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The Staff
from Left to Right:
Luray (17), Melvin
(19), Merle (16), and
Jason (18). We are
in Luray's
greenhouse. The
plants you see are
tomatoes ready to be
planted into the
ground in the other
greenhouses. They
should start to yield
in May. This photo
was taken on March
12.



Editor's Desk



Dear Boys,

My two cousins, my sister and I went on a trip from N.Y. (home), to PA., to Virginia, to Florida, to Kentucky, to Ohio, and then back home. It took 3 weeks and 5 days. We met some old friends and relatives, but mostly made new friends. We thank you all for showing hospitality to us, and making our trip enjoyable. Come visit us sometime. We would really enjoy it. We have a cabin out in the woods for visitors to stay in.

I need volunteers for The Calling of: page. If you want to volunteer, contact me and I'll send you helpful tips. I also need other good articles and etc. Many people think that they can't write, but if you can talk and be creative, you can write.

In the past, we were passing the local magazine out personally. It was a good excuse to go visit people. However, we ran into a problem. Some people are not getting the magazine because we are not getting around to visiting everyone. Therefore, we decided to

put all the local people on the mailing list. However, that will mean a little more expense, and our funds are fairly low already. Please contribute to The Boys Bugle. If you like it, please help support it. Thank-you!

Sorry, but we had some mistakes in the printing of the last issue. The one page was up-side-down on a few of the magazines, (at least two). I made the mistake on my old single sided copier that I fixed up; (I got the copiers free). We discovered the mistake in a few of the magazines when we were putting them together. I do not understand how we missed the mistake through printing, collating, and checking. I'll admit it; I was the person running the copier. If there are any magazines, that you get, that are messed up, hard to read, or poor quality, we'd be happy to replace them.

In His Service,
Melvin Martin



From our Readers:



Dear Editor,

Thank-you for sending a copy of "The Boys Bugle." I only rediscovered it last week. Some days I receive quite a pile of mail, so I sort it unto piles, one which is opened right away, another which can be checked later and one which goes to file 13 (junk mail).

The front cover caught my eye and I wanted to look at it but later.

Well, when I did open it I had a

pleasant surprise when I saw who the editors are. I read every article from page to page. I'm glad you sent it. I know I'd have loved to receive a booklet like it when I was a boy.

I lived with my uncle who subscribed to a monthly Christian paper "Gospel Herald," two monthly farm magazines, and a weekly newspaper.

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The Kingdom Where Love And Truth Reign

Has the Kingdom of God come to earth?

John the Baptist said: **Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.** (Matthew 3:2) **From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.** (Matthew 4:17) Here the Greek word for "at hand" is "eggizo," which means to bring; or approach. This word is used in Matt. 21:1, **And when they drew nigh (eggizo) unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples ---; also in verse 34, And when the time of the fruit drew near, (eggizo) he sent his servants to the husbandmen, that they might receive the fruits of it.** Another verse that uses this word is found in Mark 14:42, **Rise up, let us go; lo, he that betrayeth me is at hand.** (eggizo) We can see by these examples that the Kingdom of Heaven was approaching and was being brought near.

John the Baptist declared that the kingdom was approaching (or at hand), but the apostle Paul in writing to the Colossians, about 30 years later, says in Col. 1:12-13, **Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.** So we understand that the kingdom of which Jesus is king has arrived.

This is the same kingdom spoken of by the angel Gabriel in Luke 1:26-33, **And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art**

highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

The prophets also spoke of this in Isaiah 9:6-7. **For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.**

II Sam. 7:12-17, **And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men: But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee. And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established forever before thee:**

thy throne shall be established forever. According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David.

Dan. 2:44, And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, *but* it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

Paul in writing to the Colossians says that they were in the Kingdom of Jesus (who is God). But in II Tim. 4:1 He declares that Jesus will judge the quick (living) and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom, referring to Jesus' statement in Matt. 16:27-28, For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works. Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.

The allegory in Gal. 4:21-31 shows an overlap in the existence of the old and new covenants. Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law? For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman. But he *who was* of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman *was* by promise. Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar. For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all. For it is written, Rejoice, *thou* barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an

husband. Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise. But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him *that was born after the Spirit*, even so *it is now*. Nevertheless, what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman. So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free. This shows us that the son of promise (Isaac) could not receive the promise till the son of bondage was cast out (Ishmael). In this transitional period, the Kingdom came to maturity.

The Old Covenant had to pass away. Heb. 8:6-13, But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises. For if that first *covenant* had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second. For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord. For this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: And they shall not teach every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember

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The Old Time Farmer

Taken from, "The Farmers', Gardeners' and Stock-Raisers' Guide." (1850)

	<p>enemies, and designing men, he is a stranger to reliance and trust;</p>	
<p>By living in perpetuate jealousy, one lives in perpetual dread; looking upon himself to be surrounded with spies,</p>	<p>Stage for Cutting Grass</p> <p>A writer on the scientific principles involved in the process of haymaking lays down the following rules: - 1. Grass must be fully developed before it is mown; if not, it will be found in its early stages to contain so much water as to be reduced, on drying, into so small a compass, that it will in quantity much disappoint the hay-maker. 2. It must not be permitted to stand until its seeds are formed, much less ripe. All plants, in arriving at maturity, have their starch, and sugar, and gum, in large quantities, converted into woody fiber-a wise provision of Providence for enabling the stem to bear the matured seeds; and as sugar, gum, and starch, are nutritive elements, it is desirable that these should be preserved, and hence the point for successful grass-cutting is that between the full development of the plant and before the formation of their seeds; in other words, when they are in flower.</p> <p>The proper drying and storing of hay should be strictly attended to. If it is put up with too much moisture in it, the fermentation is so violent that the hay is greatly injured in quality, and may be more or less consumed. But hay may be made too dry; for though a violent fermentation is to be avoided, a slight one is considered necessary to the full development of the best qualities of the grass; as there is little doubt that it is the vinous fermentation of the saccharine matter of the hay which renders it palatable to animals.</p> <p>Successful Gardening</p> <p>The United States Farmer mentions the case of a German who hired, in the neighborhood of New York, five acres of land for seven years, at an annual rent of one hundred dollars. When he began he had not money enough to pay for his horse and cart; and in the seven years he cleared three thousand dollars from his garden. With the money, he was able to purchase a farm.</p>	<p>he knows not in whom he can confide; and, of course, his heart is always throbbing with apprehensions of fraud.</p>
	<p>He that doth the kindness hath the noblest pleasure of the two.</p>	

Young People of the Bible

A Series of Bible Character Stories that teach a lesson.

Dinah

The High Cost of Popularity

Dinah was restless. She wanted to meet some girls her own age. A little trip into the countryside might provide some excitement, so Dinah went out to see the daughters of the land, evidently unchaperoned. Before long, she got into trouble with a young man named Shechem (Genesis 34).

It is not clear if Dinah cooperated in any way with Shechem. Afterwards, he wanted to "do the right thing by her," to marry her and give her an honorable position. But he went about it backwards. He should have spoken to Jacob first and then taken Dinah to his home. He had "wrought folly... which thing ought not to be done" (verse 7).

What were the consequences of Dinah's trip? First, she was personally disgraced. Her brothers said she had been treated as a harlot. We never read of Dinah marrying or bearing children, for virginity was highly valued in a bride in those days. (In fact, she is not mentioned again at all, although other women are listed in the genealogies.) Second, her brothers sinned. They deliberately lied to Shechem and his father and murdered innocent men. Dinah was in some sense responsible for these murders including the murder of the man who loved her. Third, her father was disgraced. He feared for his life. He was saved from the wrath of his neighbors by God's intervention, as recorded in the next chapter.

Many Christian young people are making dangerous excursions into this world seeking freedom, excitement, and popularity. Many of these excursions end in the same way as

Dinah's. Although it is not the custom today for a young woman's brothers to avenge her honor, there is still a harvest of shame, sin, and disgrace to be reaped from immorality. "Such things ought not to be done." When a young person sins, his or her whole family shares in the grief and shame brought on by the sin.

Dear young people, worldly popularity is never worth the cost. Even if the cost in some cases is not outright wickedness, there usually will be some compromise with evil. "The friendship of the world is enmity with God whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God" (James 4:4). Do we want God's friendship or the world's? We cannot have both. Only if we choose God's friendship, will we have true friendship and happiness at all. None of us would care to be considered enemies of God. Let us make sure we are not acting as if we were.

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The Calling of:

Caleb Green

1. Tell us about yourself.

My name is Caleb Green. I'm 17 years old. I am 5' 9½", and weigh 155 lbs. I have dark brown hair, blue eyes, and a well used smile.

2. Tell us about your family.

To make it easy, I'll just list my family from top to bottom, starting with my parents. Richard, (my Dad), Sarah, (my Mom), Jordan, age 19, Caleb, (you know how old I am!), Jeshua, age 13, Samuel, age 11, Elijah, age 10, Priscilla, age 8, Isaac, age 6, Hannah, age 4, and Noah, age 2.

3. What is it like where you live?

Fairly rural. There are quite a few farms surrounding ours. However, many farms are going under and becoming sub-divisions in our area. As far as the weather goes, I'll put it this way: scorchingly hot in the summer, muddy in the winter, muddy in the spring, and bone dry in the fall.

4. Tell us about your schooling experience.

I have been home schooled from day one.

5. Tell us about your faith.

I believe Jesus Christ is God. I firmly believe Jesus died on the cross for my sins, and that He rose from the dead on the third day. And

I have faith that He will come again soon.

6. What is a Scripture that is meaningful to you and why?

1 John 5:14-15, "Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him." That is a good verse for anyone. It helps me remember that God

really does hear me.

7. Tell us about your church.

My family and I go to a House Church. To those who don't know what a House church is, I'll explain. The term "House Church" comes from the fact that we meet on Sunday in one of the member's



homes, not in a church building. We try to meet at a different member's home every week. Currently there are 48 people attending our church, including my family.

8. Tell us about your work.

In the early morning and evening, I have regular chores on our farm. Such as haying, watering, and milking our dairy goats. During the day, I work with my Dad doing professional landscaping.

9. Tell us what activities you enjoy doing in your spare time.

Reading, writing, hunting, hunting, hunting, talking on the phone with friends, and small personal projects are some of the things I do in my spare time. (If I have any!)

10. Please share with us a song, quote, or poem that is meaningful to you.

Here's one of my favorite quotes:
"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act but a

habit."

11. Tell us about your plans (Lord willing) for the future.

To be completely honest, I really don't have any set plans for my future. I know I'd like to be a professional landscaper, like my Dad is. Farming would suit me fine. One of my childhood dreams was to be on a team of scientists that would go looking for Noah's ark, on Mt. Ararat, in the country of Turkey. But, I'm waiting for God to show me his will for my life.

Caleb and his family live in Edinburg, Virginia.

Thank-you very much for writing this in the short time that I gave you. — Editor.

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no more. In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away. Notice also Heb. 10:9-10. **Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.** This He says in reference to establishing the second or New Covenant. We can see Jesus teaching this in Luke 21:30-32. **When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh**

at hand. So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled. Here the words "nigh at hand" are the Greek word "eggus" which means "in the vicinity or here." Other scriptures using this word are Matt. 24:32-33, Matt. 26:18, Mark 13:28-29, Eph. 2:13. Also Rev. 1:3, **Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.** And Rev. 22:10, **And he saith**
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unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand. This was written in approximately AD 65-66.

In Luke 21:30-32 Jesus is speaking of the destruction of the temple which would occur in the generation he was speaking to; thus bringing to an end the old sacrificial system. Verse 31 says, "the kingdom of God is nigh at hand" (eggus) meaning it was not approaching (eggizo) but will have arrived. The destruction of the temple occurred in the summer of AD 70. Since that time there have been no high priests offering sacrifices in the Temple. The last days of the Old Covenant system were over! Now the Kingdom was fully established in Jesus Christ, the new High Priest and King.

What is the nature of the Kingdom of God?

In Luke 4:16-21 Jesus states what his mission is:

To preach the gospel to the poor. James 2:5 **Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith and heirs of the Kingdom?** Also in Matt. 5:3 He says **Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.**

To heal the brokenhearted. Matthew 11:28-29 **Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.**

To preach deliverance to the captives. Romans 6:16-23, **Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?**

But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.

Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness. For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things *is* death. But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The recovering of sight to the blind. John 9:1-41 especially verses 39-41, **And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind. And some of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we blind also? Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth.**

To set at liberty them that are bruised. Ephesians 2:11-17 **Wherefore remember, that ye *being* in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition *between us*; Having**

abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.

To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. This is speaking of the year of Jubilee when everything was forgiven, land restored, and slaves set free. This typifies the work of Christ in giving new life.

In the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. ch. 5, 6, & 7), Christ teaches the rules for living in His kingdom. He instructs his disciples, to be meek, to be hungry for righteousness, to be pure in heart, to be peacemakers, to love their enemies, to bless them that curse them, about purity with the opposite sex, about lifelong marriages, and not to swear (that is not take oath). He teaches to give to the needy, but not for show; to pray to God and that, not to be seen of men. He teaches about forgiveness, the danger of materialism, the importance of always having God first, and the Golden Rule of doing to others what you would have them do to you. He warns of false prophets and finally says a wise man will keep His sayings.

By this we can see that the Kingdom of God is occupied by people who love God with all their heart, soul, and mind, because of His great love in redeeming them to himself through Jesus. They are filled with his Spirit and bear the fruit of the Spirit described in Gal. 5:22-23. **But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.** So then, Christ helps us to be pacifists, have great marriages, to not dress in a wanton way, to be honest, kind, gentle and help the needy.

The Kingdom of Heaven is a nation where FAITH WORKS BY LOVE!

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The Children's Challenge

To Charity and Cheerfulness

Leon and the Bull

A true story.

One beautiful fall morning a little boy named Leon went skipping to the barn to do his chores.

Feeding calves was the chore at hand. Sometimes he did not like feeding calves, but this morning was so lovely. The dew sparkled on the grass in the early sunshine. The crows were cawing their morning songs and Leon didn't think of grumbling about his chores.

As he entered the barn, he noticed that several barn swallows had arrived and were having quite a fuss about the cats being close to their nest. Picking up a small metal bucket and feed scoop, he made his way to the bags of calf starter.

Now Leon was like any normal boy. He liked to sing. So he started singing the song, "God is so good," adding to the barn swallows warbling.

He found that if he took the feed scoop and hit it against the side or the bottom of the bucket, it made a pleasing noise to add to his song. "God is so Good," bang, whack, "God is so Good." Bang, bang, "He's so good to me." Bang, whack. What a happy noise!

The calf pen was in the

corner of the barn and to get there, Leon had to pass in front of the bull's pen. It was a rather narrow path against the wall. Usually the bull didn't bother any one. This morning, however, as Leon passed along the wall, singing and tapping his bucket, suddenly there was the bull with his huge horns.

Perhaps the bull did not like all the noise this little boy was making or maybe he was just in a bad mood. It all happened so quickly. Leon was pinned up against the wall between the bull's horns. The horns were curved forward so Leon was not smashed, only held prisoner.

His song stopped abruptly and the bucket gave a final bang as it dropped to the concrete.

Leon was not hurt, just very surprised and so frightened. For a few seconds the bull glared at the boy and the boy stared at the bull. Leon could feel the bull's hot breath as he snorted in triumph over his prisoner.

It wasn't long till Leon came to his senses, and let out a very loud, unhappy howl. Such an awful noise sent the barn swallows darting outside and the cats, with fat tails, went streaking up the wall and out the

window.

Now Papa heard the noise too, because he wasn't far away. He quickly got up beside the cow he was milking and looked towards the bullpen. He was terrified to see that his little son was trapped by the bull's horns. Papa was not a slow man and now he used his speed as he leaped the cow gutter and ran, snatching up a pipe that was lying close by on the floor.

The bull rolled his big bulging eyes at Papa as he whacked with the pipe. He gave a disgusted snort and released his prisoner. He dashed across his pen kicking up his hooves and making bits of straw go flying. After being assured that Leon was not hurt at all, Papa went back to his milking. Leon finished his calf feeding very quietly, being very much afraid as he hurried past the bull's pen.

The next day a cattle truck came and the bull was loaded into it and taken to the butcher shop.

Leon was able to feed the calves without being afraid and

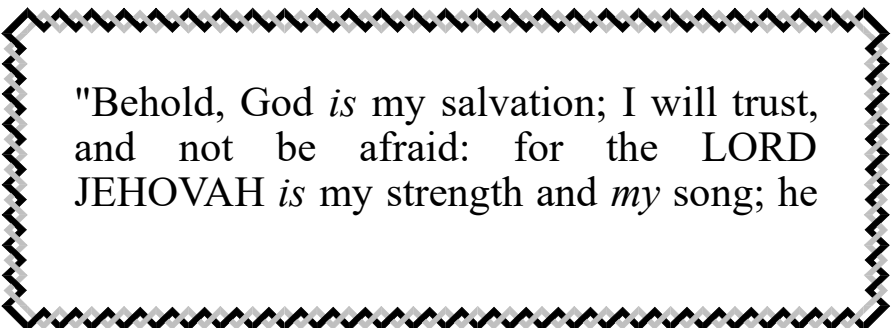
he could sing all he wanted to.

God had His protecting hand over Leon that morning long ago. He had a plan for his life just as God has a plan for each one of us.

Leon is now a grown man and a daddy to eight children and every one of them likes to make noise. They also like to sing "God is so Good."

And indeed, He is. Let's remember to thank Him for His goodness.

By Leon's thankful wife.
Arlene Sadler
Richland, PA.



"Behold, God *is* my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH *is* my strength and *my* song; he

Questions and Answers

Answer to the question in The Boys Bugle, Winter 2002

What is the difference between the Holy Spirit and Intuition?

Please read all the scripture references. You will not gain the full benefit of this article if you don't.

This is a question every Christian need ask; yet, it is only partially answered in the one-time study. The importance of the question is because a correct answer would allow one to walk in the way of Truth instead of following the inclinations or dictates of the carnal heart.

The Holy Spirit is Truth (**1 John 5:6-7**) --The Spirit of God himself. God has always communicated with the world through His Spirit (**1 Peter 1:11**) And has promised that those who ask will receive the Holy Spirit (**Luke 11:13**) Not only to speak with them distantly, but to dwell within them (**2 Corinthians 6:16**) And give them counsel and peace (**John 14:26-27**) The Holy Spirit cannot lie (**Titus 1:2**) therefore the convictions or impressions of the Holy Spirit must be obeyed.

Intuition is "The power or faculty of attaining to direct knowledge or cognition without rational thought or inference." -Webster's Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary. The human mind is subject to feeling, fearing, and concluding, based on the subconscious effects of associations, experiences, or circumstances: therefore intuitive knowledge is inherently uncertain and untrustworthy, though not always to be completely disregarded.

How can we tell if our leading is of the Holy Spirit or if it is of our own intuition?

The work of the Holy Spirit is outlined

by Christ: "**I will send [the counselor] to you. When He is come, He will reprove the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they believe not on me; of righteousness, because I go to the Father, and ye see me no more; of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.**" **John 16:7-11.** If the leading is of the Spirit of God, it will lead to the Word of God; also, the carnal man will not receive it (**1 Corinthians 2:14**) and to the spiritual man it will feel uninviting to his subdued (carnal) nature (**Romans 7:12-25**). One may say there is not counsel in the Word of God for each situation he may face in the things concerning which the Holy Spirit or his feelings may impress him, but to the diligent student there is counsel, and he may rest secure on the counsel of the Comforter (**John 14:15-21**).

A Study

When men thought their own feelings were the Holy Spirit's impressions.

Joshua 9:3-16--the leaders of Israel felt all right about accepting the Gibeonites.

1 Samuel 13:8-14; 15:13-23--Saul was compelled by feeling to disobey God.

1 Kings 13:13-32 --God's prophet felt the old man was a true prophet, but he was not.

Acts 15:36-41; 2 Timothy 4:11--Paul felt Mark may not prove faithful--later found he was very faithful and useful.

How to distinguish Holy Spirit's leading from intuition?

1. Study the Word of God
 - 2 Timothy 3:16**-- counsel for every situation
 - Psalms 119:23, 24; 17:11**-- acceptable study
 - Proverbs 30:5,6**-- unacceptable study
2. Pray
 - James 1:5-8**-- to remove doubts for stability of character
 - Ephesians 6:17-18** --study word with prayer
 - Psalms 119:88; 51:10-12**-- pray for Holy Spirit
 - 1 John 3:18-22 5:14, 15**-- acceptable prayer
 - Proverbs 28:9** --unacceptable prayer
3. Ask for a sign
 - Judges 6:17-24; 6:36-40**-- Gideon asked for a sign
 - 2 Kings 20:8-11**-- Hezekiah was told to ask for special sign
 - Matthew 12:38-39; John 20:29; 1 Corinthians 14:22** Beware of unbelief when asking for a sign.
4. Think on the matter
 - Daniel 7:15-28**-- Daniel fainted because what God showed him was hard to understand, than he thought on it.
 - Luke 2:48-51** --Jesus' mother could not understand His Mission or His words, so she thought on

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Many days we received no mail. You will notice the paper on which I am writing this letter is very thin. It is very old paper from a tablet of airmail onion skin weight writing paper. The envelopes also were very light and marked Air Mail. Airmail postal rates were higher than regular mail.

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Does the Holy Spirit surprise us?

Judges 7:2-7 --God surprised Gideon
Acts 9:10-20 --Ananias was surprised
1 Corinthians 2:7-13-- a surprise for everyone

What happens to those who trust in their own heart?

Proverbs 28:25, 26-- they become fools
Jeremiah 17:9 --they will be deceived
James 4:5-10-- God does not abandon the humble seeker.

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Thanks to the Whitakers, for putting this hard answer into words for us.-- Editor

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Keep up the good work and may God bless you.

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faith, hope, charity,
these three; but the
greatest of these is
charity. 1 Corinthians 13:13