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A Christmas Question

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How are you coming to Christmas?
Does it mean a jumble of things,
Rushing and hustle,
Scramble and bustle,
Buying gifts and tying up strings?
How are you coming to Christmas?
Does it mean but things you can see?
Hanging of holly,
Gleaming and jolly,
Lighting candles, trimming the tree?
Or do you come to Christmas
With spiritual calm and release?
With time for reflection
Upon the perfection
Of the wonderful Prince of Peace?

— Better Homes

Christmas Greetings

The world never tires of the glorious Christmas Gospel, the sweetest story ever told. There never has been such a story since the beginning of the world, and there never will be anything like it till the end of time; it is the story which tells us of the wonderful grace and love of our heavenly Father in sending His only-begotten Son into this world of sin and sadness to redeem men from their transgressions; this message brings joy and gratitude to the hearts of men and prompts them to give themselves with all they are and have to the service of their gracious God.

The Christmas story gives to men what their hearts crave most, the story of God's love. The world sees so much of selfishness and heartaches; it has seen slavery, cruelty, drunkenness, greed, lust, and superstition. The world today is also in need of this Christmas message. Family life is in a sad state; morality is in a bad way. Unrest, fear, and want stalk in many parts of the world. Peace comes only with the promise of God's grace and friendship; it is the comforting memory of sins forgiven. May the Child of Bethlehem grant you that peace!

O. C. S.

First Letter of St. Paul to Timothy

(Translated by Rev. T. Delaney, edited by Prof. M. Franzmann)

CHAPTER I

Paul, an Apostle of Christ Jesus by commission [orders] from God our Savior and Christ Jesus our Hope, to Timothy, a true child in faith: grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. (Verses 1—2.)

Even as I advise you to remain in Ephesus as I was going to Macedonia, in order that you might [can] command some [people] not to teach other doctrines, nor to pay attention to fables and unending genealogies [lists of family ancestors], which bring arguments rather than God's business in the believer. But the goal [aim] of the commission is love out of a pure heart and a good conscience and unfeigned [not make-believe] faith. From which [love] some, having missed the mark, turned aside to vain talking, wishing to be law teachers, understanding not what they say nor what they strongly affirm [say they believe]. (Verses 3—7.)

But we know that the Law is good if anyone use it lawfully [rightly], knowing this: For the righteous the Law was not made, but for the lawless and unruly, for the ungodly and sinful, unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for man killers, for sexual sinners, for those who do the unnatural sins of Sodom, for kidnappers, liars, perjurers [people who tell lies in court], and if any other thing is opposed to true, good doctrine, according to the glad news of the glory of the blessed God, which was entrusted to me. (Verses 8—11.)

I thank Him who strengthened me, Christ Jesus our Lord, that He thought me faithful, appointing me for service. In time past I was a blasphemer [cursed and mocked God] and a persecutor and an insulting man, but I received mercy, because unknowing I did [that] with unbelief. And the grace of our Lord abounded much with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. Faithful [always true] is the saying, and worthy of all acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am chief. But for this reason I receive mercy, that [for] in me the chief [sinner], Jesus Christ might show forth all His patience, for an example to those about to believe in Him for life eternal. To the King eternal, who is immortal [can not die], invisible [can not see Him], the only God, be honor and glory eternally. Amen. (Verses 12—17.)

This command I give to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which were spoken before [in time

past] about you, that [*for*] you may fight the good fight in them, having faith and a good conscience. Some who reject this have made shipwreck of [*their*] faith; among them are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan, that [*for*] they may learn not to blaspheme [*curse and mock God*]. (Verses 18—20.)

FIELD GLEANINGS

Chicago, Ill. Mission for Blind and Deaf. Since we sent in our last news item to the DEAF LUTHERAN, Mrs. Swaniveck of Three Rivers, Mich., and Mr. John Montgerard of Hammond, Ind., departed this life to be with Christ; they attended our services regularly and made sincere confessions of their Christian faith and hope to us shortly before their departure from this vale of tears. Our sympathy to the bereaved!

Every year about this time we receive greetings from blind and deaf-blind friends living in Bombay, India; Damascus, Syria; Cairo, Egypt; London, England; Edinburgh, Scotland; Basel, Switzerland; Melbourne, Australia; Capetown, South Africa; Auckland, New Zealand; Ramallah, Palestine; Shanghai, China; Berlin and Hamburg, Germany; as well as from friends in many cities in Canada and the United States. We are happy to have the privilege of sending them the Word of God in embossed type. We appreciate their commendations and gratitude. O. C. S.

Delavan, Wis. — *Baptisms:* David Robert Pagel, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pagel, was baptized into the Christian faith on October 8 in Immanuel Lutheran Church, Madison, Wis. Sponsors were Mrs. L. Peterson, and Mr. Marvin Rood as proxy for Mr. Cyril Sherwood. Kathleen Ann Nelson, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Richard Nelson, received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Rockford, Ill., October 15. Witnesses were Mr. and Mrs. Bert Kuykendall of Maunie, Ill.

These children we dedicate to Thee,
O God of grace and purity;
Shield them from sin and threat'ning wrong,
And let Thy love their lives prolong.

We have the names of 88 boys and girls from the State School in Delavan attending the Lutheran Sunday school classes. Miss Beulah Towne, Mr. Kieth Richardson, Mr. Robert Nichols, and Mr. Marvin Rood help the Pastor in teaching the message of Jesus to these pupils. The group of young men and ladies already confirmed and attending the school also help to teach some of the younger children. The names of these fine helpers are Violet Erickson, Alice Riegert, Betty Mae Sanderson, Robert Sanderson, Catherine Schara, and Ruth Tuinstra.

Once a month Mr. Marvin Rood conducts a reading service in Delavan, while Pastor Mackensen is preaching at the four northern stations.

A regular voters' meeting of Redeemer Deaf Lutheran Church of Delavan elected the following officers of the congregation for 1951: President, Robert Nichols; vice-president, Kieth Richardson; secretary, Robert Turlock; treasurer, William Kruckenberg; elders, Russel

James, 1951, and Oscar Beaver, 1951—1952; auditors, Max Richardson, 1951, and Marvin Goff, 1951—1952.

The congregation, numbering 26, also pledged \$30 each month toward the pastor's salary, and one tenth of their total collections to the South Wisconsin District of the Missouri Synod. May the Lord bless these efforts in the right direction. R. W. M.



Lutheran Deaf of the Ishpeming, Mich., area, who attend services conducted by Pastor O. C. Schroeder

Can You Write the Right Answers?

Questions

1. Where is your true and everlasting home?
2. Who is reserving the heavenly home for you? What did He do for you to make it ready?
3. Where is God's chief dwelling place on this sinful earth? In what small group of people does He want to live (dwell) at the same time?
4. What will those people have at last who work and build only for this short earthly life?
5. Which people are the truly wise? those building only for this world? or those getting ready to inherit the home already built and completely furnished for them?
6. Where, does Jesus say, is the Kingdom of God? Read St. Luke, chapter 17, verse 21.
7. Do those people who spend all (or almost all) for earthly things build up their souls for eternal life in heaven?
8. What part of your income and earnings does Jesus expect you to contribute (give) for the building and upkeep of His Church here on earth?
9. Do those members of a congregation who do not at all (or very poorly) support His Church have the true faith and love of Jesus in their hearts?
10. Do you with your heart (not head) believe that the Savior's blood has washed *all* your sins away (gone)? And, are you now serving this your Savior as a new-born child of your heavenly Father?

Happy and blessed are you if your answer to the tenth question is a ready and cheerful "Yes!"

R. F. C.

Bible Readings for the Advent and Christmas Seasons

The happy Christmas Day is near! For many it will be only another day of joys and pleasures, of good eating and drinking, of giving and receiving presents. For these people Christmas Day is only another holiday and does not mean so much.

For Christians this day is a day of rejoicing in the birth of their Savior. It is the birthday of their King. They have true Christmas joy that no man shall take away from them. Therefore they carry this joy over into the new year. They have a Savior; they have forgiveness and salvation; they have a wonderful hope for the new year. At the beginning of the new year they have this precious word of their heavenly Father: "Fear not; for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art Mine." Is. 43:1.

May these Bible Studies help to bring true Christmas joy into your heart and home and to make 1951 a joyous and blessed new year for you!

Second Sunday in Advent, December 10

In Your Bible Read Luke 1:21-31

Rejoice! The Promised King and Savior Comes

About five months after the angel Gabriel had told the priest Zacharias that his wife Elisabeth should have a son, God sent this angel to a young woman, a virgin, that is, a clean, unmarried woman in the city of Nazareth. She was of the house (family) of David and was espoused (engaged) to Joseph. The young woman's name was Mary. This angel said unto her: "Hail [greetings]; thou art highly honored and blessed of God. The Lord is with thee. Greatly blessed art thou among women." It was something that God had arranged long before. God was with her and let it all happen as He had planned.

Mary was surprised, especially at the salutation (greeting) of the angel. In her mind she asked: "What is that great honor and blessing that I have received? What do the words of the angel mean?" The angel quickly said to her: "Fear not; stop fearing, Mary." And then He spoke wonderful words to her, saying: "Thou shalt conceive and bring forth a Son and shalt call His name JESUS." Mary was to be the mother of God's Son, the

promised King and Savior, the One through whom God would bring forgiveness and salvation to sinners. Surely, a great honor and blessing!

Thanks be to God! Now it should happen as the Prophet of old said: "A virgin shall conceive and bear a Son," Is. 7:14, and: "Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given, . . . and His name shall be called Wonderful." Is. 9:6. And it has happened. The Savior was born. Christmas Day is the birthday of our King and Savior. Let us now rightly prepare our hearts and minds for this happy day!

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thanks for sending Thine only Son Jesus Christ into this world as Thou hast promised by Thy Prophets. Help that we rejoice in Him now and forever. Amen.

Third Sunday in Advent, December 17

In Your Bible Read Luke 1:32-33

Rejoice! The Everlasting Savior Comes

By His angel God had promised the Virgin Mary that Jesus, the Son of God, should be born of her. And now the angel says wonderful things of this Child.

"He shall be great." He shall be the great One that should come. And, oh, listen, "He shall be called the Son of the Highest." This great One to be born of Mary is the Son of God. And He shall be a king, for "the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David." And He shall be an everlasting king, for "He shall reign over the house of Jacob forever." He shall rule over all the children of Jacob, all believers, forever and ever. Other kingdoms may crumble and fall, as we have seen so many fall during the past years; but "of His kingdom there shall be no end." A wonderful Child, indeed! Of the Virgin Mary is to be born the great One, the Son of God, the everlasting King. Surely, to be the mother of God's only Son and the promised King and Savior is a great honor and blessing, a blessing which she received without any worthiness or deserving in her.

Again we see words of God by His Prophets being fulfilled. God had promised a Son to David of whom He said: "I will establish the throne of His kingdom forever." 2 Sam. 7:13. And by His Prophet Isaiah, God had said of this great One: "Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the

throne of David and upon His kingdom." Is. 9:7. He was to be the Son of the Highest. Therefore the same Prophet said: "His name shall be called the mighty God, the everlasting Father." Come, let us rejoice and sing to our God for doing all as He said and for the gift of His Son born of the Virgin Mary!

Prayer: Thanks, heavenly Father, for Thy true Word and for the gift of Thy Son, our everlasting King and Savior. Help us to prepare our hearts and minds and homes for the birthday of our King. Amen.

Fourth Sunday in Advent, December 24

In Your Bible Read Luke 1:34-38

*Rejoice! Christ is Born of Mary
by the Holy Ghost*

Mary believed the angel's words that she should be the mother of God's Son. But she could not understand how this would be possible. She asked: "How shall this be, seeing I am not living with a man?" The angel then explained it to her, saying: "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest [God] shall overshadow thee." He intended to say: "Thou shalt conceive this Son by the Holy Ghost and by the power of God." The same thing the angel told Joseph when he had in mind to leave Mary. He said: "That which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost." Matt. 1:20. The angel furthermore said to Mary: "Therefore also that holy Thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." What great honor for Mary to be the mother of God's Son!

And Mary believed that God would do as the angel said. But to make her very sure he told her of her cousin Elisabeth, who conceived in her old age; she was called barren (not able to have children), and it was the sixth month with her. Therefore he said: "With God nothing shall be impossible." God could give a son to old Zacharias and Elisabeth, so He surely could let a son be born of a virgin. And therefore Mary said: "Behold the handmaid [slave maid] of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word." She was willing to let the Lord do with her as He pleased. And the angel went away from her.

Our hearts should rejoice! All the words of God by His Prophets are being fulfilled.

God had promised Adam and Eve the "seed [son] of a woman" who should "bruise the serpent's head," that is, defeat the devil. Gen. 3:15. Also fulfilled are the words of the Prophet Isaiah: "Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a Son." Is. 7:14. Every word of God about this great One is fulfilled in Jesus. Let us rejoice in Him now and forever!

Prayer: Dear Father in heaven, thanks to Thee for doing all that Thou hast promised for our salvation, and for fulfilling every word in Thy Son Jesus Christ, our King and Savior. Amen.

Christmas Day, December 25

In Your Bible Read Luke 1:39-45

Rejoice! This Child Is Your Lord and Savior

When the angel had left, Mary hurried into the high hills, into a city of Judah, to visit Elisabeth. She went into the house and greeted her. When Elisabeth heard that greeting, the babe in her rejoiced. And she, being filled with the Holy Ghost, said to Mary: "Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the Child that will be born of thee." Indeed, Mary was blessed; she had received great honor and blessing to be the mother of God's only Son, and the Child was to enjoy God's blessing always.

And now Elisabeth speaks of the great honor that has come to her that the mother of her Lord had come into her home. Yes, the great One that should come from Mary is her Lord and Savior. In Him she and her child rejoice. Then she praises Mary for believing the angel's words. And with joy also she believes that the Lord will do unto Mary as He said by the angel. Happy are all they that believe God's word and promise, like Mary and Elisabeth.

Therefore you are also happy if you believe your God's word and promise concerning this Savior born for you today. The Christmas message is for you; for the angel said that this good news, these "glad tidings of great joy, shall be to all people." And what is this good news? The angel said: "Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." A Savior born for you and me! May God's Holy Spirit give you also true faith and help you to say with joy: "The Christ Child is born for me." Then you shall

have a joyful Christmas and the true Christmas blessing. God grant it to you!

Prayer: Dear Lord Jesus, thanks to Thee on this day of Thy birth for coming into this world as a humble Babe to be our Savior. Amen.

Sunday after Christmas, December 31

In Your Bible Read Luke 1:46-50

Sing to the Lord for Your Savior

Mary teaches us a Christmas song of joy unto God for His great mercy in the Christ Child. Her soul, her whole life, magnifies (praises) the Lord. Her mind and spirit rejoice. And what is it that makes her sing and rejoice? She says: "My spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior." She also needed a Savior, and now God has given her a Savior to be born of her. For this Savior she praises God and sings. And that should be our Christmas song all the days of our life, rejoicing in the Savior born for us also.

Now she sings of the great honor God has given her for letting her become the mother of His Son and her Savior. She was only a humble and lowly maiden. God did not choose the daughter of a king or emperor, not the daughter of the high priest or any other great man, but her, a lowly Jewish maiden. And therefore all generations (people) shall call her blessed of God, because He let His Son be born a Man of her.

Then she tells with joy of the great things God has done for her. He sent an angel to bring her the good news. She conceived the Savior by the Holy Ghost. Elisabeth rejoiced with her in this Savior. Now she would give birth to the Son of God. "Holy is His name." God has no pleasure in sin, but must punish it. But He also loves the sinner and shows mercy to sinners in His Son, Jesus Christ. And this mercy is not only for her, but for all those that fear Him, for those that honor this holy and merciful God. It is for all people, from one generation to another. Only those that trust in Him shall have this mercy; they that will not trust in Him shall receive no mercy. Of His holiness and mercy she sings in our lesson. Come, let us sing with her!

We should join her in this song for He has done great things also for us poor, miserable sinners. He has prepared a great salvation for

us in this Child born of the Virgin Mary. Like Mary, let us praise Him with our whole life, and with our mind and spirit rejoice in God our Savior, your Savior and mine!

Prayer: Lord God, Thou most holy and merciful God, we sing praises to Thee for the great things Thou hast done for us in letting Thine only Son become Man to be our Savior. Amen.

New Year's Day

In Your Bible Read Luke 1:51-55

Trust in Jesus' Name for a "Happy New Year"

Here we have the last part of Mary's Christmas song, which also is a New Year song for us.

Mary sings: "He has showed strength with His arm." He has defeated all our enemies. He has scattered them that are proud in heart and mind. He has put down the mighty ones from their seats, and the rich He has sent away empty without the true blessings. Proud Satan, the proud world, the proud, wicked heart, all have been overcome by God in Christ Jesus. All that trust in themselves, in their works, in their good things, God shall put down, and they shall have no comfort and no peace. But those that are humble and lowly like Mary, and those that are hungry, those that come as beggars unto God, them He will exalt (put up) and fill with good things. God has done that during the old year and will continue to do it during the new year. Come, let us humble ourselves before God this day, confess our sins and unworthiness, and He will give us good things both for body and soul.

Of this Mary sings: "He hath holpen [helped] His servant Israel," that is, His people that have the same faith as Jacob had. And how has He helped? "In remembrance of His mercy, as He spake to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed [children] forever." God had promised a Son to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, a Son in whom all nations of the earth should be blessed. And now God has remembered His promise of mercy. The promised King and Savior is to be born of Mary, and in Him God gives mercy and forgiveness to all people forever. This mercy God again offers us this first day of the new year, and we can sing as Mary sang. His promises are true. Let us trust in the name of Jesus during the new year, and it will be a happy new year.

Prayer: Thanks, dear Savior, for Thy everlasting mercy and forgiveness during 1950, and grant us this same mercy and kindness also during 1951, and so fill our hearts with joyful singing through all the year and forever. Amen.

J. L. S.

We Give Thee Thanks, O Lord

For fertile soil and kindly skies,
For fecund seed, for strength and skill
To sow and harvest the supplies
Which now our bursting garners fill,
We give Thee thanks, O Lord.

For daily grace through daily prayer,
For daily aid in daily strife,
That we have been allowed to share
The Wine of Heaven, the Bread of Life,
We give Thee thanks, O Lord.

JOHN POWELL

Studies in Luther's Catechism

The Fifth Chief Part

CONFESSION

We have learned that before God we should confess all sins, even those that we do not know. Before the pastor we should confess those sins that we know and feel in our hearts. But what if we do not know or feel any sin in our hearts? Our Catechism answers: "Here consider (think about) your station (duty) according to the Ten Commandments."

The Ten Commandments Show Your Sin

If you think you have no sin, then study the Ten Commandments. Quickly you will see that you daily sin much and indeed deserve nothing but punishment. Paul says: "By the Law is the knowledge of sin." Rom. 3:21. And again: "I had not known sin but (excepting) by the Law; for I had not known lust (evil wishes) except the Law had said: Thou shalt not covet." Rom. 7:7. The Ten Commandments are like a mirror, or looking glass. As in a mirror you see whether your face is dirty or clean, so the Ten Commandments show you plainly whether you are sinful or holy.

Ask Yourself Some Questions

"Consider your station according to the Ten Commandments, whether you are a father, mother, son, daughter, master, mistress," em-

ployer, employee. As a father or mother ask: "Have I done my duty to my children? Have I given them a good example in prayer, Bible reading, churchgoing?" As a son or daughter ask: "Have I always obeyed my parents? Have I given them honor and served them?" As an employer ask: "Have I always done the right thing to them that work for me? Have I paid honest wages?" As an employee ask: "Have I always given my full time to my work for which my employer is paying me? Have I worked for him as I would work for myself?" Asking ourselves these and other questions, we must confess that often we have been disobedient, unfaithful (not doing our duty), slothful (lazy). Also, we have grieved (hurt) people by word (speaking) or deed (doing), by gossiping or hurting them some other way. Furthermore, we have stolen, neglected, or wasted things. We must confess many sins and cry for mercy, and then we shall hear God saying to us by our pastor: "Thy sins are forgiven thee." Thank God for this!

"Confess Your Faults One to Another"

When we hurt anyone by word or deed, it is not enough that we confess our sin to God and to our pastor. No, we should go to our neighbor also and ask him for forgiveness and make peace. James 5:16 tells us: "Confess your faults one to another." And Jesus says the same in His Sermon on the Mount, Matt. 5:23-24. He tells us that we should not wait with making peace. Even when we are in church and we remember that someone has something against us, we should hurry to our neighbor and ask him for forgiveness. Then we again go to church, confess our sins before God and have our pastor announce forgiveness to us. Thank and praise God for it! J. L. S.

The Sixth Chief Part

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

What Is the Sacrament of the Altar?

When we spoke of Holy Baptism, we learned that there are two Sacraments: Baptism and the Lord's Supper. These are seals of God's forgiveness. They make us sure of our salvation in Christ Jesus. Let us now learn more about the second Sacrament, the Sacrament of the Altar.

Different Names for This Sacrament

It is called the Sacrament of the Altar because usually the bread and wine are on the altar (church table). The pastor takes it from the altar and gives it to them that come to the altar. In 1 Cor. 10:21 Paul calls it "the Lord's Table" and in 1 Cor. 11:20, "the Lord's Supper," because it is our Lord Jesus who gives it to us. Therefore we also call it "the Holy Supper." Other names are "Holy Communion" and "Eucharist."

What Does the Catechism Say About This Supper?

Luther's Catechism says: "It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ." Therefore, when the pastor gives the bread and wine, he says: "Take, eat and drink, this is the true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given and shed for you for the forgiveness of your sins." Some churches do not teach this. They say that we eat and drink only bread and wine and that these "signify," or are "symbols" (pictures) of, the body and blood of Christ. However, we believe that it is the true body and blood of Jesus, not only bread and wine. — We teach also that we eat bread and drink wine in the Lord's Supper, not only the body and blood of Christ. Other churches teach that the bread and wine are changed into the body and blood of Christ. But our Catechism says that we eat Christ's body and drink His blood "under the bread and wine," or as our Books of Confessions say: "in, under, and with the bread and wine." We believe and teach that *in the Holy Supper we eat bread and the body of Christ and drink wine and the blood of Christ.*

What Does the Bible Teach?

Four holy writers have written of the Lord's Supper in the Bible. These four are Matthew, Mark, Luke, and Paul. Matthew writes that Jesus took bread, blessed it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: "This is My body." Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: "This is My blood." These words are very plain: bread and body, wine and blood. A child can understand them. And the other writers use the same words. Not one says that the bread "signifies" the body or is a "symbol" of it. The Bible plainly teaches that we eat Christ's body and drink

His blood in the Lord's Supper, and also bread and wine. In 1 Cor. 11:26 Paul writes: "As often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup." The Bible also teaches that the bread and wine we share in the Lord's Supper are Christ's body and blood, 1 Cor. 10:16.

Lutheran Teaching Is Bible Teaching

We see that the Lutheran Church teaches as the Bible teaches. We do that also concerning the Holy Supper. Therefore we call our Church the "Bible Church." Let us thank God for this and ask Him to keep us in this true Bible teaching unto the end! J. L. S.

Women of the Bible

Eve — The First Woman (Genesis 3:1-20)

Gen. 3:20: "*Eve, because she was the mother of all living*"

Eve was the first woman. God made her from a rib taken from Adam. She and Adam lived in the beautiful Garden of Eden. They were very happy. God cared for them. They talked with God any time they wanted. They were holy, good people, who loved God.

God told them: "You may eat the fruit in the garden. You *must not* eat of the tree in the middle of the garden. If you eat of this tree, you will die."

One day Eve came near the tree. The devil was in a snake. He said: "Did God say you must not eat of every tree?" Eve answered: "True. We can eat of all trees, except from the one in the middle of the garden. We shall die if we eat from that tree." The devil said: "You will *not* die. God fears you will learn good and evil and be like Him."

Eve wanted to be like God. She believed the lie the devil told her. She ate from the forbidden tree and gave some fruit to Adam. They were ashamed of their sin and tried to hide from God. He found them and punished them. Now they must work hard for food. They would have trouble and worry. They must die. But God gave them one hope. He promised to send His Son into the world. The Savior would be born from a woman, and would be a true Man. He would earn forgiveness of sins for people by suffering their punishment. The Savior would destroy the power of the devil.

Prayer: O God the Father, I thank You for sending Jesus to save me from my sins. Help me to overcome my sinful heart from Adam and Eve by Thy Holy Spirit. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

C. R. G.

A Prayer of Faith

Being perplexed, I say:
 Lord, make it right!
 Night is as day to Thee,
 Darkness as light.
 I am afraid to touch
 Things that involve so much;
 My trembling hand may shake;
 My skillful hand may break;
 Thine can make no mistake.
 Being in doubt, I say:
 Lord, make it plain!
 Which is the true, safe way,
 Which would be vain?
 I am not wise to know
 Nor sure of port to go;
 My blind eyes cannot see
 What is so plain to Thee;
 Lord, make it clear to me.

Gospel Gems

DECEMBER 21, St. Thomas the Apostle. "Then saith He to Thomas: Reach hither [here] thy finger, and behold [see] My hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust [put] it into My side, and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas answered and said unto Him: My Lord and my God!" John 20:27-28.

DECEMBER 25, Christmas. "And the Word was made flesh [human] and dwelt [lived] among us, and we beheld [saw] His glory, the glory as of the Only-Begotten [coming] of the Father, full of grace [mercy and love] and truth." John 1:14.

DECEMBER 26, St. Stephen the Martyr. "And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God and saying: Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. And he kneeled down and cried with a loud voice: Lord, lay not this sin to their charge [blame]. And when he said this, he fell asleep." Acts 7:59-60.

DECEMBER 27, St. John the Apostle. "That which we have seen and heard, declare [announce] we unto you, that ye [you] also may have fellowship [join in love] with us; and

truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ. And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full." 1 John 1:3-4.

JANUARY 1, The Name of Jesus. "At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven and things in earth and things under the earth; and every tongue should confess [announce] that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father," Philippians 2:10-11.

JANUARY 6, Epiphany. "Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came Wise Men from the East to Jerusalem, saying: Where is He that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and are come to worship Him." — Matthew 2:1-2.

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