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## Greetings from Rev. Hicks

The months of November and December are busy months, for in them we celebrate two very meaningful holidays: Thanksgiving and Christmas. Unfortunately, the humanistic thinking that pervades so many facets of life today has managed to strip much of the sacredness that once was associated with these holidays.

There was a time in our history when even sinners would acknowledge that it was God Who was worthy to receive the "thanks" that was offered at Thanksgiving; even sinners knew that the little Babe Who was born in Bethlehem to the Virgin Mary was the Son of God. The emphasis now, however, is not on God or on His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. The world is more interested in the turkey on the table at Thanksgiving than they are in God, the Creator and the Maintainer of all life; they are more interested in the temporal gifts they receive at Christmas than they are in the unspeakable Gift that God gave so freely.

Young people, the fact that others around you at school are caught up in the trappings and the tinsel of these holidays does not mean that you, as a Christian, have to allow yourself to fall into the same trap. Take some special time to get alone with the LORD and offer Him true thanks from your heart for all His has done for you, both naturally and spiritually. Take time to tell Him how much you love and appreciate your salvation which has come to you through God's gift of His Son. This year, give Jesus a Christmas present; give Him your heart in a new and deeper way. God bless each of you. May you have a blessed and a holy holiday season.

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FOR UNTO US  
A CHILD IS  
BORN

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

We have spent many years in this Message learning about growing up in the stature of the Bridegroom, Jesus Christ. As you all know, Jesus' spiritual stature was revealed, in type and shadow, in the seven pieces of furniture in the Old Testament Tabernacle. God instructed Moses to arrange these seven pieces of furniture in the form of the Cross so man could see clearly the spiritual experiences that are found in Jesus Christ, the second and more perfect Tabernacle.

For the past several years we have been learning about

the Bride's stature as it is revealed in the four corners. After Israel entered into Canaan's Land and began to plant and harvest crops, God made special provision for four classes of people who had special needs. Farmers were not to harvest the corners of their fields. The four corners were to be reaped by (1) the poor, (2) the stranger, (3) the fatherless, and (4) the widow.

When we accept Jesus Christ as our Saviour, He does not annihilate our old heart; instead, He gives us a new heart, and this new baby heart must then grow to maturity by laying hold of the sevenfold experiences depicted by the seven pieces of furniture in the Mosaic Tabernacle. Once our new man or new heart is mature, God starts dealing with our old carnal heart. In order for us to know Jesus Christ in a spiritual marriage union, our old carnal man must descend in humility and begin to feed upon the seeds of truth that God has caused to grow in the four corners.

The four corners are revealed in the Christmas story. I will identify those who was in each corner so you can see how beautifully God followed the pattern that was established in the Old Testament. However, since this lesson is much too

long to study in a newsletter, we shall speak specifically of only the truth about Jesus that was found in the poor corner by Mary and Joseph. In the stranger corner were the shepherds; in the fatherless corner was Simeon; and in the widow corner was Anna, the prophetess.

**Fatherless  
(Simeon)**\_\_

**Stranger  
(Shepherds)**

**Widow  
(Anna)**

**(Poor  
(Mary and  
Joseph)**

**Now, let us focus our attention upon the portion of Scripture that deals especially with the poor corner.**

**And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehems (because he was of the house and lineage of**

**David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn (Luke 2:1-7).**

Everybody knows that lambs are not born in motels. That is why Mary's firstborn Son was not born in the inn. God, the heavenly Father, planned for His only begotten Son to be born in a stable. As the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ was born in a manger, surrounded by animals and dung. In the natural realm, firstborn lambs and most perfect lambs were set aside for sacrifice. God's holy, spotless Lamb, Jesus Christ, came into this world to be the perfect sacrifice for the sins of fallen mankind.

Many years before the Saviour was born, Micah, an Old Testament prophet, prophesied that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, a small, poor place. "But thou, Beth-lehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings

forth have been from of old, from everlasting" (Micah 5:2).

Bethlehem was a humility city in Judah; nevertheless, God said, in so many words, "I have chosen to put the Bread of Life in the poor corner called Bethlehem." The name Bethlehem means house of bread.

Bethlehem was a small, but powerful place, spiritually speaking. God's Word has much to say about Bethlehem. For example, Naomi was wealthy when she went out of Bethlehem with her husband and sons. But she was a poor person when she returned to Bethlehem, accompanied by her daughter-in-law Ruth. Ruth willingly humbled herself and went out to reap seed in the poor corners of Boaz's field. Later, because she was willing to humble herself and take the natural seed that God provided in the poor corner, she was counted worthy to marry Boaz and to carry the spiritual Seed of Promise. Thus, Ruth became one of the four Gentile women mentioned in the genealogy of Christ.

It was on the hills of Bethlehem that David, as a lowly servant boy, watched over his father's sheep; it was out in the poor corner that David was trained up to be the Ruler and King of

Israel. One time there was an enemy line that separated David from Bethlehem. David's love for Bethlehem, the place of humility, was so great that he expressed his longing for a drink of water out the well of Bethlehem. His valiant warriors risked their very lives to penetrate the enemy lines and draw a bucket of water for David to drink. Instead of gulping the water down, David said, in so many words, "That is too much of an offering for a mere man to receive. I respect life too much. I will pour it out as a drink offering unto God." Then He poured out to God the water that would have brought life to him, naturally speaking. God did not rebuke David for doing this. God wants us to pour back, in the form of our tears, prayers, praises, and adoration, the water that been given to us by Him.

Ruth found the seeds of life in the poor corner of Bethlehem. In Bethlehem, David found the seeds of truth that allowed him to become the King of Israel, and there he also found the water of life that could be poured back unto God. Young people, if you are willing to descend, spiritually speaking, to the poor corner' in Bethlehem, you, too, will discover that God has some Bread, some living seeds of truth, there

for you, and there will be some life-giving water that you can pour back unto God.

Now, we are ready to look at the swaddling clothes that were worn by the Lamb of God when He was born in the manger in Bethlehem. "And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn" (Luke 2:7). The word for swaddling clothes in the Hebrew New Testament is the same word that was used in the Book of Job to describe the swaddling bands that God used to confine the waters of the the sea (Job 38:8,9). God has a Jaw that swaddles or confines the waters of the sea; they can come up just so far and no further.

Since Mary and Joseph were very poor, Mary had to wrap the body of Jesus in swaddling clothes, simple small strips of clean cloth. According to the custom, a Jewish baby's natural legs were wrapped in swaddling bands as a demonstration of his piritual legs being wrapped up with Law, the Torah. A baby's bones are soft and moldable; the swaddling process straightened and strengthened the legs.

What a beautiful picture! God's Law will do the same

thing for our spiritual legs; it will straighten them and strengthen them so we can walk with Jesus in the way of humility and not fall.

Have you ever tried to walk in the Crucified Way and found that your spiritual legs could not walk straight for very long at a time? Sure you have; we all have fallen down, at one time or another. People tell me all the time, "I tried, and I tried; but I just keep falling down." That is the problem! We always fall down when we are trying to walk the Crucified Way in our own human strength.

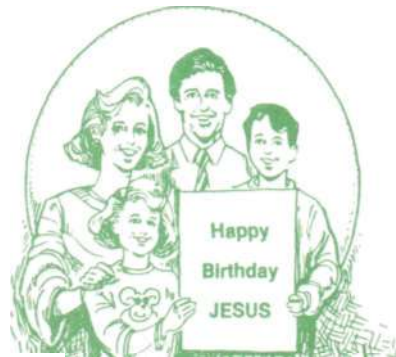
Jesus Christ came in the flesh and fulfilled every jot and tittle of the Law. When He offered His own body upon the Cross, He fulfilled the ceremonial Law. That is why we no longer have to offer the blood of bulls and goats. Then He saves us by His grace so we can keep the moral Law. Jesus bled and died so we can be saved. Then He feeds us on the Word until we grow up and can walk straight, fulfilling the righteousness of the Law.

Who will He swaddle? The rich and the famous? The high and the mighty? Those who are strutting around, bragging about how spiritual they are? No! It is the ones who are willing to descend

in humility in order to know the Lamb in the poor corner, the ones who are helpless and totally dependent on the One Who can do it. It is possible, young people, to fulfill the righteousness of the Law. All you have to do is become a babe and go to the poor manger in Bethlehem and let the Father swaddle your legs with truth that will strengthen you so you can walk in the footprints that Jesus left here for us to follow. I can tell you from experience that the journey is not too hard or too long, if your legs have been swaddled!

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**BEHOLD  
THE  
LAMB  
OF  
GOD!**



**Happy**

**Birthday**

**Lord**

**GIVE THANKS THIS**  
**THANKSGIVING**

by Pernilla Lindgren

One of America's most celebrated holidays is Thanksgiving, which means, "A giving of thanks." As American citizens, we have so much to be thankful for. Our country has schools for everyone to learn in, medical knowledge and care for diseases and sicknesses that people in other countries are dying from, plus, programs for the elderly, needy and handicapped. But we also live in a country that believes in freedom. As Christians, we are able to worship God as we please and we can stand for what we believe in without being punished.

In II Chronicles 5:13 the LORD tells us to be thankful because He is good and His mercy endureth forever. As Christians in the Crucified Way, we should be thankful in an even greater way. Our leader teaches us a message we can use in our everyday life and it is the message that is going to take us to the New City. If we compare our "church life" to other believer's "church life", we will see how much God has given us.

So, this holiday season, be thankful for the country you live in, the family God has given you, your health and, most of all, your church. Remember, out of all the billions of people in this world, God chose YOU for this message!

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**SCRIPTURE**  
**MEMORIZATION**

by Anders Lindgren

Let's all memorize this verse:

And the angel said  
unto them, Fear not:  
for, behold, I bring  
you good tidings of  
great joy, which shall  
be to all people.  
Luke 2:10

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**S p e c i a l   R e c i p e !**

**CHRISTMAS**  
**SPICE CIDER**

by Pernilla Lindgren

Ingredients

4 cps of apple cider  
or apple juice

2 to 3 sticks of  
cinnamon

or

6 teas, of orange  
flavored breakfast  
drink powder

Dash of ground  
cinnamon

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**G O O D ! !**

Heat cider over stove until it is almost boiling. For an orange taste, add the orange powder and ground cinnamon after heating. For a cinnamon taste, add cinnamon sticks while cooking and remove before serving. Pour into mugs. Makes 4-6 servings.

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**REMINDER!!!**

If you move, be sure to send us your change of address. The **Christ for Youth Newsletters** will not be forwarded!

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## GRATTITUDE

by Monica Lindgren

Three years ago Sister Hicks taught on gratitude in the July Convention. One point she made was that if we had true, sincere gratitude to our LORD, then we could make it to the New City, but without gratitude, we would not make it. Well, I began thinking about how we show the LORD we are grateful but He still wants to hear us express our gratitude to Him. Then I thought of how He blesses us through people and that by showing and expressing gratitude to others, I would become better at expressing my gratitude to my LORD.

There are different times when we fail to say thank you when we should. When someone treats you like a lady, a girl should encourage it by thanking the person. For example, when a guy opens a door or car door, pulls out your chair, takes your coat or whatever, you should always thank him. By thanking him, you let him know that you appreciate him realizing that you are a lady.

After someone takes you out, whether it be a friend, a guy, a parent, or another adult, let them know how much you appreciated it. It is easy, especially with peers, to think, "They can see I had a great time", but maybe they could not tell. Let them know that you enjoyed their company and appreciated their kindness toward you.

What about the sermon that came just in time and was exactly what you needed?! Well, why not drop the pastor a note telling them so and thanking them. I am sure they sometimes wonder if they are even getting through and they would appreciate knowing their work is not in vain. (Didn't you enjoy youth convention?)

When someone gives you a gift, a little note expressing your appreciation is most appropriate. A thank you note is also the most appropriate way to say thank you when someone has had you over for dinner or has gone out of their way to do something special for you.

Your words of appreciation may really make someone's day and give them the little boost of encouragement they needed! Practice gratitude all of the time and see what a change it makes in your life.

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Something to think about.....

Remember,

to live your life like the LORD is coming today, but plan your life, as if He is not coming in your lifetime.

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**DON'T**

**forget!**

**MAKE NOTE NOW! I**

The 19 8 9 Youth Convention will be held in Jeffersonville, Indiana August 10, 11 & 12.

Make plans now to attend!



**DON'T ^FORGET**

*Celebrate*

*Jesus!*

**A DAILY PRESCRIPTION**  
**FOR SINGLES**

by Rev. B. R. Hicks

Everyone longs to give themselves completely to someone,

to be loved thoroughly and exclusively.

But God, to a Christian says,

"No", not until you are satisfied, fulfilled and content with being loved by me,

with giving yourself totally and unreservedly to me,

to have an intensely personal relationship that I have planned for you.

You will never be united with another until

you are satisfied with me,

**EXCLUSIVE** of any other desire or longings.

I want you to stop planning, stop wishing, and allow me to give you

the most thrilling plan existing...one that you cannot imagine.

I want you to have the best!

Please allow me to bring it to you.

You just keep watching me, expecting the greatest things.

Keep listening, and learning the things I tell you.

You just wait.

That's all.

Don't worry.

Don't look around at the things others have gotten,

or that I have given them.

Don't look at the things you think you want.

You just keep looking off and away, up to me,

or you will miss what I want to show you.

And when you are ready,

I will surprise you with a love, far more wonderful

than any you dream.

You see, until you are ready...and until the one I have for you is ready....(I am working even this moment to have you both ready at the same time),

until you are both satisfied exclusively with me....

and the life I have prepared for you....

you won't be able to experience the love that exemplifies your relationship with me, and is thus the perfect love.

I want you to see in the flesh a picture of your relationship with me,

and to enjoy materially and completely the everlasting union of beauty, perfection and love that I offer you.

Know that I love you utterly.

Believe it and be satisfied.

This timely message is the only saving factor for life filled with continual false hopes, anxieties and disappointments which will certainly end in disaster, unless the above truth is heeded joyfully and with much appreciation to the LORD!

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Dear Aunt Bea....

I am 13 years old. I am having trouble finding a girl in the message for a girlfriend. I want to know if it is alright to date another Pentecostal girl.  
Signed: Confused

Dear Confused:

Thirteen is not too young to seek God for His will for your future companion but it is too young to date. God has set rules that please Him, and if you are mature spiritually it is alright to date at 16. Make friends among your Christian circle and have a good time.

Signed: Aunt Bea

Dear Aunt Bea:

I was raised in the Crucified Way and my Mm taught me all about the standards we were suppose to uphold (not cut our hair, wear dresses, etc.). But about a year ago my Mm got remarried and when she did, she backslid.

The man Mm married is very good to me but he is not a Christian. And now my Mm wants me to do some of the things that she has raised me not to do. How can I honor her when I know what she wants me to do is wrong? I want to obey the Ten Commandments but I also want to uphold the standards I was brought up to believe. How can I do both? And isn't it wrong to even trim the ends of my hair?  
Signed: Bothered

Dear Bothered:

Hebrews 11:6 tells us that our God is a Rewarder of those that diligently and sincerely seek Him. God sees your heart and knows where your motive is to please Him. Keep a sweet attitude and pray for your Mm. Fall in love with reading your Bible and be faithful to God's house every chance you get. God will honor you and make a way for you to do His will.

In answer to your question on trimming your hair; trimming is cutting. Let your heart want to please your Heavenly Bridegroom.  
Signed: Aunt Bea

Dear Aunt Bea:

I have heard that Jesus also had a vow not to cut his hair. Does that mean that in the natural His hair went below His waist? About how long was it?  
Signed: Wondering

Dear Wondering:

As to my knowledge the scripture does not tell the length of Jesus' hair, although He was seen in visions at different times by the saints of God down through time.  
Signed: Aunt Bea

Dear Aunt Bea:

Can young people get the witness of the Holy Ghost?  
Signed: Needs Help

Dear Needs Help:

Yes, the witness of the Holy Ghost is available to all those that walk in the Crucified Way. Talk to your pastor and he will give you the necessary forms.  
Signed: Aunt Bea

Dear Aunt Bea:

One of my best friend's boyfriends has started talking to me a lot. A few weeks ago he told me he wanted to break up with my friend and start seeing me. I was shocked and told him it was out of the question. He still bugs me about it and I am afraid my friend will find out about it. What should I do?  
Signed: Someone in Trouble

Dear Someone in Trouble:

If you are interested, tell him he will have to break off with the other relationship first. Let him break the news to your friend and then talk openly yourself. It was his choice, not yours.  
Signed: Aunt Bea

Dear Aunt Bea:

I would like to know, what does it matter if the boys you date are in the Crucified Way, because if you really care for them, it shouldn't really matter what they do because it is their life and we cannot live it for them.

Signed: Uncertain

Dear Uncertain:

It makes all the difference in the world! Jesus said, "what fellowship has light with darkness." He also said for us not to be unequally yoked. How much better to run on for God together and have a beautiful union both spiritually and naturally, rather than discord and disagreement.

Signed: Aunt Bea

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Also....PLEASE send us some news. Let us know what your church youth group is doing. What plans do you have for 19 8 9? LET US HEAR FROM YOU!

**TIME FOR HIM**

"A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; Proverbs 1:5

Begin the new year by having regular study habits. Follow this guideline to start with to get off on the right track!

**First Week:**

Thought for the week:

**"I have needs."**

Read: Psalm 37:4-5  
Matthew 5:6  
Psalm 34:18-19  
Psalm 62:8

**Second Week:**

Thought for the week:

**"God loves me."**

Read: I Peter 5:7  
John 3:16-17  
Deut. 33:27  
I John 3:16

**Third Week:**

Thought for the week:

**"Should I give gifts?"**

Read: Eph. 4:32  
Luke 6:38  
Genesis 4:9  
Proverbs 3:27

**Fourth Week:**

Thought for the week:

**"The answer to life."**

Read: John 7:37  
John 8:32  
John 10:10  
John 11:25  
John 1:21

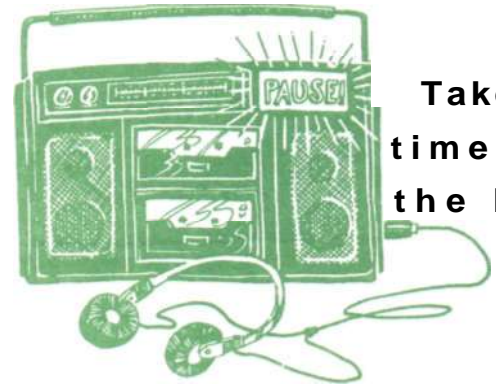
**Fifth Week:**

Thought for the week:

**"Gratitude"**

Read: Psalm 92:1  
Psalm 95:2  
Psalm 100:4  
Psalm 107:8-9

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**Take time for the Lord**



## A CHRISTMAS WORD GAME

by Anders Lindgren

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Turn the page for the words.



Find these words and circle them:

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STABLE

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MARY

MANGER

ANGEL

LAMB

SHEEP

HAY

BETHLEHEM

KING

SONG

GLORY

BABY

INCENSE

MERRY CHRISTMAS &  
HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM  
THE NEWSLETTER STAFF!

*Merry Christmas  
Mamca Lindgren  
Per B. Wick  
Happy New Year!  
Greta Lindgren*

*Season's  
Greetings*

*Anders Lindgren*

*Happy Holidays!  
Perilla Lindgren*

*Best wishes!  
Wick Lindgren*



**CHRIST IS BORN TODAY!**

