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THE PRACTICAL MEANING OF THE CROSS

Gal. 2:20 — "I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loveth me, and gave Himself for me."

We are living in an age when men of cunning and craftiness are doing all in their power to convince the church and the people of God that there is, after all, no real practical value in the crucifixion of Jesus. One faction of this group would have us believe that Jesus was the highest type of man, who set an excellent example, and whose death on the cross was no more than the death of a martyr. According to these, the death of Christ is no more efficacious to save poor lost humanity than was the death of Stephen of the New Testament, also a martyr. We do not attempt to prove the truth of the Bible. The word of God needs no proof. It stands alone as the **inspired** word of God. It points out the infallible and sure way to salvation and eternal life, and the only basis we have for that salvation is in the vicarious death of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Hear me! Christianity is more than the ultra veneer of good grace and character and personality that our modern friends would have us believe it is. Oh, that I might portray to you that Christianity is more than a garment thrown over as a cloak to hide the shambles and depravity of a sinful nature. It is a living, heartfelt, God-directed reality, that you and I must have and practice not on Sunday only, but every day of the week. When you "plunge beneath the

fountain filled with blood, drawn from Emanuel's veins", and go away clean, — that experience must be a lasting one, that continues day by day, hour by hour, the rest of your natural life. That experience is found in the very first phrase of our text — "I am crucified with Christ". Practically everyone knows of the crucifixion of Jesus, but how many have had the crucifixion experience for themselves. What is the crucifixion experience? Let us think of it in this three-fold aspect: — death, participation, loss.

1. Death — Col. 3:3 — "For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God". It is indeed a peculiar thing and rather paradoxical that the Christian never really lives until he accepts Christ as his Savior and then he must "die". This "death" must be more than a ceremony, it must be an experience in your life and mine. To die means to deal a death blow of destruction to every desire, passion, aim, and ambition that has not hitherto been focused on the Lord Jesus Christ. To die means to turn your back on the sin of the world, unregenerate companions, tempting vices and Satan devised pleasures and turn your eyes upon Jesus and look full in His wonderful face, and then in the words of the hymn writer, — "the things of the earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of His glory and grace."

2. To be crucified means "participation" — Phil. 3:10 — That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings." The prophet, Isaiah, (chapter 53) pictures Christ as despised, rejected, a man of sorrows, acquainted with grief, smitten of God, afflicted, wounded, bruised, chastised, oppressed, "He

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hath poured out His soul unto death". The words of another hymn comes to mind, — Should we expect to get to heaven on flowery beds of ease, when others fought to win the prize and sailed through bloody seas". Jesus said, "Take My yoke upon you". To His own disciples He said, "In the world ye shall have tribulation", but, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee".

3. To the Christian, crucifixion means loss: Phil. 3:8. "Yea, doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung that I may win Christ".

Often we are talking to someone about the Lord and are trying to convince them of their need of Christ, they will say, "But there is so much to give up". That is exactly right, there is much to

give up. I am reminded of Paul, the Apostle, who without doubt gave up far more than the average Christian, yet said, "I count it all dung that I may win Christ".

HAROLD MORGAN

BIBLE SCHOOL LESSON Sunday, Aug. 24, 1947

WISE WORDS CONCERNING HONESTY

Printed Text Prov. 3:3; 11:1, 3; 12:17-22; 14:5; 23:10, 11.

"Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil." This Golden Text is taken from Paul's first letter to the church at Thessalonica. This was the first epistle which Paul wrote. It was written to a newly established church. The Thessalonians were new converts, and due to this fact, some were trying to take advantage of their lack of knowledge of the Word of God and their inexperience. Paul wrote this letter to instruct and encourage them. Note carefully his first exhortation: "Prove all things."—All the false creeds and the errors, which have crept into the church, have flourished because of man's credulity. Starting with the first sin of man in Eden, and continuing down to the present, we have taken the word of someone, who either did not know the truth, or who willfully misrepresented the facts. If we will prove all claims by comparing them with the Word of God, we will have



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a safe and sure rule of procedure.

The second exhortation is equally important:—"hold fast that which is good." No matter how well we may be instructed, nor how familiar we are with the distinguishing characteristics, our knowledge and ability will be valueless, if we do not hold to and practice these things in which we have been taught.

We are also warned to avoid every appearance, or form, of evil. Evil is evil, no matter in what form it may appear. The only safe policy is to avoid anything questionable.

Coming to our printed text, we see the references to mercy and truth. These are basic Christian virtues, upon which our characters rest. The fact that there is a warning not to let them forsake us, reminds us that if we fail to permit these graces to function in our lives we may lose them. There is also a command to write them upon the table of the heart. Not until we have written these things in the heart, do they become part of our being. In our hearts, they are a part of the God given new nature.

We also have warning against everything false, whether it be in our acts, in our dealings with others, or our words in representing the facts. We need always to remember that God delights in just dealings, by His children. When we, as Christians, do that which causes honesty of speech or of act, to be questioned, we bring reproach upon the name of Christ.

Then, there is also the warning as to wounds made by carless or untruthful words. Few, if any, of us have not had the experience of thoughtlessly saying something, which has hurt someone, unintentionally. How much worse, when by a deliberate untruth, we have damaged someone's good name. We are warned that these things are but for the moment. The truth will eventually be known, and the just penalty will fall upon the head of the perpetrator.

Next we see the promise of good to the just. Sometimes, it is not easy to see the good in everything, which God sends us. But His truth and His mercy are never fail'ng,

toward His children. They may not be visible on the surface, but somewhere beneath His wise design, our blessings are hidden. "We know that all things work together for good for them that love God."—This is His Word. Let us rest upon it.

We are also reminded of being truthful in bearing witness. This has reference, especially to testimony given in a court of law. Israel had been repeatedly, commanded to mete out justice in her courts. Her officers were not to take into consideration the wealth and poverty of the claimants, but were to decide each case on its merits alone. All too often, in our own day, even in a trial by jury, the tendency is to decide the case according to the oratorical display of the attorneys, rather than upon the weight of evidence produced.

Finally, we came to the last portion, which has to do with possessions. Under the law, everyone in Israel had a portion of land allotted to him. He was in complete possession of this land. Even the king did not dare to invade it, nor was he permitted to sell it or to dispose of it, in any manner, outside of his own blood relatives. He could develop it and thus increase its value, but he was warned not to attempt to increase his holdings by movings the land marks, so as to make his borders wider. This was especially true in the cases of widows or orphan children, who might have no one to plead their cause. God reminded that He would

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O. C. WALLACE

—Special—

Part of this week's paper was printed last Saturday (front and back) and another portion tonight (Monday evening). This we hope will make it possible for you to receive it before Sunday for, we want you to pay particular attention to the advertisement on the back page.

It was our hope to have Rev. Morgan write a little something about Rev. Steese but the minister is hard to reach on Mondays. He could have told you much about Rev. Steese. He could also have told you something about the work going on among our young people. However, we will have to be content to merely urge you to attend these meetings and be sure the children come. It is so much easier for those who are young to get started in the Lord's Work than it is to wait until the years accumulate and old age is just around the corner.

Remember the time—Sunday Aug. 24—to Wednesday Aug. 27, 7:30 p. m. each evening. The place: Stow Community Church.

LEMASTER - RIDENOUR WEDDING

Atwater Methodist Church, Atwater, Ohio was the setting late Saturday afternoon, Aug. 16 for the wedding of Miss Ruth Ridenour and Landis Guy Lemaster, Jr. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. Bart Ridenour, Atwater, Ohio. The grooms parents are L. G. Lemaster of Charleston, W. Va. The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of white marquisette with a ruffled train and lace fingertip veil. She carried a single white orchid. The bridesmaids, Miss Barbara Hoyt of Columbus, Ohio, Miss Jane Hinton of Dayton, Mrs. D. S. Hasty of Lake Placid, N. Y., sorority sisters of the bride and Miss Jan Rapp of Canton wore gowns of yellow satin fashioned with off the shoulder neckline and bustled backs. The matron of honor, Mrs. Lloyd Gensemer of Millersburg, Ohio, was attired in matching gown of green satin. The attendant's bouquets were flamed colored glads with yellow mums.

Lloyd Gensemer of Millersburg, Ohio attended the groom and guests were ushered to their seats by Neal Ridenour, brother of the bride, John Burnell, Charleston, W. Va., and L. E. Mokry, of Middleton, Ohio. Organ music preceding the ceremony was provided by Miss Betty Evans of Stow. The soloist, Mrs. W. H. Large also of Stow, sang "Because," "Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life," and "O Promise Me." Following the ceremony Mrs. Large sang the "Lord's Prayer." The wedding ceremony was performed by the Rev. Roy W. Fisher, boyhood friend of the groom who is studying at Union Theological Seminary in New York City.

The bride's mother wore a beige dress with brown accessories, while the groom's mother chose brown with gold accessories. Both mothers wore corsages of red rose buds.

Mrs. Lemaster graduated from Buchtel High School in Akron and both she and Mr. Lemaster were June Graduates from Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio. Immediately following the ceremony a reception was held in the church parlors after which the couple left for their new home in San Deigo, California.

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This is about the time of the year when I begin to think about starting back to school. I also begin to count up the things I intended to do this summer and see how many have had to wait

I always want to go fishing a time or two; I went twice. I like to go for a few trips; we finished one in June and expect to start another this Friday. I like to take a few hikes through the summer woods; we had a nice one Sunday. It's nice to wander barefooted along some little stream and dabble in the water while you look for crawdads and stonerollers; we took care of that matter Sunday also.

By the way, do you like to go in your barefeet? Are you one of those people who would like to peel off your shoes and stockings and walk about in the water or on the soft grass if you just weren't afraid of what the neighbors would think? I have a friend who mows the lawn in his bare feet when the grass is wet. How I envy him when I see him doing this!

One thing we didn't get done this summer was to take a stroll through the pines. How good it is to climb up over the hill through these beautiful trees and stretch out on

your back on the bed of pine needles to rest! Then you can think of the good times you had planting them and think about the little stream down below that the trees help to keep running the year round.

Have you noticed also how much good eating is packed into August? Blackberry pie, fried Chicken, corn-on-the-cob; why that's only the beginning. Joe A. Mitten

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All donations of newspapers, magazines or old books will be greatly appreciated and the entire proceeds will be placed in the treasury of the bands.

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Grandma Johnson of Cuyahoga Falls and other of Jimmy's relatives have been recent guests in the C. E. Johnson home.

Bob Griffith came home this last week end from the army camp in Georgia, where he completed the required time in the service after enlisting upon his graduation from Kent State University.

Barbara Phillips returned home Sunday night from Lakeside where she was in camp a week with a group from Kent M. E. Church.

Jim Beckwith made his annual call presenting his friend Ted with a sample of his beautiful glads. Jim and his helpers have been selling glads—other flowers and sweetcorn at intersection of 632 at state route 5. And is his sweetcorn sweet! Guess how we know.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Lindsay, daughter Violet, and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Just and son Arden were up along Lake Erie beyond Vermillion the other Monday—Mrs. Lindsay and Violet staying there a few days. Upon their arrival home they were greeted by a sister of Mrs. Lindsay as her husband who had arrived from Tuscon, Arizona in their absence.

Also from Arizona Mrs. Anne Casebeer, widow of the late Berry Casebeer, is visiting with her sister Mrs. J. E. Lowry and family. She reports son Marvin has married since his return from the service, having been in European Theater of War, and is now general manager

of a paint store in Phoenix. The Lowry older son, Bob, is now an Akron City mail carrier trying that job out after passing civil service exam so that he can be out of doors.

The Arch Harris duo are back from Michigan and the Edwards quartette are back from Canada the latter accompanied by Grandpa Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Fifer coming from Akron for a breath of country air are keeping house for "Ma & Pa" Spore while the latter are vacationing down Georgia way with the Riehls. The two sisters, Mary Spore and Olive Eberly, leaving for Dayton last Friday to attend the wedding of a niece on Saturday and Miss Olive staying for a visit with the other sister.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Shepherd of Twin Lakes were Saturday callers of their daughter Rowena Crago. On Sunday, Lester's father, Mr. John S. Crago came back for another visit coming with his son and wife, the Frank J. Crago's with grandson Frank and his girl friend Jean. Later in the day also from Coshoc-ton came Mr. and Mrs. John Felver with their daughters Nancy and Marian. Ruth Felver is Lester's sister. This was the first time these two families had visited the trio since they moved here last May.

Last March ladies attending a brush demonstration had such a good time getting acquainted after the meeting that they said "Let's have a picn'c next summer"—So—hostess Mrs. Gordon Edwards, appointed a committee, selecting Mrs. Vanouse, Mrs. Tewksbury and Mrs. Harvey. This committee did a splendid job when they arranged to have a "dish to pass" picnic supper at Adell Durbin Park, Saturday Aug. 16th. Fifty-two from the twenty-seven homes attended plus six guests. The remaining thirty from Fish Creek homes who did not attend were missed by their neighbors and in turn missed a good chance to get better acquainted and incidentally sample the delicious food of which there was an abundance.

Even some who could not attend sent delicacies, those Spore fresh eggs (slightly deviled), the hamburgs Ruth Just sent when Baby Denny's sudden upset stomach prevented her attending. Yum, yum, the chocolate cake and white cup cakes sent from the most recent moved in neighbors, Lester and Rowena Crago. What cooks!

The group broke up early so that the ones with children in Stow School Band could attend the festival at Stow's Town Hall and were accompanied by several other families.

The Mayor of Fish Creek, none other than Ted Brittan, at eighty-six was eldest neighbor present with Bob Charley another old timer as his runner upper; nine months old Gary Arnold was youngest picnicker present but why go into ages for at picnics all are "kids" once again. About eighteen years ago the only other Fish Creek picnic was held in a local orchard and attended by about forty-five. Of that group Ella Brittan, daughter Elberta, son Earl, Bob Charley and Fern Brittan were the only ones to attend this 1947 pleasant affair. Now, like then, everyone said, "We've had such a good time, let's have another!" Time will tell! Just think of the changes taking place in a small community when only five of the original group, with two absentees, who now live here. Bob Charley and the Brittans are the only ones who have been in the community over ten years. With one or two exceptions all are home owners, therefore, it isn't a case of renters moving in and out, but, here as elsewhere real estate has changed hands, and while losing wonderful folks, this neighborhood has been mighty lucky to have had many grand people move in.

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So—the suggestion is that you write up the items of interest and send them in early on Monday if possible, (Wednesday is too late.). We will appreciate the help.

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Mr. Lynn Snyder's Bible Class won the attendance banner last Sunday. Birthdays celebrated—Mrs. Frank Godfrey and in memoriam—Mr. Levi Moyer who passed away a little over a year ago. Had he lived Mr Moyer would have been eighty six years old on Aug. 15th.

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Mailman—C. L. Dike, has been spending his vacation at his home catching up on his home work. Home work includes such items as taking care of his garden, his chickens, his wife, or entertaining the grandchildren when they come for a visit.

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Last Thursday evening Clair Stout and mother of West Arndale Rd. attended the wedding of Miss Marjorie Grant of Newell, West Virginia and Mr. Edward Stivison of East Liverpool, Ohio. The wedding ceremony took place in the Newell Methodist Church while the reception which followed was held at the Grant home. Nearly one hundred were in attendance at the reception. Miss Grant, now Mrs. Stivison, is the grandniece of Mrs. Stout.

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Mrs. Floyd Bailey was in town last week end. The Baileys moved from Stow to Millersburg, Ohio a month or two ago where they now operate the "Bailey's Dairy Bar."

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Sever returned last week from a ten day vacation trip through Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota. Staying at the famous Lutzen summer resort on Lake Superior they report comparatively cool weather there last week, tho other places in Mnnesota were quite warm. They indulged in some "deep sea" fishing on Lake Superior but did not catch anything. The fish "were just not biting."

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Miss Patricia Cowley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cowley of Hudson and Mr. James Edward Sever, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Sever of Stow will be united in marriage Saturday, September 6th, 4 p. m. at the Hudson Church of Christ. A reception immediately following the wedding will be held at Forrest Lake Country Club. Miss Cowley is Personnel director at the Smorgasbord in Stow. Mr. Sever, graduating in 1944 from Stow High, was a three letterman (basketball-football and baseball) and president of the Student Council in his senior year. He spent two years in the Navy at Bucknell University (Engineering) and is now attending Akron University. The young couple will make their home in Munroe Falls.

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NOTES

Stow Communtiy Council went on record, at the last meeting held in the Stow Township Hall Thursday evening August 14th, as being strongly in favor of two levies which will appear on the November Ballot.

After School Board member E G. Partridge explained the position of the Stow Schools, there appeared to be no question that the 1.5 mill levy was the least they could get along on for the next five years. Mr. Partridge stated that some districts were asking levies as high as 5 mills. Council agreed that the high standard of the Stow schools could not be maintained without the added levy and urged all organizations represented to support the proposed levy.

Mr. W. J. Hamilton and Mr. J. R. Anderson, representing the Town-ship Trustees, then described the condition of the township roads and explained that no funds were avail-able for maintenance. Unless the proposed 4 mill levy for road im-

provements was approved, many of the township roads would become virtually impassable this fall and next spring. It was also pointed out that this would mean that school busses would be unable to pick up many of the school children who depend upon this transporta-tion to bring them to and from school.

Mr A. P. Gradolph was elected Vice President of Community Coun-cil to replace Mr. George D. Conley who recently moved to Cuyahoga Falls. Mr. Conley's resignation was accepted with much regret since he has for many years been a faith-ful and hard working member of the Council.

The Safety Committee has begun action to have blinker lights install-ed at the railroad crossing at Hud-son Drive. Investigation has shown that as many as 1,200 cars pass this crossing daily.

Tenn's courts at Adell Durbin were reported to be complete and are in use. A charge of 20 cents an hour, for maintenance of the courts, is being made.

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