

Issue 15 Christ For Youth Newsletter

ISSUE XV

Greetings from Reverend Hicks,

Here it is almost time for Christmas again! Oh, I realize that Christmas has been commercialized by the world, and I know, too, that December 25 is not the actual date of Jesus' birth. Nevertheless, the Christmas season still is a wonderful time for Christians because it gives us another opportunity to thank God the Father for giving to us the Gift of all gifts, His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. It also gives us a chance to learn more about this holy Gift that God wrapped up in a tiny package, as it were, of human flesh.

Most of you have grown up, young people, hearing either me or your local pastor talk about lifting up the Name of the LORD Jesus Christ. Have you ever wondered why so much emphasis is put upon the Name? This Christmas season is a good time, I feel, for you to learn something more about God's Name, and particularly about the Name of Jesus.

From the Desk of Rev. B. R. Hicks

God has always revealed Himself through His Name. A name signifies nature, character, and authority. There is just one true God, but God uses different names to denote different positions of His power and authority in His nature and character. In the Old Testament dispensation, for example, God was known by three primary names, as well as many compound names or combinations of the three primary names.

The Name God is the first name used in the Bible. It comes from the Hebrew word Elohim and is a uniplural noun that means the Strong One. The final "m" in the word Elohim expresses the plurality of the noun. Although it is a plural noun, it carries a singular verb. We see, then, that God is plural, and yet within that plurality there is unity. The Name God or Elohim has to do with His creating power. "In the beginning God [Elohim] created the heaven and the earth" (Genesis 1:1).

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The Name LORD, spelled with all capital letters, refers to the Hebrew tetragrammaton Name JHVH to which translators have added the vowels to spell the Name JeHoVaH. LORD or Jehovah means the Self-existent One Who reveals Himself. Through the Name LORD, God showed forth His nature and power to reveal Himself to man.

The third primary name used in the Old Testament was the Name Lord, spelled with capital and lower case letters. This name comes from the Hebrew word Adonai, which means Master, Husband. God used the Name Lord (Adonai) to identify His possessing nature and power.

When it was time for His only begotten Son to be manifested to the world, God revealed four Names by which His Son would be known so that people could understand about the Son's nature, character, and power. Although we will not study about all four Names at this time, let me just mention them briefly and tell you who revealed each Name.

Before the Son was born, the Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and Joseph—on different occasions—and revealed that the Saviour's Name would be "Jesus."

The Holy Ghost revealed the Name "Lord" (Adonai) to Elisabeth, to Mary, and to the shepherds.

The Holy Ghost also revealed to Mary that the Saviour's Name was "God."

Then when the Child Jesus was born in the manger, the Angel Gabriel appeared to the shepherds to reveal that "Christ" the promised Messiah had been born.

Now, we are ready to see when the Name of Jesus was first revealed to Mary.

King David carried both the humanity seed and the divine seed of the promised Redeemer. Since Mary was a descendant of David, through his son Nathan, she knew that a Saviour was coming. However, she did not know what His Name would be until the Angel Gabriel appeared to her one day.

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. . . . And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God (Luke 1:26-31,35).

The Name Jesus is of Hebrew origin and means Jehovah-saved. Thus, in the Name of Jesus we see the saving power of His humility nature.

Notice Mary's reaction to Gabriel's words. ". . . Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word" (Luke 1:38). Remember that this was back before the time of what is now called the "new morality" which allows women and men alike to flaunt their immorality. (You know, of course, that the "new morality" is neither new nor moral; it is the old immorality, which calls the judgment of God down upon the sinners.)

In Bible days, a woman who was found to be with child before marriage was liable under the law to be stoned; if she happened to be the daughter of a priest, she could be burned with fire. Although Mary faced certain shame and possible death, she let neither suffering keep her from accepting God's will for her life. Her humility toward God was very evident in that she was willing to take whatever pain was necessary to be the mother of Jesus.

If Mary had been a proud person, then when she received the glorious promise of bearing the Son of God, she might have gone directly to Jerusalem where the throne of exaltation was; she might have gone to the temple and said, "Look who I am. I've been called to be the mother of the promised Messiah." Instead, according to Scripture, Mary arose and went in haste into the hill country of Judah (Luke 1:39).

Careful study of the Bible shows that Hebron is called the hill country of Judah. It is interesting to note that Hebron was the burial place of the patriarchs to whom the Seed of Promise had been given. Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, and Jacob and Leah were all buried in the cave of Machpelah, located in the hills of Hebron.

Did you ever wonder why God chose for Mary to go to Hebron, to the hill country, to the very place where these six people had died with the promised Seed of the Saviour? The answer is beautiful, young people. It is a principle you need to remember. In the very place where the Seed of Promise had been given (in Hebron), and in the very place where death has been accomplished, that is the very place where the quickened life of the Word was manifested! God chose to quicken the Seed of Promise in Mary, in the place where death had reigned in Hebron through Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, and Jacob and Leah.

And Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Juda; And entered into the house of Zacharias, and saluted Elisabeth. And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost: (Luke 1:39-41).

This salutation was unique; there has never been one like it before or since because that is when the Holy Ghost overshadowed Mary. That is when the two supernatural Seeds, the Word of Promise and the Word of Fulfillment, came together in Mary's loins, and the conception of the bodily stature of Jesus Christ occurred.

The principle of this Truth works in our life today. When we first give our heart to Jesus Christ, we receive a promise that we can become like Him. "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:" (John 1:12). When we receive the precious Blood of Jesus Christ and

the Holy Fire and the Waters of His Name, Death, and Life, we are promised that we can grow to become a mature son of God.

If we cling to the seeds of promise that will lead us down into the death of the LORD Jesus Christ daily, He will bring us **up** again with the living, resurrected Word that will begin to manifest itself in the increase of our spiritual stature within us. Thus, in the place of Jesus' death is where new life is manifested.

Consequently, every time we lay hold of a new promise out of God's Word, we should humble ourself and run with haste to the "hills" of our prayer closet and allow it to work new separation and death. Then in that very place, the Holy Ghost will overshadow and quicken the Word. This is the only way that the living Word can ever be brought to birth in our heart and life.

The second person to receive the revelation of the Name of JESUS was Joseph, Mary's espoused husband.

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily (Matthew 1:18,19)

Joseph knew about the Seed of Promise given to Abraham, but he did not know that his espoused wife was going to be the mother of that supernatural Child. As far as he knew, naturally speaking, Mary was a fornicator, pregnant with an illegitimate baby. Although this brought reproach to Joseph, he humbled his own heart in the matter and purposed to put Mary away as quietly as possible. While Joseph thought on these things, the Angel Gabriel came to reveal the Name of Jesus to him.

But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins (Matthew 1:20,21).

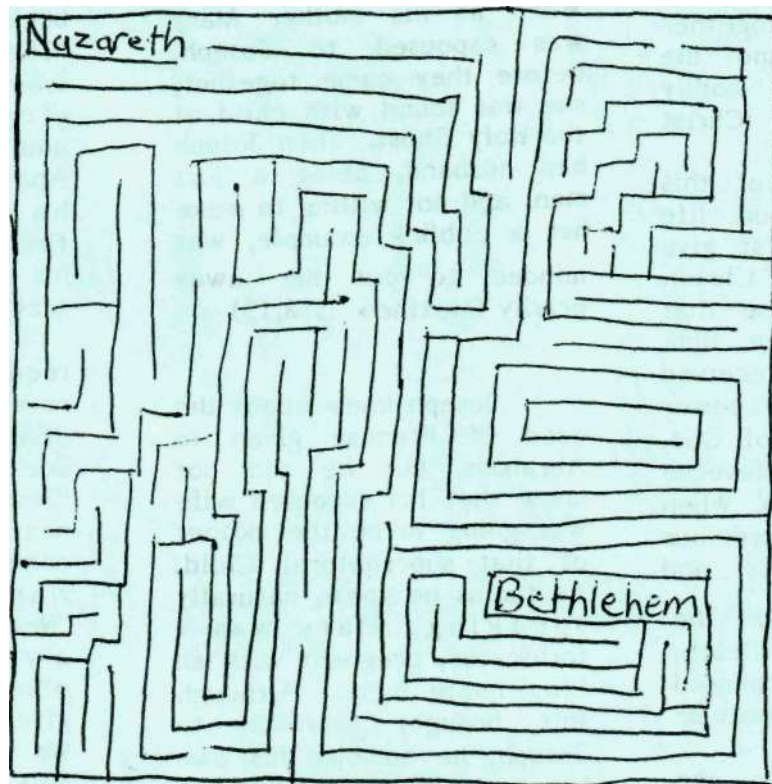
Humility is what put Joseph in the place to receive a revelation of the Name of Jesus. We know that he accepted this revelation, humbled himself, and took Mary as his wife because the Scripture says, "Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son; and he called his name JESUS" (Matthew 1:24,25).

So what is the requisite for receiving a revelation of the Name of JESUS? It is humility! God does not reveal the Name "Jesus" to a proud, haughty heart. Salvation from sin comes only through the Name of Jesus Christ. "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). "Jesus" is the humanity Name of God's Son; thus, it is also the Saviour's humility Name.

Salvation is both instantaneous and progressive. Our initial experience of salvation is instantaneous. It occurred when we first humbled our heart, bowed our knees, and asked Jesus to save us. The progressive experience of salvation occurs daily as we are willing to accept the shame and reproach of the

Name, as Mary did and as Joseph did, and let Jesus save us from our unChrist-like attitudes and dispositions.

Can you help Joseph and Mary find their way to Bethlehem?



MEMORIZE THE WORD!

"I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Acts 20:35

Christmas is a very special holiday and people all over the world look forward to this special time of the year, filled with lots of love, laughter and time to get together with the family. But for many, Christmas is just another day of the year. They have no one who cares enough to show them what Christmas is really about. These people are everywhere: in nursing homes, jails, hospitals, orphanages, institutions, etc., and as Christians it is our job to take Jesus to them and no other time could be better. Many of these people have no families to come visit them, just to talk with them and say, "Merry Christmas." Sometimes we forget that Christmas is not for what we can get, but rather, what we can give. Here are some ideas that hopefully you can use to bring some cheer into somebody's life not only this Christmas Season but throughout the year:

- 2. Organize a canned goods donation center. After collecting the canned goods, make Christmas baskets and give to those in need of a special Christmas dinner, treat or meal.

(The Jeffersonville Jacob's Warrior Prayer Group started bringing in canned goods each week starting the first of October and the week before Christmas all of the canned goods were delivered - over 500 cans - to The Center for Lay Ministries in Jeffersonville. This is an organization that helps people in need.)

- 3. Get people to donate some of their special holiday cookies and bag them up to give to the elderly or to those in the hospital.
- 4. Ask for donations of nice, warm clothes or good, unused toys, which you can wrap and deliver to those who otherwise wouldn't get anything for Christmas.

Remember those less fortunate than you all through the year, not just for the holidays. This is an excellent way to put your moral development to practice!

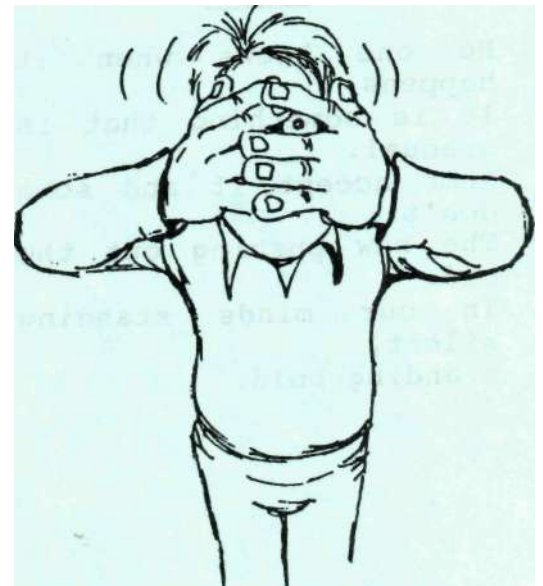
- 1. Get a group of young people and go caroling to some of these places.

If you will write the Word in your heart, you can "read" it in your mind wherever you are!

Let's all memorize this scripture. Put it on a 3 x 5 index card and carry it with you. After you've memorized this one you can put another scripture on a 3 x 5 card and memorize it. You will then have a set of your own "flash cards" to use for refreshing your memory, family altar, etc.

"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint now."
Gal. 6:9

We had hoped that this issue of the Christ For Youth Newsletter could be mailed to you and in your hands before Christmas but we've been so busy here in Jeffersonville and some of us have also been sick with the flu, so we couldn't get it finished in time!



LOVE

Is something sent from Heaven above,
and is given by the One on High.

If it's true, it will never die.

Though times you go through pain and doubt,
love is there, it will find you out.

Hard times and trials will always be,
love is there, it will set you free.

Love will wait for it's own.

It will grow until finally grown.

And when it reaches maturity,
It will blossom and be clean and free.

Hate is sin and fear is pain.

Love is there, it won't retain.

So show your love to whom you call.
they will show it back and love you will share.

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CHANGE

No one knows when it happens.

It is something that is gradual.

Some accept it and some don't.

The new pushing out the old.

In our minds standing silent,
standing bold.

People taking it in stride.

The world thinking they are justified.

To start in a neolithic age,

and growing in stature in the science age.

Only to destroy what we had,

completing the cycle, only a few lasting,
living by survival.

Soon we shall see, the world fresh in misery.

Over what they had failed to see,

That God is the only key.

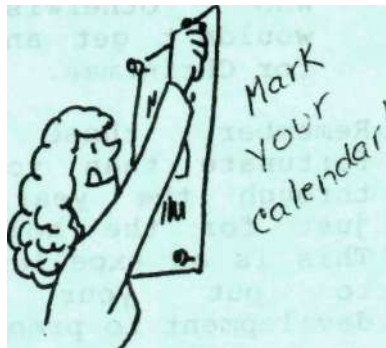
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ATTENTION!!!

Make plans now to attend the 1990 Youth Convention.

The convention will be held in the new church building here in Jeffersonville, Indiana

August the 9th, 10th and 11th. **DON'T MISS IT!!!**



A TESTIMONY.....

(Send us your testimony so we can share it in a future issue of the **Christ For Youth Newsletter.**)

First, giving honor to God and the LORD Jesus Christ, and then to my leaders, Sister Hicks and Brother and Sister Brooks, Brother and Sister McKay, Brother and Sister Hill and my pastors, Brother and Sister Ken Matthews. I thank God for this newsletter because at first I did not have anyone to write to or to tell my testimony to. I thank God for letting me live one more day to lift up His Name.

Well, I do not know where to start. It all began when I was five years old. I went to River Falls Christian Academy in Dallas, under Brother and Sister McKay. I was the most rebellious little devil there was. I was sent to the office every day, day after day. Brother McKay would paddle me and call my mother. One day Brother and Sister McKay had my mother and father and me in the office and he told them that I could not go there anymore. I was too much!

The one thing that stood out to me was when He said I was a leader and whatever I did the kids would do too, but I still went on being rebellious and hating everybody, mainly whites. Why, I really don't know because I was with them more than my own color.

Through the years, as I grew up, it got worse. I would fight anybody and everybody for no reason at all. If someone would look at me wrong I would jump all over that person. I was kicked out of schools, put on home bonds lots of times, etc. I started smoking and stealing when I was in the fifth grade. As I grew up I started going with a lot of guys that were older than me. Like, I was twelve and they were seventeen. They would ask me to do things that I knew I should not do, but I did them anyway just to get back at my mother because she had told me never to do the things I did.

As the years went on, I kind of stopped all of the running around that I did and tried to get back in church. I was raised in the Crucified Way ever since I was two years old. I tried to

stay with it, but it only lasted two or three weeks and I was back out again. It really got bad my second time in the seventh grade. I started smoking again, but worse, I was smoking three packs a day. I got in with the wrong group of kids and got caught smoking and my mother was called. This was the first she had known about me smoking. When I got home I got a whipping and, on top of that, I had to smoke a whole pack of cigarettes.

Once I got into the eighth grade something happened and everybody noticed it. It never would have come about if Brother and Sister Earl Lowrey had not been Pastoring here. I thank God for sending them my way. Brother Lowrey told me like it was. He said if I didn't get my life right with God, he was going to be preaching my funeral or coming to see me in the hospital with my face all burned up or something would happen to me. That really opened my eyes and made me want to run on like I never have before.

That has been two years ago now and I am still holding on. I am not saying I don't have my ups and downs, but I am seventeen now and still running on.

My prayer life is not where it should be but it is far from where it was six years ago. I told God if He has to take all my dear friends from me, do it, but don't let me miss the Bride. Nobody or nothing is going to stop me from making it. People have told me for years that I was a leader, but I ran away from it, or I tried to. But I told God that if He wants me, take me and use me as He wants. There is a song that I love so much because it is true to me. It goes, "They said I wouldn't make it, they said I wouldn't be here today. They said I would never amount to anything but I am glad to say, I am still holding on to this thing!"

I love you and thank God for a way like this to crucify our flesh and our will. I love it!!!"

Y.C.
Dallas, Texas



No problem is too great or small for Jesus. Take them all to Him.

**TRY THIS TASTY
RECIPE!**

Chocolate Caramel

Ingredients

- 2/3 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup corn syrup
- 1/3 cup butter
- 2 tblsp. cocoa

Mix all ingredients together. Boil for 20 minutes. Test to see if they are ready by putting a few drops of the batter into a cup of cold water. If you can shape into a ball, it is ready. Pour onto cookie sheet. Cool - cut into pieces and wrap in wax paper.

And here's another recipe all the way from James Pym in Pretoria, South Africa. James writes, "I have really enjoyed the newsletters and I appreciate the hard work you are doing. I have a recipe that is very delicious which my mother gave me. It's almost impossible to make a flop and is also very quick to prepare - (ten minutes)."

Date Squares

Ingredients

- 1 packet Marie biscuits broken up
- 6 oz. butter or margarine
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 cup of dates - cut up
- coconut

The Marie biscuits should be broken up into small pieces. Place the butter or margarine, the sugar and the cup of dates in a saucepan and bring to a boil. Pour this over the broken biscuits which have been placed in a large mixing bowl. Stir well so that all the ingredients are mixed.

Press the mixture into a swiss roll tin (or flat tin) and smooth it with the back of a spoon. Sprinkle liberally with coconut. Leave in the refrigerator to set. Cut into squares for serving. (Try it out first and change it if you don't think it is sweet enough.

**Here is another
testimony.....**

"I thank God for all the ones who make this newsletter possible. I also thank God for giving Rev. Hicks the strength and time to share His Word with the youth. The Word is so true and really helps me when I need it most.

At the past youth camp I was really blessed by God's Word through Rev. Burnie Sanders. He taught us how to keep spirits off our spirit. I finally realized what was getting me down.

I love and appreciate your Word and teachings. Thank you and keep up the great work. God bless you all."

J. N.
Millersville, MO



"And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world." John 12:47

Watch the date that appears underneath your name and address on the label of the envelope your newsletter comes in. That is when your subscription will expire. Don't miss an issue! Send us your renewal in time!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN
LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA

S. J.

Hi! First of all I would like to say thank you for all the people that put this newsletter together for us.

Just recently we had the privilege of having Brother Paul Hanssen from the Faroe Islands. We had a powerful revival. Brother Paul preached about how sometimes we deliberately step outside of the circle of Jesus' Blood and how when we go back and forth to the feet of Jesus and ask Him to forgive us over the same things, sooner or later we don't feel as clean as we did before. That's because God is getting tired of us not changing. We are trying to change ourselves instead of asking Jesus to help us change. If we would just wait on Him things would turn out a whole lot better. That was powerful!

In our Jacob Warrior meeting we have been watching the videos of the Jeffersonville youth services. We are going to have our first service on November 19 - isn't that exciting?

Well, in parting, I would like to say that I love my leader, Sister Hicks, and my pastors, Brother Robert and Sister Betty Hunt. They are the greatest!!!

God bless,
S.J.
Lafayette, LA

Let us hear what your youth group is doing. It would be nice if all of the Christ Gospel Churches would send us a report bi-monthly to let us know what the youth groups are doing. Bless everyone with your news!

If you would enjoy having a pen-pal, please write and let us know. We only match girls with girls and boys with boys and we try to keep everyone in the same age bracket. Right now we have some people wanting pen-pals but we have no one to match them to.

Please let us know if you enjoy writing letters and would enjoy being assigned a pen-pal.

1990 Convention Dates

Mark your calendars with these dates for 1990:

Ministerial Convention
Feb. 27 - Mar. 2

International
Convention
July 3 - July 8

Youth Convention
August 9, 10 & 11

Sunday School
Convention
Oct. 16, 17, 18 & 19

Jeffersonville, Ind.
Christmas Program
Dec. 14

PRAYER REQUEST

Please ask your youth group to be praying for Rev. Delbert Brooks and Rev. Robert Hunt while they are in India. They will be leaving the United States on the 13th of January and will be traveling in India until they return home on the 10th of February. Please remember them with special prayer and fasting.

DECEMBER

GUESS WHAT
I GOT FOR
CHRISTMAS!

I CAN'T
IMAGINE!

