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**Greetings from
Reverend Hicks,**

Many of you know many spiritual Principles of Truth from God's Word because you have been reared in the Crucified Way. Yet, I feel sure there are some of you who have Bible questions you would like to have answered. In this particular issue of Christ for Youth, instead of giving you a single lesson, as I normally do, I shall be answering questions that are needful for you to understand. Later, as the LORD leads me to do so, I will deal with other questions you have.

**From the Desk of . . .
Rev. B. R. Hicks**

QUESTION: What is the purpose of the Millennium?

ANSWER: This is a good question since we are living in the closing days of this dispensation. Soon, and much sooner than many people realize, God's calendar will open to reveal the beginning of what is commonly called the Millennial Reign of Christ.

God's Work of Creation covered seven days. Six days He worked, and on the seventh day He rested from His labours. God

has ordained that the Earth, too, will experience this day of rest or peace. However, ever since sin entered, men, who are subject to weakness and frailty of the flesh, have ruled upon the thrones of this world. At no time has the world known a day of rest which comes with the righteous rule and reign of the LORD.

However, since a day of rest has been ordained, we must look to the Word of God to discover how long this "day" will last and when the rest or peace will come. Since God will be dealing with the Earth, rather than with mortal mankind, it will not be just a normal 24-hour day. The Earth's

day of rest will last for one thousand years.

But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that *one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day* (II Peter 3:8).

For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night (Psalm 90:4).

Isaiah spoke about the Prince of Peace Who will sit upon the throne of His father David.

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, Counsellor, 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 for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this (Isaiah 9:6,7).

Since Jesus sat upon a Throne of Humility during His earthly journey, it must be at some later time that He ascends to rule from the Throne of David.

In Revelation 19:11-15, we see Jesus Christ at the end of the tribulation period, descending out of Heaven with His Bride, who is clothed in White Linen, to rule and reign in righteousness upon the Earth.

We know they will rule and reign for a thousand years because it is during this time that fallen Lucifer will be cast, bound, into the Bottomless Pit (Revelation 20:1,2). During the time fallen Lucifer is bound, the people of this world will know the peace and rest of Christ's righteous rule. Satan and the Devil will be released at the end of the tribulation to try those who have lived in peace for one thousand years.

When eternity begins, Jesus Christ and His Bride will rule out of the New Jerusalem and King David, who will have been resurrected, will rule again upon the earthly throne in Jerusalem (Jeremiah 30:7-9; Ezekiel 37:24,25).

QUESTION: During the Millennium, will anyone be saved who was not already saved (but not overcoming) at the time of the rapture?

ANSWER: We know there will be 144,000 Jews who will be sealed at the beginning of the tribulation period (Revelation 7:2-9). However, they will not accept Jesus Christ as their personal Messiah until they see Him when He comes to the Earth again (Zechariah 12:10).

The Antichrist will war against all believers who missed the rapture and were left to go through the tribulation. He will overcome some of them (Revelation 13:7). Others will lay down their lives as martyrs, and others will be protected by God. The nations of the world that are not destroyed during the tribulation will go into the millennium. They will be forced to accept the righteous rule of the LORD Jesus Christ. However, when Satan and the Devil are loosed, each individual will have to make a personal choice as to whom they wish to serve as LORD and Master. Many will deliberately choose to follow the Devil and serve him (Revelation 20:7,8). Those who choose to serve the LORD Jesus Christ will be saved and will live on the Earth in the Perfect Age in eternity.

QUESTION: What is the Judgment Seat of Christ?

ANSWER: The Judgment Seat of Christ, referred to in First Corinthians 3:9-15, takes place in Heaven during the time the tribulation is being poured out upon the Earth. This is when the works of Christians will be judged.

The works of man proceed either out of the Will of God or out of the human will, which is Satanic in nature and full of pride. We may think we have greater spiritual stature or growth than we actually possess because our works *look* good or even spiritual. Yet, if they are done out of our own will and with the sometimes hidden motive of self-exaltation, these works will burn like wood, hay, and stubble when God's Holy Fire hits them. We will be left with only the works that were done out of the will of God.

This is why, beloved, I encourage you to let the LORD deal with your carnal will now. If you choose to spend your life working out of your carnal will, you will be poverty-stricken in eternity. But if you are wise, you will let Jesus Christ be the Ruler and Master of your works in this life. That which is done for Christ is all that is going to have eternal value.



The prom is coming up in a few months and already friends at my school are talking about it. I know we don't believe in worldly dancing, etc., but I would really like to go to the prom. This is one of the special memories of everyone in high school and I hate to miss out on such a memorable event. My parents tell me I cannot go because they don't feel it is right. They told me to write to you though and they will do whatever you say is the right thing for a "Crucified Way" Christian to do. Please help me.

Signed: Prom Bound

Dear Prom Bound:

I can tell by your letter that you really want to attend the prom. I can only tell you of my personal experience. As a child of God, I have never been comfortable among the festivities of those that are unsaved. I too was invited to the prom but I can look back on beautiful memories of being in church, shouting and praising God while others were at the prom.

I should advise you to not make your decision with anyone but the LORD. Seek His face and then obey the convictions of the Holy Spirit.

The new dress and the date, etc., would all be fine if, with wisdom, you would walk softly and not enter into the worldly activities. God Bless you May your High School memories be beautiful because you are different and live for Jesus Christ.

Signed: Aunt Bea

Dear Aunt Bea:

Are we allowed to wear birthstone rings? What rings are we allowed to wear?

Signed: Wants a Ring

Dear Wants a Ring:

Jesus is the One that guides us. I don't recommend any jewelry to be worn outside of a wedding ring. Ask Jesus to show you what He would have you to do.

Signed: Aunt Bea

Dear Aunt Bea:

What is going to happen to my dog when the rapture takes place?

Signed: Concerned

Dear Concerned:

Our Bible is the answer to all of our questions and problems. You must first realize that our God is love and He will answer our heart's desire.

All creation will praise Him. Read Psalm 149 and also the last verse of Psalm 150. When you pray tell God your desires and your concern for your dog after the rapture takes place.

Signed: Aunt Bea



**Caramel Layer
Chocolate Squares**

Ingredients

14 oz. pkg. light
caramels (approx. 50)

1/3 cp. evaporated milk

In heavy sauce pan combine caramels and milk; cook stirring constantly until caramels are melted. Set aside.

1 pkg. German Choc.
Cake mix

3/4 cp. butter - melted

1/3 cp. evaporated milk

1 cp. chopped nuts

Combine and stir these ingredients. Hand press half of dough into a greased and floured 9 x 13 inch pan. Bake at 350 degrees for six minutes.

Sprinkle chocolate chips over baked crust; pour caramel mixture over chocolate chips; crumble reserved dough over top; bake 15 to 18 minutes.

Cool slightly then refrigerate for 30 minutes only. Cut into bars.

Chocolate Cream Pie

Ingredients

- 3/4 cp. sugar
- 1/4 cp. plus two teaspoons of cornstarch
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 2 sq. chocolate
- 3 egg yolks beaten
- 3 cps. milk
- 1 1/2 tblsp. butter or margarine
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 baked 9 inch pastry shell
- 3/4 cp. whipping cream
- 1/3 cp. sifted powdered sugar

Combine sugar, cornstarch and salt in a heavy saucepan; stir well. Combine egg yolks, chocolate squares and milk; gradually stir into sugar mixture.

Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens and boils. Boil one minute. Remove from heat; stir in butter and vanilla. Immediately pour into pastry shell, cover filling with wax paper. Let cool 30 minutes then chill until firm.

Beat whipping cream until foamy; gradually add powdered sugar, beating until soft peaks form. Spread whipped cream over filling. Chill. Yields one nine inch pie.



SOME WAYS TO MAKE MONEY AFTER SCHOOL AND DURING THE SUMMER

There are different ways to make money year around. There are some good after-school jobs that you could do also, one of which is house cleaning. There are a lot of working people who don't have the time to clean. If you wanted to, you could offer window washing or cleaning blinds as a service.

Another after school job is to have a paper route. This involves delivering papers

everyday after school. It takes a lot of responsibility to hold this job. Babysitting is another choice. If you get a regular customer you are in luck.

If you are older and can fit it into your schedule you could also work at a fast-food restaurant. It is a good opportunity to see the business world.

If you have the time you could clean your garage or your attic. You could get paid from your parents and sell some of the stuff at a yard sale, earning more money there also.

There are also jobs that can only be done in certain seasons. Grass cutting and lawn service would be a good job in the summer. Many old people would like someone to help them with this chore. If you could get a group together you could wash cars at a busy street corner. This is a great way to earn money.

If in the winter your area gets a lot of snow, you could shovel walks, it would please many people if their walks were shoveled and salted. Many people would pay you good for this.

As you can see, there is a wide variety of jobs you can choose from one for everyone's personality!

A testimony.

Last July Convention, 1989, Sis. Hicks taught on how each one of us is made from the Blood of Jesus Christ. This has really helped me understand and respect each person I know. To think our body was made from Jesus Christ Himself! Knowing this, I now have the desire to pray for people who don't know Jesus Christ as their Saviour. Jesus wants each one of us to personally know Him so one day He can change our body to be exactly like His.

This has also helped me with my physical struggles. Even though I get sick and different parts of my body don't function properly, I can pray for it and respect it because it is a part of Jesus Christ.

I also realize I am a unique person, a very special person because I am made from Jesus Christ. This does not make one of us greater or better than another but we are all equal because Jesus created us from His perfect Blood.

"Happiness is found
... in being rightly related to
God and wanting more above
all, for his will, not ours to be
done."

A poem(send us
one you've written!)



by Gei Sisk
(Jeffersonville, IN)

So young and yet so full
of life,
its cares are none - it
has no strife.
Secure and free, it
slowly grows,
to tiny fingers, little
toes.

Listening to its parents
speak,
a tiny giggle begins to
leak.
He kicks his foot and
looks about,
its getting tight and he
wants out!

Yesterday a tiny seed,
today he has more wants
and needs.
He's tired now - todays
been deep,
so he turns over and
goes to sleep.

As he wakes up to his
mother's voice,
he gives a start, did
she say choice?
Certainly not! She
loves him dearly.
His ears are wrong, just
can't hear clearly.

But there again! What
had she said?
In a matter of time, he
might be dead?

Tiny dew drops flow from
his eyes,
it couldn't be true
had to be lies!
And in the silence of a
baby's cry,
could this be how so
many die?

THE NEAT CHRISTIAN

by Graeme Wright
(South Africa)

I'm a Christian
The words are so cheap,
But what gives me this
feeling in my soul,
that makes me feel so
neat?

I'm washed with the
Blood,
cleansed with the fire
Baptised in a Name that
gives me desire.

You see, I'm growing in
a stature that gives me
so much life,
And if God wills, I'm
gonna get a wife!
I'm preparing myself to
be the Bride,
Adorned like a silkworm
and getting His mind,
Changing, transformed
into a butterfly.

And when He parts that
Eastern sky,
Man oh Man, I'm gonna
fly!
So remembering my place
as dust and ashes,
Fighting the flesh who
always clashes.
The Word of God being my
Sword and Shield,
I'll chop this body of
sin until it yields.

Sixteen minds I have,
 you see,
 To be preserved
 blameless to that Man of
 Galilee.
 So ~~EEM~~ mind, you get
 into gear and recognized
 Jesus as the Heir,
 of salvation, love,
 peace and hope,
 God of all, God of ever
 He is the only Just
 Giver.

So now I think it 's time
 to close,
 Just one more thing
 While on earth a new
 song I'm learning to
 sing.
 Not in myself to boast,
 but its not by might nor
 by power,
 But by my Spirit says
 the LORD of Hosts!!!

DREAMS

by Duffy Drake McGuire
 (Jeffersonville, IN)

What would a dream be?
 Would it help you to
 see,
 what lies down the path,
 God, or the devil's
 wrath?

Or, maybe the future to
 come?
 They mean nothing to
 some.
 Maybe you see yourself
 doing wrong,
 Or, walking along
 singing a joyful song.
 Knowing that it won't be
 long till the end is
 here.

Always preying on some
 dark and horrid fear;
 then you realize it
 isn't real,
 or, is it something you
 feel.

You can hear a voice in
 your head,
 But you act like you
 didn't hear what it
 said.
 It creeps along the
 corridors of memories
 long gone.
 Still you run away like
 a frightened fawn.
 Then you wake to see
 another dawn.
 What are dreams?

**"For the Love of Money
 is the Root of all
 evil"
 I Timothy 6:10**

Saving your money should
 be as systematic as
 getting out of bed. It
 should be a priority in
 your life. You need to
 set a goal first. Set a
 date in which you need
 to have saved a certain
 amount of money. Then
 you need to have money
 to save. This means
 getting a job instead of
 sitting around waiting
 for your 25 cents weekly
 allowance.

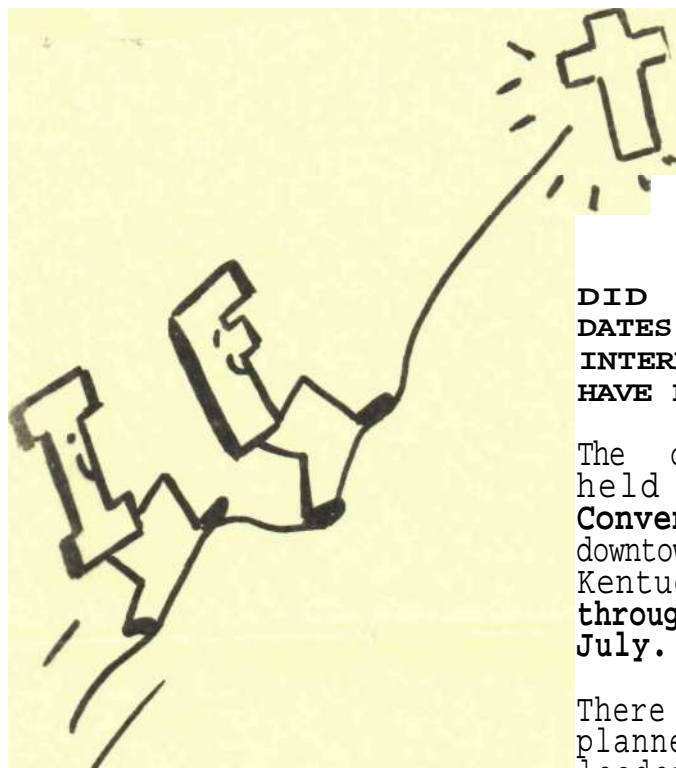
If you get a job, stick
 with it. Keep your
 commitment to the job
 and work hard at it so
 you can reach your goal.

You need to give back to
 the LORD ten percent of
 all your earnings so in
 turn He will bless you.
 Also, cut some of your
 spending amounts. A
 good example is if you
 have four 50 cent Cokes
 a week in one year you
 will have spent \$104.
 If you would cut back to
 two Cokes a week you
 would save \$52. more
 dollars.

In order to have a
 successful saving
 process you have to have
 a goal, sufficient
 earning power and the
 will power to cut down
 on impulse buying.

You can't live on love -
 love doesn't buy
 groceries!





DID YOU KNOW THAT THE DATES FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION HAVE BEEN CHANGED?

The convention will be held at the **Commonwealth Convention Center** in downtown Louisville, Kentucky **June the 26th through the first of July.**

There is a picnic being planned by the youth leaders in Jeffersonville, Indiana for the young people attending the convention on Saturday, the 30th of June. Details will be given out at convention when you sign up!

.... If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves

.... If we confess our sins, He will forgive.

.... If we say we have no need, His Word isn't in us.

Read I John 1:8, 9 & 10

Love God- And Be Happy!

ARE YOU READING YOUR BIBLE EVERYDAY? If not, you will soon starve to death!

Have you memorized the scriptures on the Seal of the Blood yet? Be sure you do!

Are you making plans to come to the Youth Convention? Don't miss an exciting convention. Rev. Hicks will be ministering!!!

Pssst! Guess what. Sis. Hicks will celebrate her birthday on August the 28th. Why don't you send her a card and tell her how much she means to you!



Please write to us. Send us a favorite recipe, a testimony, news of what your youth group is doing, etc. We love to hear from you. We would like to print news of what other young people are doing throughout the Christ Gospel Church youth groups. Let us hear from you. Just send your letter to the attention of the Newsletter Staff.