

-PAUL'S ACTS MINISTRY-

Acts begins with the ministry of the 12 to the Jew only. Not till we get to Chap. 10 do we find the Gentiles being included. It was Peter who preached in the house of Cornelius, and that is the only instance we have of any of the 12 ever preaching to the Gentiles in Acts.

Right after this event, we find Paul and Barnabas preaching to Gentiles at Antioch. This brings in dissention and so a council was called at Jerusalem to settle the matter. The result was the recognition of the special ministry of Paul to the Gentiles and the fact that they were not under the law.

Now the question comes up; was this ministry of Paul in Acts related to the dispensation of the mystery or something else? What he preached, he called My Gospel. He was a chosen vessel to the Gentiles, yet all thru Acts he preached to the Jew first. Furthermore it was strange that he should be preaching a gospel of grace to the Gentiles while all the time he as a Jew was subject to the law! He observed the law in keeping the feasts and the making of vows, even up till the end of Acts.

His own testimony in Acts 26:22 shows us that his ministry up to that time had not been concerned with the mystery which had been hid from ages and generations. What he had said up till that time could be found in Moses and the prophets.

Then why did he preach to Gentiles and the 12 did not? The reason is that the 12 could not go about fulfilling the great commission till the nation had repented and was willing to be a channel of blessing to the nations. The new covenant had to be in force before this could even be started. So the 12 were not at liberty to begin their work. Peter, who had the keys, opened the kingdom to the Gentiles and so prepared the way for the ministry of Paul.

But we still do not have our question answered. Why did Paul, a Jew, preach to the Gentiles? Let him answer the question himself. Look in Rom. 11:13. There he tells them that he is the apostle to the Gentiles. He magnifies his office, not himself. Then in the following verse he says that he does not preach to the Gentiles primarily to save them, but that **HE MIGHT SAVE SOME OF HIS OWN NATION, HIS OWN FLESH, the Jews.**

He goes on to explain this by a figure of the Gentiles being grafted in as a wild olive branch so as to provoke the tree, (Israel) to bear fruit. Paul was selected to do this grafting during Acts.

-DEITY, DUST, AND PRAYER-

When God made man of the dust of the ground, He made him utterly unlike the other members of the animal kingdom. He made man without any instincts. When you make a study of living things, you will soon find that all the animals have instincts. The bird builds a nest. Each kind builds its particular kind of nest. Tho a young bird may never have seen a nest, it will build one just as its ancestors have for centuries. Animals have instincts about food, caring for the young, migrations, etc.

But man is utterly without all these. He is the most helpless babe of all creation. No young in all the animal kingdom can be as helpless as the human infant. Neither are any of them in the stage of infancy as long as the young of mankind. Why?

God made man without any instincts so that he would be dependent on Him for all he ever gets. But man ever seeks to get away from this dependent situation. He has sought out many inventions. He vainly imagines he can get along without God. He was given intelligence so that he might be thankful; but is he?

"The ox knoweth his owner,
And the ass his master's crib;
But Israel doth not know,
My people doth not consider."

Then compare this with Rom. 1:21 "When they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were **THANKFUL.**" This is not about Israel, but the nations, the heathen, or us Gentiles.

God made man so that he might be dependent on Him in everything. So one ought always to pray. If we should even begin to neglect on little thing in prayer to Him, the wedge has entered and that will lead to neglect of greater things in prayer. If anything in our lives is too trivial for prayer, then it is too trivial for us to bother with and entertain. Anything that is not of faith is sin.

The little child should be taught from the very first to pray. It will naturally pray, if taught, about everything he undertakes. The things in a child's life that seem big to him may be very trivial to us. But God knows and cares.

Many is the time I have advised my high school pupils to pray about their lessons. It pays.

As soon as we have eaten of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, we think we are gods and have no need of God and so do not need to ask about anything. Sorrow follows. Let us understand our dependence upon Him and seek His guidance in everything.

-STUDIES IN EPHESIANS- #16

An interesting word that occurs 4 times in Eph. is **INHERITANCE**. People usually pay some attention when this word is mentioned, for all would like to have a large inheritance. Maybe this is it!

I. "In Whom we have also obtained an inheritance..." Eph. 1:11. A literal rendering of this would be "In Whom we have been taken as an inheritance." This will immediately couple this reference to number III below. It will also take us back to Deut. 32:8, 9 where God provided for His own inheritance when the land was apportioned among the nations. It reads, "Jehovah's portion is His people: Jacob is the lot of His inheritance." In Eph. 1:10 we read of the gathering together in one all things in Christ, both in heaven and on earth, and then it is added that we have not been left out of all this, but that we are taken as an inheritance.

II. "Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession." Eph. 1:14. Here it is **OUR** inheritance that is spoken of. The inheritance is made sure by an earnest or pledge, the Holy Spirit. This is the Spirit of promise, the **PROMISE** of eternal life which was made in Christ before the ages began. Here is a very interesting study by itself.

III. "That ye may know... what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints." Eph. 1:18. When we think of our being a people who once were not a people, only Gentile dogs, then we may well wonder at the phrase "riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints." What are we? It is only as we are in Christ that this can ever be true. Our standing is in Him. Then we are loved as He is loved and righteous as He is righteous. Truly we should be a thankful people for such marvelous grace. Let us yield our members to Him that He may work in and thru us for His glory.

IV. "That no... hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God." Eph. 5:5. Now we become aware of the fact that there may be more than one aspect of inheritance as used in the Word. There is an inheritance that is secure for it has to do with our standing. But there is also an inheritance that is connected with reward. It can be missed. Some may think that grace is so great that no loss can be incurred, but here is the answer. "Let no man deceive you with vain words (Eph. 5:6). Beware lest any man spoil you thru... vain deceit... Let no man beguile you of your reward (Col. 2:8-18). We do well to heed the warning!

-LOWER THAN THE DEVIL!-

We have various sects over our land who are teaching that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, was created in the beginning. They do not believe that He was God manifest in flesh, that He was the great I AM (Jehovah) of the OT. They ignore His claims and what the Scriptures testify of Him to set forth their own philosophy and wisdom (Foolishness in the sight of God).

But if what they say could ever be true, then we have a strange situation. For according to that, then Christ is at least a poor second to Satan, the Devil, and that old serpent. And if that be the case, then their worship should be directed toward the greater of the two, should it not? And maybe it is; who knows?

Let us look at Ezek. 28:11-19. We would think, at first, that the king of Tyrus was being spoken against, but when we look a little more closely, we see that there is a little more to it than just a mere man.

Whoever is behind that name, king of Tyrus, had walked in the Eden, the garden of God. He had been created, not born as other men. In fact, he was an anointed Cherub, one of the highest angels. That he was the greatest of celestial beings is plain from such terms as "thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty."

"Thou was perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created." He had sanctuaries, or places of worship. He was upon the holy mountain of God, that is, heaven. Here was the greatest of all created beings, wisest, and most beautiful. The words make it plain that no other creature could be inferior to him in all his splendor.

But one day iniquity was found in him. Sin and death was the result. Some day he will be destroyed so that he will be no more. His wisdom has been corrupted. He will do foolish things, as well as they who fell with him. All other powers will some day turn against him and choose the Lamb (Rev. 5).

So if by any chance Christ should be a created being, then He **MUST** be lower than Satan. Satan then should receive worship rather than Christ. Worship is what he does want (Matt. 4:9) and he does get it by circulating this lie about Christ. For believing his lie is the beginning of his worship.

This lie is even worse than the current one that Christ was the son of a German mercenary soldier. So it is that Satan seeks to block the way, the true and living way, to God. Shall we sit by idly while all this is going on, or shall we bear witness to the truth? Let us be up and doing!



Charles H. Welch

-ITINERARY -

BREMEN, Ind. April 29.

Meeting at the home of Mr. A. O. Bowser, 404 W. North St. Go 3 blocks west from traffic lite in center of town and one block north. Time; 7:30 P.M. Contact Mr. Bowser for further information. Tel. 7471.

WARSAW, Ind. May 1.

Meeting in the basement of the Lake City Bank on Buffalo St., between Center and Market. Time; 2:30 and 7:30 P. M. Contact Oscar M. Baker, RR2 for information. Tel. Atwood 2684.

HOBART, Ind. May 2.

Meeting at the home of Loren Sullivan, 115 E. 12th St. at 7:30 P.M. This is south of the main part of the town. Contact Miss Virginia Hardesty, 801 Water St., Tel. 431-M.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. May 3, 4, 5.

Meetings at First Grace Gospel Church, 2200 English Ave., (2200 East - 500 South). Time; each evening at 7:45. Contact the pastor, John LaVier, 2847 N. Talbot Ave., Tel. Hickory 0520.

OSHKOSH, Wis. May 6, 7, 8.

Meetings on 6th and 7th at the Oshkosh High School auditorium. The school is about the center of the town. Time; 7:30 each evening. On Sunday May 8th, Mr. Welch will have the half hour broadcast over station WNAM at Neenah at 9 A.M. At 2:30 Sunday afternoon there will be a meeting at the Neenah YWCA, located next to Fox River on N. Commercial St. Contact either Kenneth Smith, RR1, Neenah, Tel. 2-7148; or R. A. Roberts, RR3 Neenah, Tel. Larsen 6-2240.

MILWAUKEE, Wis. May 9.

Meeting in the Blue Room, Modern Woodmen of America Club, 734 N. 26th St., between Wells St. and Wisconsin Ave. Time; 8:00 P.M. Contact R.C. Hosking Jr., 216 S. 72nd St., Tel. Greenfield 6-3490.

ROCKFORD, Ill. May 10, 11.

Meetings 7:30 each evening at Vega Hall, 1535 9th St., or corner of 9th St. and 15th Ave. Contact Enoch Linden, 2318 Burrmont Rd.

LOWELL, Ark. May 13.

Meetings at 2:00 and 7:30 P.M. at the Children's Center (Old Bank Bldg.). Contact Wm. C. Poulson, RR1, Box 68A. Tel. Springdale 2912.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. May 14, 15.

Meetings at the Lounge of the Kentwood Hotel. Times; 7:30 May 14 and 2:30 and 7:30 May 15. Contact Edmund Mulack, 32 Sunset Dr. Tel. 23509

FORT WORTH, Tex. May 16, 17, 18.

Meetings each evening at 7:30 in Bewley Hall, Woman's Club, 1316 Pennsylvania Ave. From downtown go south on Main St. to 100 S. Main; west on Vickery to 700 Bl., south on Hemphill to 600 Bl., west on Pennsylvania Ave. to 1316. Contact M. Sharp Pulliam, 3305 James Ave., Tel. Wayside 7052.

HOUSTON, Tex. May 19, 20, 21, 22.

Meetings at the Houston Bible Church, 1501 Hyde Park -- off 700 Bl. Westheimer and Commonwealth. Time; 7:30 each evening with additional meetings at 10 and 11 A.M. Sunday. Contact R. W. Baxter, P.O Box 6127. Residence 2814 Newman. Tel. KE-6928.

LOS ANGELES, Calif. May 26, 27, 28,

29. Meetings at the Hotel Commodore, 1203 W. 7th St., corner of Lucas St.

Each evening at 7:30 with an additional meeting Sunday afternoon at 2:30. The location is downtown Los Angeles 3 blocks west of the Harbor Freeway. One half block east of the Hotel on 7th St. is a parking lot free for those attending the meetings. Contact Arthur P. von Deesten, 357 S. Curson Ave., Apt. 7L, Tel. Whitney 0220.

RIVERSIDE, Calif. May 30, 31.
Meetings each evening at 8 at the Seventh Day Baptist Church, corner 14th and Lemon Sts. Contact N. E. Hardesty at his book store, 3771 - 10th St.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. June 4, 5.
Meetings will be in the Cypress Lawn Cemetery, 1 mile south of Colma on Hwy 101. This is 10 miles south of San Francisco. On the 4th the time will be 7:30 P.M. On the 5th 2:30 and 7:30 P. M. Contact either Richard Eggert, 128 Linden St. San Francisco; Tel. Valencia 4-4034; or E. M. Kemalyan, 5383 Bryant Ave., Oakland, Tel. Olympic 4-0065.

FRESNO, Calif. June 6, 7.
Meeting on the 6th at Huntzicker Hall at 7:45. On the 7th the meeting will be at 7:45 in the home of Frank M. Smith, 515 N. Fulton St. (unless plans are altered the nite before). Contact Mr. Smith, Tel. 3-2541; or E. Leonard Julien, First National Bank of Riverdale, or at his home, 620 B St. in Riverdale.

EVANSTON, Ill. June 9, 10, 11, 12.
Meetings in the Sun Room of the Northshore Hotel, corner of Chicago Ave. and Davis St. This is 2 blocks east of the Davis St. Elevated Station. On the 9th, 10th, and 11th the time will be 8 P.M. On Sunday the 12th meetings at 10 and 11 A.M., 3:00 and 7:30 P.M. Contact Elroy B. Robinson, 711 Woodland Rd., Knollwood, Lake Bluff, Ill. Tel. Lake Bluff 1765.

MUSKEGON, Mich. June 16, 19.
Meetings at the Muskegon Bible Fellowship, Catherine and Williams St. There will be a meeting the 16th at 8:00 P.M. and on the 19th at 10 A.M. and 3 P.M. Contact John W. DeHorn, 1303 Palmer Blvd. Tel. 51-251

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. June 17, 18, 19.
Meetings each evening at 8 in the main auditorium of the Disabled American Veterans' Hall, 246 Jefferson Ave.

S.E. Contact Floris Slager, 1023 Hermitage St. S.E. Tel. GL 65918.

DETROIT, Mich. June 20.
Meeting in the evening at the home of Herman H. Tappert, 13145 Maiden, at 7:45. Contact Mr. Tappert, Tel. Lakeview 7-2778.

TORONTO, Ont. June 21.
Meeting at 8:00 P.M. in the Emerald Room, Prince George Hotel at King and York St. Contact George B. Bonser, 202 McKee Ave., Willowdale. Tel. Baldwin 5-2086.

BUFFALO, N. Y. June 22.
Meeting at 8:00 P.M. in Hotel Touraine, Delaware Ave. and Johnson Park in downtown Buffalo. Contact Henry Renner, 212 Kingsley St. Tel. Ga 1417.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. June 23, 24, 25.
Meetings each evening at 8 in the Reading RR YMCA Auditorium, Lehigh and Kensington Aves. Can be reached by Frankford Elevated at either Huntington or Somerset St. stations. By street car, take car #54 on Lehigh, or car #3 on Kensington. Contact Harry Miller, 1835 Ripley St. Tel. FI 2-3520; or Gilbert Peel, 7359 Central Ave. Tel. FI 2-0337.

PATERSON, N. J. June 26, 27, 28.
Meetings at the First Berean (Ref'd) Church, 2 Barnert Pl., or Paterson at North Second St., at 7:30 each evening with additional meetings at 9:30 and 11 on Sunday morning. Contact the pastor, John A. Verleur, home phone HA7-2269 or the church study MU4-2062.

This is a rare opportunity for the people of this country to hear such an outstanding man as Mr. Welch. He has been editor of The Berean Expositor magazine since 1909 and has gained recognition for his Bible studies in his own and this country as well.

If you are near any of the places where he will appear, be sure to hear him. It may be your only chance.

Those wishing to help with the expense of the trip may send contributions to Elroy B. Robinson, 711 Woodland Rd., Knollwood, Lake Bluff, Ill.

Persons in charge at the various points will be contacted as to when and how he will arrive and other details. Elroy Robinson will accompany Mr. Welch over most of the route.

Pray for Mr. Welch and his ministry.

-FIGURING WITH DATES-

In looking thru the genealogies of the Bible, one finds many interesting facts. But if you will look at Appendix #50 in the Companion Bible, you will find many things that will take your attention.

In looking over the record, we do not find that Adam lived to see the death of any of his line of descendants except that of Abel. It is quite likely that he did, but they were not in the genealogies.

From the creation of Adam to the flood was about 1656 years. Yet that was spanned by two lives (two generations). That period was spanned by the lives of Adam and Methusaleh, and they overlapped 243 years. Their two life spans, if added together, make a total of 1899 years.

Then looking at the period after the flood, we see that 2 years after Noah died, Abraham was born. We also note that Isaac and Rebekkah had been married 10 years when Shem (the son of Noah) died. We also note that Shem died 25 years before Abraham did, but Eber died 4 years after Abraham. At that time Jacob was a young man in his teens.

Esau was married at the early age of 40. See whom he married and whether it pleased his parents.

Jacob stole his brother's blessing and had to leave home and his mother when he was a mere lad of 77! The next year he became engaged, and after 7 years of hard labor for a wife, he was married at the age of 85. Wonder how old the girls, Leah and Rachel were then. Jacob never got to see his mother again.

Then there was Moses. His first 40 years were mostly spent in getting the best education that the world could afford at that time. Then he spent 40 more years in the back side of the desert learning meekness from the sheep. So when he was 80 he was finally ready for his life work. That lasted 40 more years. Maybe we do not spend enough time nowadays in getting ready for life work; what do you think?

Then there was the great warrior and spy, Caleb. He was 85 when he entered the land and begged to have the giant cities of Bashan for his part. They would be the hardest to take. He was asking for a real task in those days.

Then at the end of the graphs in App. 50 in the Companion Bible, you will find a list of principal events and their dates. Look them over and you will find some things that you had not thot of before. For fun, try to figure the life spans from Adam to Moses.

DEAR YOUNG FOLKS; I think we shall have just a little rambling chat this month. You don't mind, do you?

In the first place I find that a lot of folks have a strange idea of what faith is. They seem to think that if you wish for anything long enough and hard enough, that is faith, and it will come to pass if you have believed hard enough. Magazines and newspapers have played up this idea of faith to a great extent. We have stories of men marooned on life rafts for days and weeks and praying that they should be saved and believing that they would, and it happened. But the same papers and magazines do not tell the tales of the hundreds of others who did likewise and were not rescued!

Now faith is believing what God has said and acting on it. So before faith can begin to operate, we have to have a word from God. That word must be to and for us and about us. Then, if we believe it, that is the thing called faith.

Let us take just one example. God had told Abraham that thru his son Isaac would come the promised seed. Abraham accepted that promise and believed it. Later God told him to sacrifice his son Isaac. Abraham did not hesitate, but went about it. For he believed that God would keep His promise regardless, even if He had to raise Isaac from the dead to do it. See Heb. 11:19.

When a person lays hold on the condition laid down in John 3:16 and believes it, then that is faith and that person has obtained life. It is just as simple as that! But it is believing what God has said, not some wishful thinking or hope-so.

Then a person may go to Eph. and find there the revelation of the mystery. If he trusts or believes, as did the Ephesians, (Eph. 1:13) then that person has become a member of the church of the dispensation of the mystery. It is just as simple as that!

Some people think that to study the Word shows a lack of faith. But they have the wrong idea of faith. The opposite is true. No one can trust or believe God unless he knows God. You do not trust other people you do not know. Abraham believed God because he knew God.

The only way you can get to know God is to read His Word. That is the only revelation we have of Him today. We cannot believe Him unless we know what He says.

BACK TO GOD is the slogan today. You might just as well make it BACK TO THE BIBLE. There is no way to Him except by the written and the living Word.

Sincerely in HIM, *Osceola M. Baker*

- THE EDITOR'S DESK -

WONDER HOW some can keep a desk all tidied up and work done all the time! Don't be too critical when you see mine.

TRUTH FOR TODAY Bible Class is still meeting each Tue. nite at my home at 7:30. You are welcome to come in anytime. Also your editor is usually home on Sunday afternoons, and if you would like to visit or ask some questions, drop in. You might like to listen to a tape recording from England on some Bible study. Our place is 4 miles south of Atwood. From Warsaw, go to 2nd cross road on 25 and then 4 miles west. That makes us about 6 miles from the city limits. From Mentone, go 3 miles north on 19 and 4 1/2 miles east.

VISITORS during Feb. were Bob Henderson and family from Riverside, Calif. Also Wayne Henderson from near Culver, Ind.

YOUR EDITOR spent Feb. 26 and 27 with Elroy Robinson of Lake Bluff, Ill. and spoke to the Evanston Bible Class on Sun. morning at 10. The trip was to finish up some of the details of the Welch itinerary.

TRUTH FOR TODAY is published monthly and upon request will be sent to anyone anywhere. Its purpose is to educate, not indoctrinate. So search the Word as you read and check on us.

YOUR EDITOR made a slip on the age of Ishmael a while back. Did anybody see it? Nobody has reminded us of it.

NEW TAPE: We now have a tape recording from Mr. Charles H. Welch. The subject, "Right Division." Time is 45 min. and can furnish in 3.75 or 7.5 ips. We expect to have more tapes from Mr. Welch in the near future. These are lent to you free, or you may buy a tape that you may like to keep in your library.

TAPES: Some have had to wait for a tape as some were not returned as promptly as we expected. We lend these without charge.

#1. Introduction, Resurrection and Life. 30 Min. (All out at this time)

#2. Lessons 1 & 2 in Eph. 30 min.

#3. The Christian's Greatest Need. 36 min. A reading by your editor from E. W. Bullinger.

Be sure to state speed of your recorder. If you would like to purchase a recorder, write. We can supply you.

MISTAKES: We have hoped and hoped that we might put out just one issue without a single mistake, but so far do not believe that we have been able to accomplish it. Hope you will bear with us.

WELCOME; all of you, to come to Warsaw to hear Mr. Welch. Note the date and keep it open. Come out to see us, too.

- BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS -

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12 for 60¢, 25 for 90¢, 50 for \$1.50	
Who Then is Paul	.08
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Right Division	per doz. .30
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Pentecost, free while they last	
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By E. W. Bullinger;	
The Two Natures in the Child of God	.60
By J. Eustace Mills;	
The New Covenant (Mimeographed)	.45
3 for \$1.20	
Companion Bible, Buckram	\$12.00
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