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Jesus is the Way, the Truth,
and the Life, no man comes
to the Father, but through
him. (John 14:6)



Editor's Desk



Dear Readers,

On May 20th all of our family, except Luray and Tim, went to Ohio to my cousin and a friend's wedding. We took my bus. We ran the bus on filtered fryer oil the whole way out there and about half way back. It ran nice. We stayed at Walter Zimmerman's place at night. They are the family that wrote *The Calling Of*: for this issue. They work together and are a good example of a Christian family. I am pleased to have them write for this issue. We had a very good trip, very good in many ways.

The cultivator that we made works nice. We had to make a few minor changes. In answer to prayer, things went about as smooth as could be expected in the making of it, or even better. So far, it's been a very reliable machine. I still have a few more attachments to make for it.

This issue is the last of the young people of the Bible series. I hope you all enjoyed reading them.

We're sending out *Always Ravished With Love* and this issue of *The Boys' Bugle* to the postal routes in our area. We are printing 8,700 copies. The only way that this is possible is because I have the Risograph. We set up our booklet maker (that I had stored in my shed) because we realized it would take a very long time to collate, staple, fold, check and crimp 17,400 books. The booklet maker is an amazing machine. It can even tell if there is an extra page in the book. Of course, we still need to

check all the books.

The point of the importance of faith that is brought out at the end of *Always Ravished With Love* is a very important point. Without faith, it is impossible to please God. Without faith, we will not ask God to bless us. Without faith, we will not do what God tells us to do. Faith is our righteousness. Faith will take us through even the hardest times in life. We need to have faith and trust in God.

God is the one that made the earth and everything in it. He knows how it is made and how it is supposed to work. God made us. He knows who we are and what we need. God made marriage, and he knows how to make marriage a blessing. Commit your whole life into God's hands and let him make you a blessing.

We are planning a covered dish dinner on July 30 in the Parishville Fireman's Hall. Also we're planning to have worship service that Sunday morning, July 31, in the Fire Hall.

There was an omission in *The Calling of: Joshua Bauman* in the last issue. In the last sentence of the first paragraph the phrase "and go to school from there" was missing. It should say, "So he had to leave his home early and go stay with a younger couple and go to school from there and work for his keep (board), causing some struggles in life."

This issue we are printing *Always Ravished With Love* instead of

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Speaking of 'Dress'

"Why do you dress that way." I looked up quickly to see an older man and his wife waiting for our reply. My sisters and I were wearing modest dresses, and this older couple had been watching us for some time and they had now come to question us.

"I am a Christian and according to God's word, women and men are to dress modestly." I say.

"We, uh, well we're Christians too and we don't dress the way you do."

"In Deuteronomy 22:5 the Bible states: **"The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the Lord thy God."** Also in 1 Timothy 2:9-10 is says: **"In like manner also, that woman adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works."** I replied.

After a few more minutes of small talk the couple left.

The conversation above really happened. My sisters and I were questioned concerning our beliefs about dressing modestly and we answered accordingly.

In a nut shell those two verses clearly explain why we (men/boys and girls/woman) dress modestly. We dress modestly not because we were forced to, we dress modestly because we want to. That last state-

ment has thrown more people off track than I can count. Why in the world would we want to dress in modest dresses, jumpers, shirts and skirts for the girls, modest shirts and pants for the boys. Why would we?

We are Bible believing and obeying Christians.

If you are truly a Christian something has to change in your life. I have never met someone who was truly a Christian and God had not changed their life. There are lots of professing Christians who will not change to fit God's rules or plans. Dressing modestly is only one aspect of how you can witness for God. But dressing modestly plays a big part in a Christian's life, because it is the outward appearance that is a reflection of the heart.

I have been wearing dresses all the time since I was 6 years old. My parents did not know why people should dress modestly until they were challenged and began to search God's word. Even at the age of 6 years old when I wore pants, shorts... or any other immodest apparel, I felt bad. I always wanted to wear dresses, jumpers, or modest skirts. When my parents obeyed the Bible and I wore modest clothing all the time, I was glad. When I wasn't wearing modest clothing I felt half-undressed.

But the sense of guilt that everyone has when they don't wear modest clothing is over run with feel-goodism, don't fall for it. Don't wear (or not wear) clothing just because it will make you fit in.

Ask yourself is this modest? Does it reveal things that shouldn't be revealed? If God were to walk into your house right now, would you run and change because you were embarrassed by your clothing? Or could you face God with a clear conscience and be happy to have him call you a Christian witness.

One last thing I would like to ask you, If God were to visit earth now, what do you think he would wear? Would he wear shorts and a tank-top? Would he go against his word and dress immodestly just to fit in? God made us in His image; how in the world can you not obey God? God who created you... are you ignoring God's word? Or deliberately disobeying? After reading

this you cannot say that you haven't heard/read that God has rules for dressing. Don't put off getting right with God. God may come back anytime. Don't be left behind. I'm praying for you.

Hannah Holter
Melville, Saskatchewan



The prettiest beaver dam in Northern New York, located at Seven Springs.
It's about as tall as a man.

What Are Beautiful Clothes?

True beauty is inward. Our clothes help reveal what we are inside.

Webster's definition of beauty is, the quality present in a thing or person that gives intense pleasure or deep satisfaction to the mind, whether arising from sensory manifestations (as shape, color, sound, etc.), a meaningful design or pattern, or something else (as a personality in which high spiritual qualities are manifest).

Some think that beautiful clothes are clothes with ruffles or lace or other decorations, or maybe a pattern or print that will "catch people's eye." Yet, Jesus said that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like a lily of the field. (Matthew 6:28-29) The Psalmist often speaks of the beauty of holiness.

Read 1 Peter 3:1-6 and 1 Timothy 2:9-15. In the sight of God the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit is of great price. The adornment of modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety and good works is becoming to a woman professing godliness.

If our affection is on things above, we will value what God values. God's ways and thoughts are higher than ours, as the heavens are higher than the earth. (Isaiah 55:8-9) The foolishness of God is wiser than the wisdom of man. (1 Corinthians 1:25-31) I believe the ornaments of man are ugly compared to the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit. Man's "beautiful" clothes are ugly compared to the beautiful garment of salvation and the robe of righteousness that Christ gives. (Isaiah 61:10)

God has said, "Let it not be that outward adorning." If God has said, "Let it not be," then there is no question where to draw the line. The question we should ask ourselves is, "Why do we wear what we do." Also ask yourself, "Will anyone think I am

wearing this for show, thereby giving the appearance of pride."

All we who have come to the age of accountability have pride and deceit showing. Innocent children are not marred with that ugliness. We can only enter the kingdom when we become as a child by letting Christ cover our nakedness with his righteousness. Let's not detract from the beauty of our children by clothing them with man's vanities. Let's teach them from the start what true beauty is, something that does not fade. **"Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim, whose glorious beauty is a fading flower, ..."** Isaiah 28:1

Yes, it is true our clothes will not get us to heaven. But if we deliberately do what God has said, "Let it not be," we have unbelief and that will keep us out of heaven. We do think that clean, neat, practical, simple, unadorned, modest dress is God's idea. Are we willing to follow his directions for true beauty?

Correct dress can never cover our ugly pride. Only Christ can change the hidden man of the heart, into that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit. (1 Peter 3:4) We can attain the perfection of beauty; because, **"Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined."** Psalms 50:2

Luke and Rachel Martin

Young People of the Bible

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Timothy

An Example for His Elders

We first meet Timothy in Acts 16. Paul was in the course of his second missionary trip. Evidently Timothy had been converted when Paul had first visited Lystra. He was well spoken of by the brethren in Lystra and Iconium and Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him on his journey.

Timothy not only accompanied Paul, he was sent to various places as Paul's representative (1 Corinthians 16:10, 1 Thessalonians 3:1-8). Timothy continued as Paul's representative after Paul was in prison (Philippians 2:19-23). In this last passage we learn why Paul trusted Timothy as his representative and messenger. "I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state. For all [others] seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's." Many of Paul's other acquaintances had evidently left their first love and zeal for the Lord to settle down in the world.

Paul's epistles to Timothy give good advice to all young Christian people. "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (1 Timothy 4:12). There would be no "youth problem" if all young people (and older ones) followed the precepts of this verse and if young people determined to set an example of holiness to all believers. The first two verses of 1 Timothy 5 show the attitude a young person should have toward other people: "Rebuke not an elder sharply, but exhort him as a father, younger men as brethren, elder women as mothers, younger women as sisters, with purity" (Darby Transla-

tion).

"Flee also youthful lusts" (2 Timothy 2:22). Many people think of "youthful lusts" as being primarily sexual; yet desire for wealth and a great name in the world are also associated with youth. In 1 Timothy 6:11, Timothy is specifically told to flee the latter.

Examples are given of ways in which young people may use their abundant energy—as a good soldier of Jesus Christ, as a runner in the race for heavenly rewards, and as a hard-working farmer who sows the seed of God's Word (2 Timothy 2:3-6).

Timothy was imprisoned at some time in his life (Hebrews 13:23), but we know nothing of what became of him after Paul's death. No doubt he continued to care for God's people and to "do the work of an evangelist" as long as he remained on this earth. Let us all follow Timothy's example and heed Paul's instructions to this young man.

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The Calling of:

The Walter Zimmerman Family

Greetings in Jesus' name from the Walter Zimmerman family.

God has blessed us with nine children. Our family is dad, Walter 44, mom, Joanna 38, Andrea 17, Anthony 15, Justin 14, Jerald 11, Jennifer 9, Austin 7, Wendell 5, Alisha 4, and Wesley 1 yr.

We live on a 3-acre dairy farm and milk 30 cows. I am also an auctioneer and sell produce at a Farmers Produce Auction. I also sell at two livestock auctions and help another auctioneer on most of his sales. Our boys do most of the milking and chores and we do intensive grazing at a neighbour farm we rent. We also raise and butcher rabbits for a meat market and have goats, chickens, a pony, cats, and a dog. The children enjoy riding their pony, hiking, hunting and trapping in the woods. We enjoy doing weener roasts and fishing as a family.

We live in North Lawrence,

Ohio. The land is gently rolling. We enjoy a nice mixture of the four seasons in this area. We hope to buy a farm some day but here farms keep being more developed.

We have always home schooled, which has been a blessing to our family. Our children enjoy farming and enjoy scripture memorization. Our oldest son has memorized the Sermon on the Mount, Romans 6, 7, and 8, the book of James and is now learning the book of Ephesians, working on the 6th chapter. His favorite time to memorize is at a quiet place usually while driving tractor or doing farm chores. We thank God we can raise our family on the farm.

God truly has been good to us. We thank Him for the many blessings He has bestowed on us throughout our lives. Here are a few examples of God's protecting care we'd like to share with you.

When Anthony was two, he fell asleep in a hay field. My wife and I looked for him in the woods and we were on our way back up to the house to call a search party for it was almost dark, when we almost stumbled over him. He was sleeping directly in the path the search party would have driven if they would have



come out to look for him.

Another time Anthony was laying in a cedar chest when he accidentally closed the lid and it latched. No one heard him yell or noticed and he eventually fell asleep. We had gone upstairs to take an afternoon nap and the other children had gone outside to play and then chore. When Anthony woke from his nap, in the cedar chest, he was having extreme headaches from lack of oxygen. He screamed but no one heard him until I was on my way to the barn. I had no reason to go through the living room before going to the basement to get my boots but I did. I heard him yell, and started looking. I found him. He was not able to chore because of the headaches but he was alive. Praise God!

Another miracle God did for Anthony was healing him when he was sick and had the signs of spinal meningitis. Our family all gathered around to pray before my wife left for the doctor. After they left, I cried out to God for help. Suddenly on the way to the doctor he felt better. He was able to walk in, without help and the doctor found nothing. He came home and ate a full meal, and kept it down, when previously he had not been able to keep down any food or water for several days.

When Austin was a year old he was having a lot of seizures. When he was anointed, God healed him. Many times God's protecting hand has been over us. We are thankful to serve

such a great God who loves us so much!

We believe a personal relationship with Jesus is more than just a one time event of our life. We must have a daily relationship with Jesus Christ personally, die to our self, and keep a clear conscience.

One thing that has helped us keep a clear conscience in our family is what we call accountability. Usually at the end of each day, the children come to me or I go to them and share about our day. It's a time for sharing good or bad about our day, confessing failures to each other, praying together or simply keeping each other accountable for what we've done. This has been a real blessing to me and my children and has helped draw our family closer to each other and closer to the Lord.

We believe Jesus is the Son of God and our relationship with Him is the most important relationship in our lives. We believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God and we read it daily for direction for our lives.

The Bible says in Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." This means everyone has sinned. This includes you. Right? The Bible also says Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." This verse tells me the wages or payment for sin is death (or hell).

John 3:3, "Jesus answered and

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Jesus the Son of God-Jesus the Son of Man

How can it be that Jesus is both the Son of God and the Son of Man? What is meant by his being the Son of God? What is meant by his being the Son of Man?

First let us look at his being the Son of God. The word "God" here means; Deity, supreme, very good, {as defined by #2316 in Strong's concordance}.

It is recorded in Matt. 3:17 "A voice from heaven, saying, "This my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." This provides us with a witness from heaven that Jesus is the Son of God. His disciples confirmed this by saying, (Matt. 14:33) "that of a truth thou art the Son of God," because that they had seen Jesus commanding Peter to walk on water. Peter clearly shared that he believed Jesus was the Christ, the Son of the living God (Matt. 16:16). Again Jesus clearly stated he is the Son of God to the man who had been blind, that he restored his sight to (John 9:35-37).

There are many more scriptures confirming that Jesus was God, like when he said that he was before Abraham (John 8:54-58, and as recorded in John 1:1-18 of the Word being God and that the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

This brings us to the next point, that Jesus was also the Son of Man.

The word Man means Adam in the Old Testament (#120 Strong's) and a human being in the New Testament (#444 Strong's). The Bible also tells us that he was born of a woman (Gal. 4:4). The Bible tells us that he had brothers and sisters (Matt. 13:55 & 56; Mark 6:33; 1 Cor. 9:5; & Gal. 1:19).

The term Son of Man always referred to a son born of Adam, whether it was used as a title for Jesus or some

other man (Ezek. 2:1-8; 3:1-17; Daniel 7:13; Matt. 16:27; 20:28; 26:2 & etc).

God promised to the serpent in the Garden of Eden that Eve's (woman's) seed would crush him (Gen. 3:15). This, of course, was Jesus who was born of a woman. In Deut. 18:15-19, Moses prophesies that a Prophet would be raised from among their midst (one of them). Then in the New Testament we find Jesus himself stating that he, (the Son of Man) would be killed and be raised back to life again, (Mark 10:33-45).

He even calls himself the Son of Man (Adam) in declaration of his 2nd coming, (Matt. 16:27 &28). The Apostle Paul also called Jesus by the name, Adam, (1 Cor. 15:45-49).

Now some people will claim that Jesus was not tempted like us, because that he being God, the temptation would have been different, but Heb. 4:14-16 tells us that Jesus was tempted in all points like as we are. Matt. 4:1-11 goes into detail telling us how Jesus was tempted, and it was just like you and I get tempted, and how Eve was tempted too, with passion (lust of the flesh); possession (lust of the eye); and position (pride of life).

Notice that the Apostle John used these expressions (1 John 2:15-17) to describe what the world is that we struggle against. The Apostle James explains how that it is lust that enters us and if we yield, it produces sin, which in turn has a penalty of death, (James 1:12-15).

Isaiah 53:1-12, tells us more of Jesus' suffering, and Matt. 8:20 tells us that he did not even have a place to call home.

Now, 1 John 4:1-6 tells us to try the spirits; and that every spirit that does not confess that Jesus came in

the flesh (son of Adam) has an anti-christ spirit.

Some people deny Jesus' deity. Some deny that he was a Son of Adam. However we have seen that he was both.

A wide spread belief is that before Adam sinned, he and Jesus were both equal before God. A question for that is found by reading, 1 Cor. 15:45-49. The first Adam was of the earth, and the second Adam (Jesus), was from heaven. It is true that Jesus, by being born of a woman, had this characteristic too. But Adam was not from heaven, and never at any time, was he called God as Jesus was. Adam had an earthly nature, even as he walked and talked with God. Jesus had both an earthly nature and a heavenly divine nature and he also talked with God his Father.

It is necessary for us, if we are going to be overcoming temptations to sin, to be born again of the Spirit of God (John 3:6 & Rom. 8:9).

Some argue that the reason man sins, is because man has a fallen and depraved nature. Those folks argue that when Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden, their nature changed and so now man is prone to sin, whereas before he was not. Why then did Adam and Eve sin when they supposedly had a divine nature? It seems to me that they behaved the same as people do today. James 3:9 tells us that men are made after the similitude of God, just like Genesis 1:26 & 27 says, that God made man after his own image. I believe it is incorrect to say that Adam's nature changed when he sinned. Rather what his nature was became known by his action.

There is a doctrine held by the Catholic Church as taught by St. Augustine, called Original Sin. Reading from the Catechism of the Catholic Church, (authorized by John Paul the 3rd in 1986), section 404 says, "How

did the sin of Adam become the sin of all his descendants? The whole human race is in Adam "as one body of one man." By this "unity of the human race" all men are implicated in Christ's justice. Still, the transmission of original sin is a mystery that we cannot fully understand. But we do know, by revelation, that Adam had received original holiness and justice not for himself alone, but for all human nature. By yielding to the tempter, Adam and Eve committed a personal sin, but this sin affected the human nature that they then would transmit in a fallen state. It is a sin, which will be transmitted by propagation to all mankind, that is, by the transmission of a human nature, deprived of original holiness and justice. And that is why original sin is called "sin" only in an analogical sense; it is a sin "contracted" and not committed" – a state and not an act."

If you notice it is here taught that all of Adam's offspring inherit his sin. Now it is true that all have sinned (Rom. 5:12), however I do not believe that this means we sinned while we were in Adam's loins, and somehow are guilty of being part of his decision to sin, but rather having Adam's nature we are prone to sin, and have all ourselves sinned.

If it were true that because of Adam's sin we are all condemned (Rom. 5:12) then it must also be true that through Jesus we are all (everyone of Adam's race) released from the penalty of sin and death, and are all made alive (Rom. 5:17&18). Of course, this is not understanding the scripture in Romans properly. It is Adam's nature in us that causes us to sin, and it is by faith in the righteousness of Jesus that we live and do not sin. So then we cannot, and may not, blame-shift our sins unto Adam.

It seems that some Protestants went even further with the Original

Sin doctrine then the Catholic Church did. These people say a man is so totally depraved that he cannot even call out for mercy and help from God, unless God picks him out and extends a special grace that is only for certain people. They teach that only certain people can be saved from their lost condition. I am glad that God in his wisdom had his scribes declare that “Jesus died once for all” (Heb. 10:10) also that it is not the will of God that any should perish, (2 Peter 3:9). Revelation 22:17 tells us that the invitation by the Holy Spirit and the Church is that whosoever is thirsty for life may come.

To say that only certain people are elected by God to be saved and live holy lives, is to say that the rest who are called sinners are also doing the will of God, if it is true that they are doing what God planned for them. So then I ask what is sin, if it is not missing the mark or goal that God meant for them?

Charles Finney said, “The foundation of the error of which I speak, is the dogma that human nature is sinful in itself; and that, therefore sinners are entirely unable to become Christians. It is admitted, either expressly or virtually, that sinners may want to be Christians, and often try to be Christians, and yet somehow fail.

“It had been the practice, and still is to some extent, when ministers were preaching repentance, and urging the people to repent, to save their orthodoxy by telling them that they could not repent, any more than they could make a world. But the sinner must be set to do something; and with all their orthodoxy, they could not bear to tell him he had nothing to do. They must therefore, set him self righteously to pray for a new heart. They would sometimes tell him to do his duty, to press forward in duty, to read his Bible, to use the means of

grace; in short, they would tell him to do any thing and everything, but the very thing which God commanded him to do. God commands him to repent now, to believe now, and to make him a new heart now. But they were afraid to urge God’s claims in this form, because they were continually telling the sinner that he had no ability whatever to do these things.”

On this Original Sin idea, I have even heard some people claim that Adam’s genes changed when he sinned, and when we are born again in Christ, that our genes change back to being like Adam’s original genes.

The problem with all of this is that Jesus called himself the Son of Man (Adam) and as I showed earlier there is plenty of evidence that he was a man of the same race as Adam.

Now if the Original Sin doctrine or Total Depravity as some call it, is true, then Jesus also must have inherited Adam’s sin and would necessarily have had a depraved nature. But the scriptures tell us that he was without sin (1 Peter 2:22, & 2 Cor. 5:21).

Remember that Jesus called himself the Son of Man and that to be that his body (flesh and bone) was a descendent of Adam and that he was tempted in all points like unto us (Heb. 4:15). He had the same temptations and human flesh the rest of us have. Yes, I believe Menno Simmons was wrong when he said that women do not contribute any genes to the offspring, but all the genes come from the father.

Consider 1 John 4:1-3, where the scripture teaches that whoever doesn’t believe that Jesus came in the flesh (Son of Adam), has the spirit of antichrist. If you are thinking like I am, you probably will now consider the Original Sin and total depravity doctrines to be false and misleading, even being antichrist!

There is a possibility that John had the Gnostics in mind when he wrote these words. The Gnostics had many varied ideas. On our subject here, they had a belief that the Deity descended on Jesus at his baptism, and ascended again to heaven before his crucifixion. Their idea seems to be that of a spirit that enlightens, an inner light, that He became an enlightened one, teaching we all can become gods in the same manner as Jesus was God. This is the conclusion of my understanding of what the Gnostics believed. Of course, you understand that I believe this is denying that Jesus came in the flesh, the flesh born of a woman and tempted in all points like we are. There are still people living today who believe like the Gnostics. You need to try the spirits to see whether they are of God, because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

In closing, let me assure you that, God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved, (John 3:16 & 17).

Sincerely,

Editor's Desk

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Heart and Home Harmony; however, my parents have included two parts, *Here in the North Country* and *Learning How to Love* from *Heart and Home Harmony* which we have included in *The Boys' Bugle*.

In His Service,

Clothes

Elmer Wheeler, author of *How To Sell*, says, “For all practical purposes, your clothes become a part of you. They are extensions of your personality.”

A warden of a penitentiary declares that prisoners are dressed alike so as to subdue the personality, and that drab clothes chosen for prison garb tend to take the fight out of the men.

Somewhere I saw the rules for IBM salesmen; each salesman must have his shoes shined at least once a day, must wear only white shirts, and must keep his suit neatly pressed. Another rule is that all IBM salesmen must wear conservative suits.

This does not mean that Christians conform to the rules demanded of the IBM salesmen. It does mean, however, the Christians should select clothes to suit their profession. County agents who dress like farmers are apt to gain the confidence of farmers more than the ones who dress like “city dudes.”

Dress to suit the character you want people to believe you are. Conservatism in dress is always good. The avoidance of show and finery is always best. Bulwer put it, “A gentleman’s taste in dress is upon principle of the avoidance of all things extravagant.”

You profess to be a follower of the meek and lowly Christ; then to dress like a son or daughter of Jezebel is to belie your profession.

The church from the days of its founding, has stood committed to plainness of dress and simplicity of style for all its members, for the avoidance of the wearing of jewelry and make up. It is wholly unbecoming to a Christian to dress like a worldlying, to wear the trappings and adornments of the age.

Look your wardrobe over. What does it say? Does it foster pride or induce Christlikeness? Are there some items that you would be embarrassed for the Master to question you about in the light of His command to evangelize all nations?

Make your dress a part of your witness for Christ. Dress in the Biblical style and seek always to honor Christ.

-- Adapted from the Writings of O. G. Wilson

Walter Zimmerman Family

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said unto him, “Verily, verily I say unto thee, except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” Jesus died so we can be born again.

John 14:6, “Jesus saith unto him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh onto the Father, but by me.” This makes it clear that Jesus is the only way to get to God.

Romans 10:9-11 says, “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed.”

This tells us we need to confess Jesus with our mouth and believe in our heart for salvation.

II Corinthians 5:15, “And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but onto him which died for them, and rose again.

We must count the cost of being a Christian, for we can live no longer for our selves but must live for Jesus.

Revelation 3:20, “Behold I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him and he with me.”

Jesus will not come in our hearts if we do not open our heart and ask Him to be Lord of our life.

I want to encourage each of you to give your life to Jesus. Read his Word daily to learn how to live. Jesus will change your life. Ask yourself these questions based on these scriptures.

1. Am I a sinner?
2. Do I want my sins forgiven?

3. Do I believe Jesus died on the cross for me and rose again?

4. Am I willing to surrender my life to Jesus?

5. Am I ready to invite Jesus into my life and into my heart?

After giving your life to Jesus we must:

1. Not indulge in sin. Romans 6:1-2

2. Be changed. II Corinthians 5:17

3. Read God’s Word and pray. II Timothy 2:15

4. Tell others. Luke 12:8-9

5. Be baptized. Acts 2:41

6. Find fellowship with other believers. Hebrews 10:25

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**What the world
needs is Jesus.**

A New Grandson!



Micah Luke Rosenbarker,
born May 28, 2005
to Luke and Dawn Rosenbarker.

A few weeks ago we enjoyed having Sue Thomas and her traveling companion, Deborah Shofstahl, a long time friend of ours, as our guests. Also along was Katie, Sue's Hearing Ear dog.

At 18 months of age, Sue suddenly became deaf. Her parents took her to a school to learn to speak and lip read. In grade school she endured much ridicule because she "talked funny."

Later her excellent ability to lip read got her a job as an FBI surveillant. Now she travels the world as a public speaker, encouraging the handicapped and bridging the gap between the hearing and the deaf worlds. She uses every opportunity she can to give glory to Christ for delivering her from the bondage of sin and bitterness. Her overflowing joy is an inspiration to her listeners as she continues working to help break the sound barrier.

She spoke to a crowd gathered at the Parishville Town Hall. She said her deafness has not kept her from hearing the voice of Jesus. She has recently been diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis, which has affected her eyesight and her mobility. Being deaf, her eyesight is very important to her. She said, "If I become blind, I will still see God and if I end up in a wheel chair, I will still walk with Him.

Sue wrote a book about her life, called *Silent Night*.

✧ Learning How to Love ✧

....the more people I met, the more I realized that my handicap was no greater than others'—even those who have the full use of all their senses but who nevertheless do not take the time to communicate, to interact, to *feel* what others feel. I also discovered how few people actually *hear* what others say, or can distinguish the still, small voice of God from amidst the clatter and clamor of daily living. It's because I've heard his voice that I've been able to overcome very real barriers in life and help others do the same.

—Sue Thomas
from *Silent Night*

Genuine Communication

Communication is so important because God made us for fellowship with Himself and with a need for each other.

Though most of us can see, hear, and speak, (and have access to mail service, phones, and email) we, too often, utterly fail to communicate effectively and understand each other.

The reasons for misunderstanding are many.

It is especially hard to understand someone who is trying to hide his real self.

Do we value people enough to *want* to understand them and hear what they have to say? Or is our own comfort and glory our only concern?

When we hear and see someone, we may “hear” them saying much more than the words they said. And what we “heard” might be nothing close to what they meant.

At times we forget every good thing someone says or does, but remember one negative thing in which we *think* we know what they meant. The more we think about it, the surer we are that that was what they said.

If we mistakenly imagine a put down, our pain is real even though the put-down isn't.

Sometimes we misunderstand and take correction as rejection instead of direction.

If we take something personally that wasn't meant to be, we may burn with shame needlessly. We may end up falsely accusing and

causing more pain to the one we think is the scoundrel than what the “scoundrel” caused to us.

When we misunderstand, are careless, or use hasty words and actions, we may break a heart unawares.

The apostle Paul said of himself, **Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.** 1 Timothy 1:13

Thank God we can obtain mercy from Jesus Christ. He, the Son of God, came to earth as a man and was tempted like we but never sinned. He gave His life a ransom for us. When He was hanging on the cross, He said, **Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do,** (Luke 23:34).

If you give yourself to Him, He will forgive you and free you from your sin and open your eyes so that you may learn to know what you are doing.

Jesus was hated without a cause. (John 15:25) He is love; yet we rejected Him. When you are misunderstood or rejected, know that Jesus understands and cares. He will carry your burden.

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:1&2

Follow Christ's example. Endure your cross and He will help you to forgive. Do not turn it

around and despise your cross and endure the shame, if the shame doesn't belong to you. If you hate, seek revenge, or falsely accuse, you have not endured the pain of your cross. If you endure, there will be joy set before you, too.

Do not keep the pain for later revenge or you will become bitter inside.

By God's grace, use the pain and anger constructively. Let it motivate you to compassion—to tear down the walls built by ignorance and fear. The pain and anger will dissipate into joy.

And He (Christ) said to the disciples, It is impossible but that offenses (meaning *to cause to sin*) will come. But woe to him through whom they come! Luke 17:1 Offenses will come because of pride and selfishness and because we often do not know what we are doing.

As the Bible and the Holy Spirit teach us, we will become better communicators.

Intention is not communication. It doesn't give us a view of the other side.

We should not be so quick to assume and surmise. Much misunderstanding can be prevented if we repeat back to the person what we think they are saying.

Doing things God's way will stop the cycle of disappointment in and fear of each other. He loved us first.

Look for the value in everyone and communicate your appreciation to him or her.

God communicates to us how much he values us; He opened the way for us to come back to him and forgave us. Do the same for others.

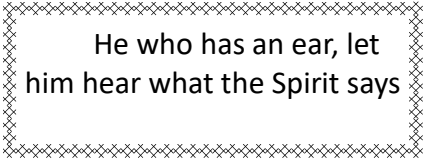
But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. Hebrews 13:16

It takes a sacrifice to do good and communicate. It takes time. We may have to lay down our pride and our fear of rejection. There is a risk in reaching out in love. We may be misunderstood or rejected.

When I misunderstand and offend others, I want them to communicate with me rather than just leave. Since I may not know, please explain what I have done so I can apologize and make restitution if necessary. Risk my ignorance of the truths I have not yet grasped. Confront the fears that build the walls.

To refuse to communicate is rejection. It is cowardly withdrawal. Genuine communication is fellowship—with God first then with others.

Sincerely,
Luke and Rachel Martin



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him hear what the Spirit says

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“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!” Psalm 133

Proverbs

5:1-23

1 My son, listen to my wisdom; bow your ear to my understanding; 2 in order to keep discretion, that your lips may keep knowledge.

3 For the lips of a strange woman drip honey, and her palate is smoother than oil; 4 but afterward she is as bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword. 5 Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell, 6 lest you should meditate on the path of life, her tracks are movable; you cannot know them.

7 And now hear me, O sons, and do not depart from the words of my mouth. 8 Remove your ways far from her, and do not come near the door of her house, 9 lest you give your honor to others and your years to the cruel; 10 that strangers not be filled with your strength, and your labors be in the house of a stranger; 11 and you moan when your end comes, when your flesh and muscle are eaten away, 12 and say, How I have hated instruction, and my heart despised correction; 13 and I have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor bowed down my ears to those who taught me! 14 I was almost in all evil in the midst of the congregation

and assembly.

15 Drink waters out of your own cistern, and running waters out of your own well. 16 Should your overflowing spring be scattered abroad as rivers of waters in the streets. 17 Let them be only your own, and not strangers' with you.

18 Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice with the wife of your youth. 19 Like the loving deer and pleasant doe, let her breasts satisfy you at all times, and be ravished always with her love.

20 And why will you, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger? 21 For the ways of man are before the eyes of Jehovah, and He watches all his paths. 22 His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be held with the cords of his sin. 23 He shall die without instruction; and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.



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And why be anxious about clothing? Learn a lesson from the wild lilies. Watch their growth. They neither toil nor spin, and yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his magnificence could array himself like one of these.

Matthew 6:28-29