



The Sharon Star

Our Walk

By A. Hinchliff

We have been greatly blessed by many of the things written by the apostle Paul which were given to him by the revelation of the Holy Spirit.

He wrote of the redemptive work of Christ through the shedding of His blood on Calvary. II Corinthians 5:21 "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

He wrote of how God, the Father of Jesus Christ, gave to Him the place of Head of the church, Christ's body. Ephesians 1:19 "And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all."

He wrote of how we, as believers, are set as members of that body. I Corinthians 12:12 "For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit."

Paul wrote how Christ brought a unity between the Jew and the Gentile. "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free, and have been all made to drink into one Spirit."

He wrote about how we are all given gifts of the Spirit, or Spiritual abilities, that we might minister as members of His body. I Corinthians 12:7 "But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will."

Paul also wrote much about how we are to walk as believers and members of Christ's body. Ephesians 1:3 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:"

In Galations 5 we are exhorted to walk in the Spirit and not to give way to the works of the flesh. Paul mentions a number of the works of the carnal na-

ture. There are many more not mentioned. The first works of the flesh to be named are adultery and fornication. Jesus also mentions these works of the flesh in Matt. 5:27-30. He carried it beyond the actual act of committing of adultery to just looking. Matthew 5:28. "But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart. And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell."

Speaking of the works of the flesh in Galations 5:21, Paul says, "they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." If we walk according to the desires of the carnal nature we cut ourselves off from God's kingdom. It is very important that we yield ourselves to the leading of the Holy Spirit concerning these fleshly works. God's Spirit will be with us to help us crucify the flesh and also help us to allow the fruits of the Spirit to be manifest in our lives.

In Ephesians 4:17-31 Paul gives instruction concerning our walk as a Christian. Ephesians 4:17 "This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gen-

tiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. But ye have not so learned Christ; If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus:" Please read the rest of the chapter as it gives good instruction concerning our walk with the Lord.

Ephesians 5:1-17. "Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for sweet smelling savour." Our love for Christ is manifested in our walk. We are asked to compare our love for Him with his love for us.

Paul gives warning in the following verses concerning the consequences of the carnal walk. Ephesians 5:5 "For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath

any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God." We are warned not to be deceived by those who walk in ungodly ways. He tells of the day when we walked in the way of the sinner but having partaken of the light of the Lord let us walk according to that light.

Our desire should be the fruits of the Spirit and to turn away from and reprove "the unfruitful works of darkness." See then that you walk circumspectly. (Cautious and discreet).

Paul wrote similar instruction to the Philippians. He instructs them to be filled with the "fruits of righteousness;" caring for others in a better manner than they would care for themselves. Paul gives Jesus as an example who made Himself of no reputation and took upon Himself the form of a servant.

When Paul speaks of working out your salvation, (Philippians 2:12) he is talking about giving consideration to our walk. Philippians 2:15 "That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as

lights in the world;"

Unity is always of great importance among believers. In Philippians 4:2 Paul exhorts two men, presumably elders of the local church in Philippi, that they be of the same mind concerning spiritual things. It is so important that we be able to walk in unity, especially elders, who are the leaders of the people.

People tend to act upon the things they think about. As a man thinketh in his heart so is he. Our walk is shaped by our thoughts. Philippians 4:8 "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

It is important that we read the scriptures and take heed to the instruction given by the Lord concerning our walk. We can have the help of the Holy Spirit to lead us in God's ways if we will listen to His voice. May God bless and guide you.

Caribbean Camp

Caribbean camp 2001 will be held in St. Vincent, from July 28th - August 5th, in a small town called Layou, about 12 miles from the airport and 1/4 mile from the sea. We are looking forward to see you at camp. It's one of the best places to be from July 28th - August 5th.

Bring your Bible, notebook, pens, a proper hair covering, modest clothes, most of all bring Christ with you and all will be well.

We had a great time last year. God filled his temple of clay through the camp meeting and He will do the same this year as long as we walk after the spirit. We were happy to have the Ministries with us; they look so well their wives and some with their children also. The fellowship we had with them after the meeting was exceptional, hope to have a repeat of the same.

Special thanks to the young people for the prayer sessions during camp. My heart was thrilled and still is. Those prayer sessions were from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The mothers and fathers also joined in, which made it so much better. It was like Heaven on Earth, truly Heaven did come down to Earth. God had no

other choice but to bless those hungry hearts.

Recognition to the kitchen staff, you are getting sweeter and sweeter as the years come and go. To all the Elders, Deacons, and their wives, thanks for the input you give at camp, hoping for better things this year. We are workers together, let us take up our cross and follow the Lord as he leads us on.

Here in St. Vincent the Lord our God is moving by His Holy Spirit. We are blessed with two (2) local Churches at present, with a third one (1) in sight. There is some work taking place in a village called Lowman's Bay. On the Strength of the Local Church at Questelles we are presently working on a meeting place. Our present meeting place is the open air every Sunday evening from 4:30 p.m.; both parents and children attend these meetings. We are hoping by the end of April, that phase one (1) of the meeting place will be completed.

God has given us the opportunity to minister to abused children, ages 6 - 16 years old, every Sunday from 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Some of these boys were at the Easter Youth Camp and the General

Camp last year; we did have a wonderful time with them. They blessed our heart as they ministered to us in songs and the beating of drums. These are boys who were abused by parents and family, some were sleeping on the pavement in the city, they were known as street children. The Government has a home for some but there are many more on the streets. They need help for the whole man, body, soul and spirit. If there is anyone who needs further information on these boys write to Cephas Forde, Campden Park P.O., Kingstown, St. Vincent, W.I.

The hour has arrived when the mission of the Church must be seen in all the Earth. Deliverance for the whole man, (Creation). We must awake out of our slumber and put on the strength of the Lord, shake off the dust, let the earthly go and the new Adam be seen in his people. For in Adam all died, so in Christ, the new Adam, shall all be made alive. Let the presence of the Church be felt in the earth. Many are afflicted and abused, suffering everywhere in the earth. But I can feel the breeze of the spirit of God moving in the Church, giving oxygen and life to us, to enable us to touch the

whole of creation, oh glory to God. The move is on; yes it is on, the moving of His spirit to loose the bands of wickedness, tearing down the walls between us. Let the redeemed of the Lord return and come with singing unto Zion, the everlasting joy shall be upon their head. Oh glory, shout it out, glory, glory to God. Let us see Jesus. There are troubles and problems everywhere, money problems, home problems, children problems; we can

go on and on. Let us see beyond, pray for each other that our eyes will be open like the servant of the prophet. The servant was afraid when he saw a host encompassed the city both with horses and Chariots. He cried, "Master what shall we do?" Elisha replied, "Fear not, they that be with us are more than they that be with them." God is on our side, He will see us through. Then the prophet prayed, "Open his eyes Lord," and the Lord opened the eyes of the

young man and he saw beyond the natural troubles. The mountains were full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha. Glory, Glory that is what we need today. He saw protection, he saw beyond the natural. What are you seeing today? Your troubles, sickness, pain, whatever it is, my prayer is "Open our eyes Lord, my brother's and sister's eyes. God can do it. Please read II Kings 6:1-22 and Ephesians 1:15-23. In the Body,
— Bro. Cephas Forde

Truth and Integrity — An Exhortation

God is a God of Truth. "He is the Rock, His work is perfect: for all His ways are judgment: A God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is He," (Deut. 32:4) He desires His people to walk in His ways - in truth and integrity. "All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as keep His covenant and His testimonies," (Psalms 25:10)

Integrity means living and telling the truth. Its definition is "behaviour in accordance with a strict code of values" - by our behaviour, integrating truth into our daily lives. A while ago I read an article on integrity which convicted me, and caused me to search my heart. The author, a father of young children, wrote how they caught him in a lie as he paid the entry fee at a zoo. He tried to pass his youngest son off as "5 and under", to get free admission, when his son piped up, "Dad, I'm 6, not 5!" Not a big deal? Well, maybe it doesn't seem like it, but what kind of a message does it send? That we tell the truth - most of the time - but sometimes it's OK to lie? How can we teach our children to be honest when we demonstrate that telling a lie can be to our advantage? Society already teaches them that truth is relative, but God, and the Bible give us an absolute standard for judging right and wrong. God doesn't change, Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever, and the word of the Lord endures forever. The Bible is our guide book, and it has much to say about truth and integrity, and the importance God places on them. Psalms 15:1, 2 asks, "Lord, who shall abide in Thy tabernacle? Who shall dwell in Thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in this heart", and Psalms 101:7

warns, "He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight". Proverbs 12:22 says, "Lying lips are abomination to the Lord: but they that deal truly are His delight", and Zechariah 8:16 declares, "These are the things that ye shall do; Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbour; execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates." A note in my Bible states that truth is the basis of a lifestyle that pleases God, and if that is our desire, we must strive to live in truth, and integrate what we believe into how we live. Our Christian beliefs must be evident in the things that we do and say, not only because that is what God requires, but also because of our example to others. "Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men." (2 Corin. 8:21) "Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men." (Romans 12:17) "Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation." (1 Peter 2:12) As Christ lives in us, and changes us, all our actions should be under His control, and our Christianity should affect every aspect of our life. His truth, and our integrity must be evident in our relationships, our business dealings, our work or school ethics, our response to regulations and our every decision. The truth can't be turned off and on at our convenience.

And what about those "unseen" choices we make? They may be unknown to men, but God sees them, and He sees our heart. "Behold, Thou desirest truth in

the inward parts: and in the hidden part Thou shalt make me to know wisdom." (Psalms 51:6) The Lord shall judge the people: judge me, O Lord, according to my righteousness, and according to mine integrity that is in me." (Psalms 7:8) That's really where integrity counts - when it's just between God and me. May I be able to say as David did, "Judge me, O Lord; for I have walked in mine integrity; I have trusted also in the Lord; therefore I shall not slide," (Psalms 26:1) Besides a clear conscience, there are other benefits to a life of truth. Proverbs 20:7 says, "The just man walketh in this integrity; his children are blessed after him," (Prov. 11:3) "The integrity of the upright shall guide them; but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them." (Prov. 10:9) "The man of integrity walks securely, but he who takes crooked paths will be found out," (NIV) So, we don't have to bear an unnecessary burden of guilt, because truth brings freedom in Christ. "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free," (John 8:32)

The Bible sets the standard for what is right and wrong, so I believe it really does matter if we tell "white lies" about our child's age just to save a dollar. It does matter that we are honest on our income tax forms, that we return to pay for the item we weren't charged for, that we have honesty in our families and homes, and that we play by the rules. Whenever there's uncertainty in our minds, we need to ask ourselves, What would Jesus do? He is the Way, the Truth and the Life (John 14:6), so anything else compromises our faith and mars our testimony.

We need to pray for one another, that

we will each allow the Holy Spirit to direct us, and to examine our hearts, for "...it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth," (1 John 5:6b) May it be said of us, "For I rejoiced greatly when brethren came and testified of the truth that is in you, just as you walk in the truth. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth." (3 John 4)

May the words of this song the Lord gave to me encourage us all to walk in our integrity.

1) O Lord You know my heart, You see the struggles there

To follow in Your steps, daily is my prayer

For every moment choices come, but if I look in the mirror

And ask myself, what would Jesus do, the answer becomes clear

(Cho) I will walk, in mine integrity
For I know the truth, and it will set me free

To live a life of victory

That reveals the Christ in me

2) O Lord, so many times, I've failed to do what's right

Forgive and cleanse me Lord, so I can be a light

That brightly shines into the dark, so that all can plainly see

Because You're living in my heart, I live what I believe

— Cyndi Aarrestad

CARIBBEAN CAMP

Please be advised
that our
Caribbean Camp
will be held in
St. Vincent

DATE:

July 29 - August 5, 2001

LOCATION:

Grace and Truth
Campsite
at

Layou, St. Vincent

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The Fruit of the Spirit

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I was privileged to be at one of the elders and deacons meetings recently. The theme of the meeting is found in John 15:8 "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples." Most of what was ministered by the different brethren was concerning the fruit of the Spirit.

In John 15:1-8 we find Jesus teaching concerning the importance of the fruit of the Spirit. Jesus is the true vine to which the branches that bear the fruit are attached. Without being joined to the vine it is impossible to bear the fruit of the Spirit. He said that His Father was the husbandman. The husbandman removes the branches that are not bearing fruit.. They only sap life from the vine and do not produce anything of value. He also removes badly formed fruit.

In verse 5 Jesus informs us that He is the vine and we are the branches. That should take away any thought of trying to walk alone and of trying to produce fruit by our own effort. We need the life that flows from the vine to be able to produce anything that is worthwhile. John 15:4 "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me."

From this passage of Scripture we see what God wants and that is "Fruit." John 15:8 "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples." We must bear fruit to be a disciple of Jesus.

In John 15:16 we read, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you." Another word for ordained is to destine. As His disciples it is the mind and purpose of God that we should go forth and bear fruit. The fruit should be of such quality that it will remain.

When Paul wrote to the Romans his desire was to have fruit produced among them as it was produced among other believers. Romans 1:13 "Now I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that oftentimes I purposed to come unto you, (but was let hitherto,) that I might have some fruit among you also, even as among other Gentiles."

In Romans 6:21-23 the apostle Paul writes, and we see that God is interested

in what our lives produce. "What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death." There was no fruit borne of the Spirit of God. "But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Here Paul questions them. "What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed?" Obviously there was no fruit of the Spirit in their lives and the things that were there only brought death. "But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, you have fruit unto holiness." The reward of this is everlasting life contrasted with the reward of sin which is death.

Our fruit is unto holiness. The word holiness means pure, clean and set apart for God. This is the criteria by which we judge the actions of our lives. God is interested in what our life produces.

In Rom. 15:25-28 we read of the fruit of giving. Paul was on his way to Jerusalem bearing the gifts of the saints of Macedonia and Achaia which were being sent for the poor Christians in Jerusalem. Here he outlines our responsibility to those who have ministered to us spiritual things when they are in need. We have no responsibility to give if there is no need. Giving is a fruit of the Spirit when it is practised by the leading of the Spirit of God.

In James 5:7 James tells us how the husbandman has to patiently wait for the fruit to develop on the vine. Christ also waits patiently for fruit to grow in our lives. In verse 8 we are instructed to be patient and to establish our hearts. In other words set our hearts on the eternal realm and wait patiently for the appearing of Christ. Patience is also a fruit of the Spirit.

Hebrews 10:36 "For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul."

In James 3:14-18 we are told of the

difference between the wisdom that is from above and earthly carnal wisdom. Envy and strife is from the carnal realm but the wisdom that is from above, Vs. 17, is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. Vs. 18 "And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace."

Righteousness is a fruit of the Spirit. Peacemakers sow this fruit.

In His teaching concerning the sower and the seed Jesus especially mentions the seed that fell on good ground. Luke 8:15 "But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience." It is important that we fill our hearts and minds with the Word of God and walk accordingly. Patience is a very important factor here. The fruit doesn't appear immediately but it grows as we patiently walk in the ways of the Lord. Stay close to Him and He will make us a partaker of His nature.

Romans 7:4 "Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God. For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death. But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter."

The product of our former marriage to the law was sin and death but the product of our marriage to Christ is fruit unto God. We died to the law which was given to bring us to Christ.

In Matt. 7:15-20 Jesus warns us to beware of false prophets telling us that we will know them by their fruits. He asks, "Do we get grapes from thorns or figs from thistles." A good tree produces good fruit but a bad tree evil fruit.

My Dad was an avid horticulturist and had a garden filled with many kinds of fruit trees. The fruit of these trees was checked and if the fruit was not to his liking the tree was removed and as Jesus said cast into the fire. One thing noticeable was that the fruit of a tree was consistent year after year. It wasn't good one year and bad the next. So it is with people. A good tree brings forth good fruit but a corrupt tree brings forth evil fruit.

When Matthew wrote (Matt. 3:1-8) concerning the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where John was baptising, he

warned them to repent and flee from God's judgment. The evidence of repentance would be the fruit of their lives. He warned that every tree that didn't bring forth good fruit would be cut down.

One thing we notice about fruit trees is that the seed is in the fruit. Grapes have seeds in them; apples have seeds in them and you will find that every kind of fruit has seeds in it. It is the seed that enables the tree to reproduce itself. The seed of the kingdom of God is the fruit of the Spirit and it is that seed that causes the reproduction in the hearts and lives of the people of the earth. The fruit of the Spirit is absolutely necessary for the growth of the kingdom of God. It will be the planting of that seed that brings to pass the prophecy of Jeremiah 31:34 "And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more." The walk and life of the Christian, or the seed of the kingdom that is produced in the fruit, will be planted in the hearts of others and has such an important part in the salvation of their neighbours and friends. Seek God that fruit may be produced in your life and walk and with the fruit comes the seed.

Jude 8-12 speaks of those who refuse to submit to the ministries and elders that God has set in the church. They speak in an evil way of those placed by God. Michael the archangel didn't even speak in an evil way to the devil but left him for God to deal with. So often people criticize things they know nothing about. This scripture speaks of those of the past who walked in this way. In vs. 12 he speaks of these people as trees whose fruit withers. They are without fruit, dead and pulled out by the roots.

Jesus was teaching in the temple (Matt. 21:23) when the chief priests and the elders of the people came to Him questioning His authority to teach the things concerning the Kingdom of God. Jesus compared them to the husbandmen to whom a vineyard had been let out. The owner sent his servants and even his son to collect the fruit of the vineyard. They spitefully used them even killing some, including his son. The owner of the vineyard will destroy those husbandmen and let out the vineyard to those who "will render him the fruits in their season." Matthew 21:43 "Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof." The

kingdom will be given to those who produce fruit.

There are nine fruits of the Spirit mentioned in Galatians 5:22 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law." I suppose there is an unlimited number of fruits of the Spirit some of which we have already mentioned. These are all produced by living and walking according to the leading of the Spirit of God.

Ephesians 5:8-11 "For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." This scripture indicates where we find the fruit of the Spirit. It is in goodness, righteousness and truth.

II Peter 1:3 "According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

In Col:1:9-11 Paul writes to this church concerning the bearing of fruit. "For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience

and longsuffering with joyfulness; Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins." The bearing of fruit is so important in the kingdom of God.

James writes, Jas. 3:13-15 of the wisdom that is earthly, sensual and devilish. This does not come from the Lord. Vs. 16 "For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work." He goes on to describe the wisdom that is from above. Vs. 17 & 18. "But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy." The wisdom of the Lord bears good fruit.

We are unable to bear and develop the fruit that God wants by our own efforts. This fruit comes by the work of the Holy Spirit within us. It is "the fruit of the Spirit." As Paul says, Gal. 5:16, "Walk in the Spirit and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh."

Jesus told us in John 15:5, "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth

in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing." The secret of bearing the fruit of the Spirit is abiding in Him. Vs. 8, "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit: so shall ye be my disciples." To be His disciple we must abide in Him and produce much fruit. Vs. 10, "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love." We bear fruit by being joined to the vine.

Galatians 5:17 "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. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

All fleshly works fit in with these and work against the nature of Christ which we received when we were born again. The two natures are at war with

one another. The carnal nature, like a condemned man, uses all its carnal energy to overcome the condemnation of the law, and the nature of Christ. If we are led by the Spirit we overcome the flesh and are not under the law. We live on a level above the law which the law does not touch. The law is for those who sin. Walking in the flesh eliminates any opportunity of inheriting the kingdom of God.

I John 2:15 "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever."

John sums up very well the working of the two natures. Love of the world fosters the carnal nature. One of the brethren explained very well the things said by John. The lust of the flesh is the desire to indulge; the lust of the eyes is the desire to acquire; the pride of life is the desire to impress. These things all belong to the world and the carnal realm and will pass away. Let our desire be to seek those things that are eternal and glorify Him by the Spiritual fruit manifest in our life and walk.

Children's Corner

Noah Walked With God

Dear Boys and Girls,

Today I have written about the story of Noah from the Bible. You can find it in Genesis 6 to 9.

"But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Matthew 24:37. I think it would be well for us to know how it was in the days of Noah.

There was much wickedness in the land. The earth was corrupt before God and filled with violence. There was so much wickedness that it grieved the heart of God, and He was sorry that He had made man. He decided to destroy every living thing from off the face of the earth.

However, there was one man who found favor with God. His name was Noah. He was the grandson of Methuselah, the oldest man who ever lived. Noah had three sons - Shem, Ham and Japheth. Noah was a just man

and perfect in his generation. Noah walked with God.

God spoke to Noah. He told him what He planned to do. God said, "Because the earth is filled with violence, I will destroy them." God told Noah to build an ark for himself and his family, it was like a large ship that would float on the waters. It had to be waterproof. God gave Noah specific instructions for building the ark. The size of the ark was 300 cubits long, 50 cubits wide and 30 cubits high, which was 450 ft. x 75 ft. x 45 ft. There were many rooms in the ark. There were three stories, one above the other. There was a window above and a door on the side.

Then God told Noah, "I will bring a flood of waters upon the earth to destroy all flesh and everything that is in the earth shall die."

But with you I make a covenant (an agreement or a promise). You shall

come into the ark, you and your sons, your wife and your son's wives with you. Also every living thing, two of each, male and female, shall you bring with you to keep them alive. You must gather food for yourself and the animals.

Noah worked many days building the ark. He did all that the Lord commanded him. No doubt the people of the land thought this very strange, building a ship with no rain or water in sight. They could have laughed at Noah for believing God. But today we can read in the Bible about Noah on the Honour Roll in Hebrews 11, "By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house."

One day God called Noah to come into the ark, he and all his family, with the animals. Then the door was shut and the rain began to fall. Forty days

and forty nights, torrents of rain swiftly covered the earth. A heavy rainfall is very frightening, especially if you have no shelter. Everything on earth was killed, but the ark rode safely through the storm.

Noah and his family spent one year and two months in the ark. There was so much water on the earth that it took many months to go down. On the seventeenth day of the seventh month, the ark rested on the mountains of Ararat. The waters continued to decrease. On the first day of the tenth month they could see the tops of the mountains. Noah waited for forty more days. Then he opened the window in the ark and sent forth a raven. The raven did not return. Then he sent forth a dove, she found no rest for the sole of her foot, so the dove came back. Noah reached out his hand and pulled her into the ark. Noah waited seven days. Again he sent forth the dove. This time she brought an olive leaf. Noah knew by this that the waters were getting lower. He waited another seven days. When he sent forth the dove this time, she did not return. Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked and the ground was dry.

Then God told Noah to go forth from the ark and bring forth all the people and the animals. So Noah went forth and the living things went forth out of the ark.

Now Noah built an altar unto the Lord and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

And God blessed Noah and said, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth again with people."

And God said, "I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a token of a

covenant between me and the earth and the water shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh."

At the time of the flood Noah was 600 years old. He lived another 350 years. All the days of Noah were 950 years; and he died.

The rainbow is still with us. That is a wonderful promise. When God sees the rainbow he remembers the promise. God will never again send a flood. However the Bible does tell us that God will send judgments of a different sort. We can read about it in Matthew

24 about the Great Tribulation.

Just as God took care of Noah through the terrible flood, so God can take care of us, even through the Great Tribulation. If we want to be saved like Noah was, we will do all that the Lord commands of us.

Watch, therefore, for ye know not the day nor the hour when the Son of man cometh.

For as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

— Sister Frances Cotcher

NORTH CAROLINA CAMP MEETING

July 29 - August 5, 2001

Catawba College, Salisbury, NC

Catawba College, site of the camp, is located in the town of Salisbury, NC, about 40 miles from either Charlotte and High Point via Interstate Hwy 85. The campus is about 3 miles west of Interstate 85 at Exit 76 on West Innes Street (Hwy. 601) and can also be reached from the west and Interstate 40 via Hwy 601 or Hwy 70.

You may bring linens (single bed), towels, & pillows, or these can be rented at the camp for \$5 per set.

Check-in time begins at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 29. Meals will be served in the college dining hall beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 29, followed by the first meeting at 7:30 p.m. The camp will conclude with the noon meal on Sunday, August 5.

Buildings are air conditioned. Swimming pool, gym, and other recreational facilities are available.

CHARGES FOR ROOM & BOARD:

Age 0 - 3 - No charge

Age 3 - 6 - \$55.00 per week or \$11.00 per day

Age 7 - Adult - \$80.00 per week or \$16.00 per day

SEND RESERVATIONS TO:

Global Missions Regional Camp

c/o Mrs. Anita Love

112 Queensbury Rd.,

Winston Salem, NC 27104

or call: Anita Love - 336-765-9271 or E-mail <ASLOVE1@aol.com>

Flight arrangements may be made to Charlotte, NC. If you need transportation from the airport, call Kim Kaufman at 704-583-0651 or e-mail him at <kimkaufman@mindspring.com>.

Those preferring to fly into Greensboro may contact Dave Heath for transportation from the airport. Phone 336-852-9016 or e-mail <DDPack@aol.com>.

RESERVATION FORM FOR CAMP 2001

Cut out and mail

Please fill in ALL information and cut out and mail to the following address: ROOM RESERVATIONS, Sharon Children's Homes and Schools, Box 878, North Battleford, Sask., S9A 2Z3. Mail as soon as possible. If you are unable to attend, please cancel your reservation, otherwise we will have to charge you for the room held open for you. **YOU MUST RESERVE** your room, we cannot hold accommodation without you supplying us with the information outlined in the blank application. You will NOT receive written confirmation from us UNLESS we cannot supply your requirements. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated and helpful. **THANK YOU.**

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Children: Male _____ Female _____

Age _____ Age _____

Date of Arrival _____

Date of Departure _____

Small

A cloudless sky
Beckons to me tonight,
I ponder my worth
And wonder

What am I?
A speck
Insignificant
Small

Would anybody miss me?
If I weren't around
Would anybody care?
Yes

Maybe not the people
nor the animals
But there is someone
Who lives inside of me
He cares

I'm His temple
He's love eternal
Nothing compares
To Him

There is a contrast
Huge to small
Eternal to mortal
Father to Son

My needs are met
My family is safe
Eternal eyes protect
Surround and guide

I can feel his presence
He is mine
Inside I am content
As is the resident of my soul
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Camp North Battleford July 1 - 8, 2001
North Carolina Camp, Salisbury, NC July 29 - August 5, 2001
St. Vincent, West Indies Camp July 29 - August 5, 2001
Pinelaw Summer Family Camp August 13-19, 2001
Young Peoples - Hidden Acres, ON Aug. 1 - Sept. 3, 2001
Young Peoples - Park Valley, SK Sept. 1 - 4, 2001
Family Camp - Winkler, MB Sept. 1 - 4, 2001
Pinelaw Fall Family Camp Nov. 8 - 11, 2001

MINISTRY TO SINGLES AND MARRIED COUPLES

A weekend of teaching, worship and fellowship is being planned for widows, widowers, divorced, and single adults (25 years and older). Plus recently married couples, and parents who are raising children.

Separate classes will be provided in the morning sessions, joint evening sessions and Sunday worship, plus afternoons of fun and fellowship for everyone.

Teaching will focus on unity and love between husband and wife, raising godly children and the power of God in a single person's ministry.

When: 5:30 p.m. Friday, May 18th to noon meal,
Monday, May 21st, 2001.

Where: Sharon School, North Battleford, Sask. Canada.

Cost: \$30.00 per person

Bring: Bedding, Bibles and Baking

Contact: Sharon Schools, P.O. Box 878, North Battleford, S9A 2Z3
or fax 306-445-7820 or e-mail globalinc@sk.sympatico.ca

PLEASE REGISTER BY FEAST, IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND

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