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### A Christian

Could I be called a Christian  
If everybody knew  
My secret thoughts and feelings  
And everything I do?  
Oh, could they see the likeness  
Of Christ in me each day?  
Oh, could they hear Him speaking  
In every word I say?  
Could I be called a Christian  
If everyone could know  
That I am found in places  
Where Jesus would not go?  
Oh, could they hear His echo  
In every song of glee?  
In eating, drinking, dressing,  
Could they see Christ in me?  
Could I be called a Christian  
If judged by what I read,  
By all my recreations  
And every thought and deed?  
Could I be counted Christlike  
As I now work and pray,  
Unselfish, kind, forgiving,  
To others every day?

*The Voice of Jehovah*

### Folly of Self-Righteousness

Jesus alone can make the self-sufficient sinner see how dependent upon God's mercy he really is, how all his so-called moral living and self-righteousness are as worthless rags, leaving him stripped and poor in the sight of God. The almighty and merciful Christ alone can take a human heart that is red with sin and turn it into a clean white temple of the Holy Ghost and a mighty power for good. He has the power and the desire to help all sinners. His blood cleanses from all sin. 1 John 1:7.

When His conscience upbraids him and the waves of adversity overwhelm him, St. Paul

comforts the terrified sinner: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and Thou shalt be saved and thy house," Acts 16:31. Jesus Christ is the *only* hope, but also the *sure* hope of a sinner. O. C. S.

### Studies in Luther's Catechism

#### THE FIRST PETITION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER *"Hallowed be Thy Name"*

God's name is hallowed "when we, as dear children of God, lead a holy life according to His Word." For this we pray: "Hallowed be Thy name." But with this prayer we ask God also to preserve us from living otherwise than God's Word teaches.

#### Many Live Not as God's Children

Many call God their Father but do not walk as God's children. Many call themselves Christians, but live in sin, neglect their Bible and prayer, go to church very little, love to do evil, and live not as God's dear children. When children disobey their parents, lie, steal, and do many other wicked things, they surely bring not honor but shame upon their parents. These must feel ashamed to say: "This is our son. That is our daughter." So many people have the name Christian and are church members, but by their wicked life bring shame upon God's holy name and His Church. The world points at them, saying: "See, the Christians are not any better than we are," and God must feel ashamed to say: "These call themselves by My name."

#### Pray that God Keep You from Sin

Yes, we need this prayer. We still have the Old Adam in us. Our old wicked heart always wants the things that are evil and tries

to stop us on the good way, Rom. 7:18-25. We still are in this world. The wicked people hate Jesus and all them that love His name. They try to lead us to the way of sin, John 15:18-21. Then there is the devil, who as a roaring lion walketh about, trying to make us fall, 1 Pet. 5:8. Oh, every day pray: "Hallowed be Thy name. Keep us from evil. Help us that we do not walk in sin and do not bring dishonor and shame upon Thy name."

### **The Word Will Keep You from Sin**

Only the Word of God can keep us from the evil way. Only the Word can give us strength to turn from sin. Only the Word can make us strong to say no to our flesh and the world and the devil. Therefore daily read your Bible, gladly hear and learn the Word of God in church, meditate upon it daily, then you will live according to His Word unto the glory of the Father, who gave His only Son into death for you; and of the Son, who laid down His life for you; and of the Holy Ghost, who brought you to faith in Christ and has kept you with Him until now. May God grant it unto the glory of His holy name!

J. L. S.

## **THE BREAD OF LIFE**

### **Bible Study for June**

Acts 5:1-11

A certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira, his wife, sold a possession, and kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part and laid it at the Apostles' feet. But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost and to keep back a part of the price of the land? Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? And after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? Why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? Thou hast not lied unto men but unto God. And Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and gave up the ghost, and great fear came on all them that heard these things.

In the beginning of this fifth chapter of the Acts, upon which our Bible lessons are based, we shall do well to ask, "What is the main purpose, or the chief lesson, of the Book of Acts?" Dr. Martin Luther has explained it clearly in the words: "St. Luke wishes to teach all Christians to the end of the world that we all must be justified by faith in Jesus Christ alone and not by the deeds [doings] of the Law. The Book of Acts is not intended to show the personal good works of the Apostles.

Even St. Augustine thought that it was the best example of the Apostles because they had all their possessions in common." But that is *not* the important part of Acts. Let us continue our study, then, remembering how often the verses encourage us to *accept by faith the salvation which Jesus has prepared for us.*

The Bible lesson teaches us that Ananias and Sapphira sold some of their property and brought a part of the money to the Apostles. They had made plans to make it appear as if they were giving everything to the Lord (see v. 8). This fraud, their lies and their actions, proved that they were not giving this money for the love of the Lord; they were not doing this because they wanted the Word of Jesus to be preached more and more in the world. Ananias and his wife were not giving this for the support of the "preachers," the Apostles, not for charity to help other Christians. No. Ananias and his wife in their selfishness were perhaps thinking only of living in comfort and ease from the returns of this fund in future years. Their actions not only show fraud, but also a shameful distrust in God's power to give them all necessities of life.

Vv. 3 and 4. We learn that no one had encouraged them or compelled them to bring the "price" to the common treasury. The entire matter was their own plan. Their offense was against the Holy Ghost and His soul-saving Word and work, for whose progress and expansion (the preaching of the Gospel) these first Christians had organized. That these two people tried to deceive the Holy Spirit, that was what made the offense so serious. Therefore God punished them with immediate death.

It is unfortunate that human passion and greed for money brought this sad chapter into the history of the early Christians. So far the Apostles had performed miracles of mercy, but here is a miracle of judgment and punishment upon the guilty.

This lesson has an earnest thought for us. V-E Day has come to us by God's mercy. From Peace Thankoffering booklets and sermons you have learned how many millions of people in Europe need the Gospel. Sixty-seven million Americans and seventeen million (U. S.) children are not yet touched by the Gospel. Will you, dear reader, help to bring these people to Jesus, the Savior? May this study encourage you.

A. E. F.

### Much in Little

Faith alone makes an unseen world our own.

A gift once presented is no longer at the disposal of the donor.

Action has dignity only in proportion of a principle.

No punishment is too great for the man who builds his greatness upon the ruin of another.

People's thoughts can be gauged by their actions.

We must make the best of our fellow men, since we cannot make them as we wish. — *Evangelical Visitor*.

### Mr. John W. Jones in "Colorado Index":

Deafness does not of itself impair any faculty of the mind, nor does it deprive any faculty of the mind of its fullest development if opportunity is offered under good teaching and good environment. But so many teachers lack faith in what the deaf can learn. They therefore keep within the expression of the primary grades and follow old methods.

### IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

*Minneapolis Mission.* — We received a donation of five dollars for our mission from each of the following: Mrs. Frieda Stinsky, in memory of her sister Agnes, a member of our St. Paul group until death; Mrs. Ray Fiedler, in memory of her father, a classmate and intimate friend of ours, the Rev. H. Schuetz; and from Mrs. Kuechle and her daughter, whose kindness to us during our college days we still remember with thanks. May God reward these kind givers!

April 23 Robert G. Taylor of Canada and Miss Evelyn C. Krueger were united in holy marriage. May God grant that they love each other as Christ and His Church love each other, and thus have a happy wedded life. Eph. 5:22-25.

Louis F. Droel, who celebrated his 65th birthday April 20, renewed and confirmed his baptismal promise on Wednesday, April 25. Pastor A. Lutz and the three members of our Board of elders were present. Mr. Droel is totally deaf, does not know the sign language, is not able to read lips well; therefore he had to be instructed by means of reading and writing. He speaks very well. The confirmation service was conducted in the same manner and was interpreted to the elders by Pastor Lutz. Mr. Droel then also partook of the Lord's Supper. May God grant that by His grace he remain faithful unto death! J.L.S.

*Cleveland, Ohio.* — Warren R. Whitacre, born Sept. 7, 1871, at Cygnet, Ohio, passed away April 17

at the age of 73 years. He had been ailing a number of years, and after his recent short illness in St. Vincent Hospital of Toledo he was called home. In 1889 he was married to Grace Borden, and God blessed them with two children, Beulah and Murray. His wife died in 1926, and his son Murray passed away in 1928. In 1929 he was married again. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Rose Whitacre, his daughter, Beulah Morehouse, his brother, Arthur Whitacre of Cygnet, and two granddaughters, Doris and Martha. Just last September Mr. Whitacre, together with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Whitacre, was baptized, and joined the Lutheran Church in Findlay, Ohio. He was buried April 19 in Toledo, the services having been conducted by the Rev. N. E. Borchardt of Detroit, Mich. His many friends and his fellow Christians mourn his death, and we extend our sincere sympathy to all the relatives. T.F.

*Kansas City Mission.* — In an impressive one-ring ceremony Mr. James V. Campbell and Miss Anabelle Brixey were united in holy marriage in Pilgrim Chapel on May 5. We congratulate also Mr. and Mrs. Lee Scott of Olathe, Kans., married in Olathe recently.

We welcome these new members in our midst: Mrs. Chas. Judge and Miss Esther Smith, in Kansas City, and Mrs. Ella S. Doeble of St. Joseph, Mo. Mrs. Doeble recently celebrated her 82d birthday.

The council of Pilgrim Church in Kansas City at present is composed of Mr. F. Murphy, president; Mr. Glenn Miller, vice-president; Mr. Louis Meyer, secretary; and Mr. M. Johnson, treasurer.

It has been a pleasure to study the Bible with a number of pupils of the Colorado and Kansas schools in the past semester. Our young friends are very much interested in learning more about the Savior. We also appreciate very highly the friendly co-operation of the school officials. A.E.F.

*St. Louis Field.* — January 10 marked the fifteenth anniversary of our St. Louis deaf congregation, which was organized by the Rev. C. Schubkegel; and Feb. 26 the tenth anniversary of the ladies' aid society was observed, this helpful body having been organized by the Rev. F. A. Hischke.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Goddard have come to Jacksonville, Ill., where he is now instructor in the printing department of the Illinois School for the Deaf. They formerly lived at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., where Mrs. Goddard was a very faithful helper of Pastor Jonas until he and they moved away from that city. We are very happy to have them in our group of devout worshippers.

Mrs. George Trapp, nee Margaret Gorman, for twenty-five years our member, passed from this world March 28 at the age of over 85 years; she leaves a husband and son. She was given Christian burial at Mount Olive Cemetery April 2. The Trapps lived at the Lutheran Boarding Home, connected with the Lutheran Altenheim of this city.

Mr. Hans H. Stoehr, member of Our Savior Church for the Deaf at Chicago, departed this life April 30 at Chicago and was buried at St. Louis May 4, the undersigned officiating here for Rev. Scheibert. Mrs. Stoehr, also a faithful Lutheran member, has come to live with her son at St. Louis.

Mr. Ed. Hemminghaus, one of our members, was recently attacked in a public park by a gang of young hoodlums. He sustained a broken arm and head injuries. He was assailed and robbed in the early evening hours after having befriended one of the boys, who noticed that he was deaf. Strange to hear of such things in an American city, but it warns us to be always ready to meet our end and our God.

N. P. U.

*Omaha, Nebr.*—Donna Jean Dey and Pauline Louise Merrill, infant daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dey and Mr. and Mrs. Loris Merrill, respectively, were baptized in the service in Omaha on April 15. Sponsors for Donna Jean were Mr. and Mrs. Merrill and for Pauline Louise, Mr. and Mrs. Dey.

May He who said, "Suffer [let] the little children to come unto Me," keep these little ones in His constant care and grant them His grace.

On Sunday, May 6, Bethlehem Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Omaha tried to accommodate an overflowing crowd when approximately 175 people came for the annual confirmation service of pupils from the Omaha and Council Bluffs, Iowa, schools. About 90 deaf attended, and the rest were relatives and friends of the confirmation class. Twenty-nine boys and girls were confirmed this year, the largest class we have had thus far, 16 from the Council Bluffs and 13 from the Omaha school. Fifteen of the class also received Holy Baptism. Mr. Earl Loftus, brother of one of the confirmands, also was baptized.

Our earnest prayer is that our dear Lord and Father in heaven will ever be with these new members of His Church and daily strengthen their faith in Christ, their Savior.

E. M.

*Mission for Blind and Deaf.*—Mrs. E. Moore, a deaf-blind friend in St. Joseph, Mich., entered into her eternal rest in the past month. Since 1931 we stopped in to visit her at regular intervals. She was always happy to receive the Gospel message and invariably pleaded with us for more frequent visits.

Mrs. C. Kramer, a deafened lady of the Burnside Rest Home in Chicago, also departed this life in March to be with her Savior. She, too, received the Gospel joyfully and set her hope of salvation on the solid granite of God's Word. Our Lord Jesus Christ has promised: "Because I live, ye shall live also," John 14:19.

Recent letters from the blind report as follows:

*From Georgia:* "I want to thank you for a very fine and enjoyable magazine. I appreciate it very highly. God bless you and keep you."

*From Pennsylvania:* "I am sending a small contribution for the *Messenger*. My friend and I enjoy it very much."

*From Chicago:* "I spent the greater part of yesterday evening reading through your splendid magazine. There is so much spiritual food in it. I did not go to sleep for a long, long time thinking about its contents."

*From West Virginia:* "I have not read your *Messenger* for some months. But, now I feel very much the need of it and shall appreciate it more than I can tell, if you will send it to me."

*From Canada:* "Please send me your magazine. I am deaf-blind and a shut-in. I read about your periodical for the blind in the *Braille Review*. I shall pass it on to others when I have finished reading it."

O. C. S.

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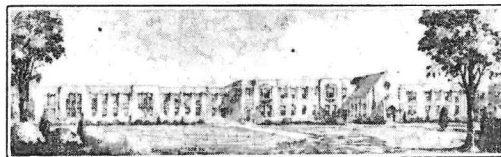
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