

Christians should become more like Christ

By DOREEN PALMER

Have you ever known a boy who is so very much like his father that you say, "that man will never die as long as this boy is alive!"

There is a parallel to this in the spiritual world. Jesus Christ didn't really die, because He left behind His Spirit to live in all those who will allow Him (1). He is always standing at the door of hearts desiring entrance to change lives. We cannot change our own lives, but we can choose to allow Him entrance to change us.

The God of Judaism is the God of the Christian, but with one difference. Because God came on earth to live among us in fleshly form as a Son, and die for our sins in place of the Judaic lambs and goats, the same power which opened His grave provides a supernatural born-again experience to those who desire it.

We are here to carry on the work Jesus began. We are to help feed the hungry and care for the sick and dying, yet we do not end there. He will give us the power to heal the sick, cast out demons, and perform miracles (2). This power flows through those who grow close to Him through prayer and fasting. It is God's power which Christians call

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upon, not the evil power of the occult.

The Lord and God we serve is the same God who created the universe by His own Word (3) and is the same God who performed the mighty deeds recorded in the Bible. Paul devotes the entire 11th chapter of Hebrews to give examples of how, through faith, the men and women of old were part of these miracles.

Abraham had enough faith to leave his homeland and go to a new land because God told him to go. His descendants became "as the sand which is by the seashore". His grandson's name 'Jacob' was changed to 'Israel' whose lineage is today's nation of Israel. Jacob's son, Joseph, was sold to Egypt by his brothers as a slave yet, because Joseph remained faithful to God, his descendants were freed from slavery. Moses led the Israelites across the desert to their homeland, and for

40 years they were fed with manna each morning, and given water from a rock. It was only because of their rebellion against God that the journey took so long, yet they learned their lesson and eventually arrived home.

The narrative tells of others "who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead to life again, and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might ob-

tain a better resurrection. And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword, they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins being destitute, afflicted, tormented. Of whom the world was not worthy, they wandered in deserts and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth" (4).

Christians may again be asked to give up their lives, yet we know that "the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church" as was proven during the 200 years after Jesus' death. Nero tried to kill off the Christians,

but their singing hymns and obvious joy while being burned alive and thrown to lions before large crowds only won the entire Roman empire to Christianity!

Jesus promised He would remain with His followers to the end of the world (5). As we become more like Him, others will recognize that He will never die because He is alive within those who bear His name.

KJV - Jn 17:23; Mk 16:17-18; Jn 1:1-3; Heb 11:33-38; Mt 28:20

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Cancer Info service

Information about cancer is as close as your phone. Call the Cancer Information Service - your confidential link to cancer information. Toll free 1-800-263-6750.

Living with cancer

The Cancer Society will hold group discussions to provide emotional support and practical guidance to patients, families and friends. The groups are sponsored

by the Canadian Cancer Society and led by nurses. They will be held at St. Paul's United Church, 123 Main St., Milton, every second Thursday from 7.30-9 p.m. The next meeting date is Feb. 23.

Valentine tea

A Valentine tea, bake sale and used book sale will be held Saturday, Feb. 11, 1-4 p.m. at the Norval United Church. The event is sponsored by the Sunday School.



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177 Maple Ave. - 877-6665

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9:45 A.M. - Family Bible Study
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Rev. Richard Ruggie, MA, B.Th. 877-3404

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10:30 a.m.

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Time: 11:15 a.m.

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During Church

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Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday
Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.
877-9816

Christian Reformed Church

Trafalgar Rd.

SUNDAY 10:00 A.M. & 4:30 P.M.

Pastors: Rev. J. De Jong
Rev. B. Siofstra

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7:30 A.M. Hamilton CHAM 1280
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9:00 P.M. Guelph CJOY 1460
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5:00 A.M. Global TV Ch. 6-22

Ladies Coffee Break Tues. 9:15 a.m.



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10 a.m.

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- Sunday School 9:45 a.m. for all ages
- Morning Worship 11 a.m.
- Gospel Service 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

- Junior Soldier Classes 6 p.m.
- Prayer & Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

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7:30 p.m.
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102 Mountainview Rd. S.

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MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT SEMINAR

Dates: Feb. 17-19
Times: Fri. Evening 7:30-9:30
Sat. Morning 9:00-12:00
Sat. Afternoon 1:30-4:30
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\$38 per couple - \$23 per single
Please call the church to be a part of this seminar.

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Sunday - 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Church School & Nursery
Wednesday - 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Len Tuitman and Staff present Green Thumb Gardening

Rose of Sharon (*Hibiscus syriacus*)

The Rose of Sharon is a flowering shrub that is worthy of increased use in the landscape. Its spectacular flowers, attractive foliage, size and hardiness are all desirable characteristics. From August to September when few other shrubs are in flower, the Rose of Sharon produces abundant trumpet-shaped flowers up to 4 inches in diameter. It is widely available in single (5 petals) or double (many petals) varieties in shades ranging from white to red and purple with contrasting throat colors. Pruning should be done in the spring, since the flowers are borne on the current season's growth.

The leaves of the Rose of Sharon appear late in the spring compared to most other shrubs. However, once started they quickly develop into glossy leaves that are very similar to the houseplant hibiscus leaves. The medium-green colored leaves change to mute yellow tones in the fall.

Its abundant leaves and exotic flowers lend a tropical flavor to this shrub, but it is hardy to zone 5. Its slender, upright branching system makes it well-suited for use in mixed shrub gardens, informal hedges and specimen planting. At maturity it attains a height of 8 to 12 feet tall.

Its culture poses no special difficulties, in fact, it is adaptable to most conditions. It transplants readily when young into well-drained soil that has been amended with organic matter (peat moss, compost, etc.) It can be planted in partial shade or sun however, it flowers more profusely in a sunny location.

Each week Len Tuitman and staff of Tuitman's Garden Centre and Landscaping, Highway 25, 1 mile south of Acton, 853-2480, will be presenting helpful tips and information to assist you in creating your garden showplace!