He is survived by his wife, eight children, twenty-three grandchildren, and one sister.

MRS. H. V. MILLER, seventy-one, wife of the late General Superintendent H. V. Miller, died March 17 at Kankakee, Illinois. Funeral services held at Central Church there, were under the direction of Rev. George Galloway. General Superintendent, participated in the service. She is survived by her husband, Rev. Richard N. Miller; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Rev. Wellington E. Miller, eighty-six, died March 24 at Kankakee, Illinois. Funeral services, Sunday, March 28, at the First Church of the Nazarene in Kankakee, will be under the direction of Rev. James D. Taylor. Rev. C. L. Elston conducted funeral services. He is survived by his wife, Hilda; two daughters, Mrs. Judy Bailey and Terri, of the home; and one son, Ken­

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Turgel, John W. R. R. 2, Minnis, Ont.: Pembroke, Ont. (Baker), Apr. 27—May 1; Jonesboro, Ark., Apr. 27—May 8

Van Den Heuvel, G. F., and Wife, Preachers and Singers, Box 431, 10200 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill., Apr. 30—May 10; Grover Hill, Ohio, Apr. 30—May 12; Greenfield, Ind., Apr. 25—May 1

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Ward, Loyd and Gertrude, Preacher and Chalk Artist, Crystal Arcade, 210-C Fowler St., Ft. Myer's, Va., Apr. 10; Dayton, Ohio (1st), Apr. 10; Hays, Kan., Apr. 13-24; Oklahoma City, Okla., Apr. 27—May 8

Warwick, Johnny, Box 210, Bethany, Okla.: Derby, Kans., Apr. 3-10; Bonner Springs, Kans., Apr. 15-24

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Wyss, Leon c/o NPH*: Albuquereque, N.M. (Sandra), Apr. 1-10; Carlsbad, N.M. (Church St.), Apr. 11-17; Sherman, N.M. (Kenwick), Apr. 11-17; Carthage, Mo. (1st), Apr. 29—May 8

Zimmerer, Howard, 2060 S. Florissant Rd., Florissant, Mo. 63031, Ridge Farm, Ill., Mar. 30—Apr. 10; McPherson, Kan., Apr. 13-24; Collins, Colo. (1st), Apr. 27—May 8
More than 750 Ohio, West Virginia, and Kentucky pastors and their wives attended a six-district preachers’ meeting, February 21-24, in Columbus, Ohio. There they heard General Superintendent V. H. Lewis and Seminary President L. T. Corlett speak devotionally, and Education Secretary Willis E. Snowbarger outline the work ahead in forming the Zone A junior college.

The six districts comprise the educational zone for one of two General Assembly-approved junior colleges. Zone A includes the Northwestern Ohio, Southwestern Ohio, Central Ohio, Akron, Eastern Kentucky, and West Virginia districts.

According to General Board action, organization of the new junior colleges may begin in May 1. In outlining the steps Dr. Snowbarger cited the need for a president, a campus, and a library of from 10,000 to 15,000 volumes. These, he said, are necessary before a faculty could be hired and a student body recruited.

Snowbarger’s address was preceded by greetings from Dr. John D. Millett, chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents, and a representative of Ohio Governor James A. Rhodes. He made clear the church was welcome to establish the new college in Ohio, and assured the college board of his cooperation.

The spiritual tenor of the meeting, held in the Shepherd Church of the Nazarene, was high, according to Reporter Paul K. Hayman. Special music was provided by three choirs, and special groups, arranged by Music Chairman James V. Cook.

A Communion service concluded the convention.

The six participating district superintendents were Dr. Harvey S. Galloway, Dr. H. Harvey Hendershot, Dr. D. S. Somerville, Rev. C. D. Taylor, Rev. M. E. Clay, and Rev. Carl B. Clandesen. Also present was Dr. Edward S. Mann, president of Eastern Nazarene College; Dr. Harold W. Reed, president of Olivet Nazarene College; Rev. W. H. Anderson, Trevecca Nazarene College; and Dr. Jonathan T. Gassett, executive secretary of the Office of Wills and Annuities.

Sixteen Swaziland Nurses Pass Government Exam

Manzini, Swaziland—Sixteen nursing students from the Nazarene Ainsworth Dickson Nursing College here recently passed the government nursing examination, ten with honors, according to a report in the Times of Swaziland.

In addition, ten students passed the examination in midwifery. Miss Dorothy Davis, recently decorated by Queen Elizabeth for her work in the field of nurses’ training, is principal of the Nursing College.

Seven candidates from the Nazarene High School there passed matriculation examinations for university entrance. Miss Lois Drake is principal of the high school.

Of thirty-nine teacher training college students who took one of two qualifying examinations, thirty-three passed. Principal of the Nazarene Teacher Training College is Miss Bertha Parker.

Thanksgiving Offering Closes at Record High

The Thanksgiving, 1965, offering for world evangelism closed March 8 at a record high of $1,754,572, more than $150,000 ahead of the 1964 offering, according to the General Treasurer’s office.

Rev. Harper Cole said that last fall’s offering was the largest ever given by the church.

The goal for the Easter, 1966, offering is $1.75 million.

Seminary Offering Reported

President L. T. Corlett has announced that the Seminary Library offering taken in February has been received from 1,406 churches in the total amount to date of $25,813.

Several district superintendents have reported concerted drives to have each church represented in the offering to build the library for Nazarene Theological Seminary.

Dr. Corlett urges pastors and church treasurers who have not sent in their Seminary offering to do so without delay.

Of People and Places . . .

Rev. Dale Galloway, pastor at Grove City, Ohio, on the Central Ohio District, reported that the introductory sessions of the current Christian Service Training course on soul winning has resulted in a “woman so reserved by nature that she very seldom testified in prayer meeting” winning a person to Christ. The new convert has already been baptized and joined the church, Pastor Galloway said.

A recent hurricane caused some property and crop damage in Samoa, and affected the welfare of some Nazarenes there, according to Dr. Orville Jenkins, secretary of the Department of Home Missions. Any persons or churches interested in helping should write the Home Missions office for guidance in what is needed.

David W. Eckert, junior in medicine at Washington University at Seattle, has won a $1,800 scholarship to permit him to assist for twelve weeks this summer at the Nazarene Eitel Lucas Memorial hospital in the Transvaal.—N.I.S.

Dr. E. S. Phillips, secretary to the Department of World Missions, is back at his desk following corrective surgery in a Boston, Massachusetts, hospital.

Mrs. Rachael Woods, mother of Rev. Robert F. Woods, Canada Atlantic District superintendent, died March 4 in Moncton, New Brunswick. She was a charter member of the Toronto St. Clair Church.

432 Extra Stations Carry Spanish Program

The Palm Sunday and Easter programs of “La Hora Nazarena,” the Spanish radio broadcast, has been accepted by 432 extra stations during the 1966 Easter season, according to Rev. Stanley Whitcanack, of the Nazarene Radio League.

Among the stations to accept the special day programs is a 135,000-watt outlet in Lisbon, Portugal.

Most of the programs will be aired from Central and South America. Twelve stations in the United States will carry the special day programs.

“Showers of Blessing” will appear on 525 additional stations, plus those regularly carrying the program. The total carrying the English programs on the special days is now at 1,050.

Kansas Pastor Dies Following Surgery

Rev. Daniel Colby, pastor at Osbomn, Kansas, died March 8 following heart surgery at the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City, Kansas.

Ordained in 1956, he is survived by his wife and three children, ages nine, six, and three.

Memorial services were held March 10 in Osbome, and funeral and burial were tentatively set for March 11 in Garden City, Kansas.

22 (122) — HERALD OF HOLINESS
I would like for you to explain John 20:22-23. Have I the right to forgive anybody his or her sins? Has anybody the right to forgive sins? Some Jews claimed that only God had that right (Luke 5:21). Jesus Christ himself gave the words of John 20:22-23. Surely Jesus himself would not tell anyone to do what was not right.

Your last statement is absolutely correct. But I am a little at a loss to know exactly what you have in mind in your questions.

John 20:22-23 reads, “And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.”

As to your two specific questions, I can give you only what I understand to be the tenor of Scripture. All sin is fundamentally sin against God (Psalms 51:4), although it may involve offenses against other people. You may forgive only what in another’s actions may directly affect you. But this does not settle his score with divine justice.

I take it to be the general teaching of the Bible that only God through Jesus Christ forgives the sins which are against Him. Justification, as the theologians call it, is a divine act and cannot be initiated by man, be he priest, prophet, or ordinary individual.

What man may do is to proclaim in the power of the Holy Spirit the conditions of divine forgiveness, and assure the penitent that on the basis of his faith God does forgive his sins. This I take to be the import of John 20:22-23.

There is, in some churches, a “rite of absolution.” This is variously interpreted, but in general it means the imparting of the assurance to the penitent that God has forgiven him and that the church holds nothing against him. It is never technically taken as the equivalent of divine forgiveness, although it is often popularly construed as such.

Can you tell me where the verse is: “Behold how they love the brethren,” or “one another,” or is this a chimney-corner scripture?

“I am afraid it is a “chimney-corner” scripture in exactly that form. There are a number of verses that give the idea clearly: “By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another” (John 13:35).

I have a friend who says that the Greek word baptizo in the New Testament means to dip, and that therefore immersion is the only correct way of baptism. Is this right?

Not quite.

Baptizo comes from baptizo, which means, according to Strong’s Greek Dictionary, “to dip, submerge, moisten, or stain.”

Bapto is used in the New Testament of dipping the tip of a finger in water (Luke 16:21), dipping a piece of bread in a cup (John 13:26), and a garment dipped in blood (Revelation 19:13).

Baptizo is usually translated simply “baptize,” although in Mark 7:4 it is used of the ceremonial washing of the Jews (the word translated “washed” in Luke 11:38 is also a form of baptizo).

However, that baptize does not always mean “immerse” is quite clear in the New Testament. The Israelites were said to have been baptized unto Moses in the sea (1 Corinthians 10:2), when they crossed over dry-shod. Jesus spoke of His crucifixion as “baptism” (Mark 10:38-39). John 3:25-26 identifies “purifying” and “baptizing,” and John 2:6 tells us that the purifying was done with waterpots holding from eighteen to twenty-four gallons of water.

If you are interested in a concise and complete study of this subject, I recommend that you borrow or buy a copy of H. Orton Wiley’s Christian Theology, Volume III, and read pages 161-89. Give particular attention to the reference notes at the bottom of the pages.

As to what baptism is and does, I have never seen a better statement than in Article XIII in the Manual: “Christian baptism is a sacrament signifying acceptance of the benefits of the atonement of Jesus Christ, to be administered to believers as declarative of their faith in Jesus Christ as their Saviour, and full purpose of obedience in holiness and righteousness” (paragraph 18).
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