

Religion

The family of God has eternal riches

By DOREEN PALMER

The family of God, the body of Christians, did not exist until after Jesus' death. It couldn't. Not until Jesus lived as a Son who called God his Father, and not until He sent His own Spirit to be birthed inside of us could we, too, become sons of God!

It was the divine Sperm of the Holy Spirit which impregnated Mary's womb, not the sperm of Joseph. It is the same Holy Spirit which impregnates a human heart to begin spiritual life within that heart. Only when we ask our heavenly Father to implant His Spirit within us can we be born into the family of God!

Earthly fathers care for their children. Our Father in heaven also takes good care of His own children, those who belong to His family. Throughout the Bible, this loving care of a Father is evident. Just as Abraham was "the father of many nations," (1) our heavenly Father is also the Father

of many nations and peoples throughout the world today. The family of God has grown very large.

It is this special loving care of our Father and of Jesus, our elder Brother (2) which brings us comfort in our sorrows, and guidance through difficult circumstances. Our god goes before us into our future (3), and behind us to deal with our past. (4) He is at our left hand. (5) He is at our right hand. (6) He dwells inside us. (7) He is above us. (8) He is underneath us. (9)

When Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life," (10) He is confirming the triune nature of God. The Father gave us the law at Mt. Sinai to point the way to salvation (11), Jesus is the truth by which we can attain it, and His Spirit is the life which births it into us!

Because we are surrounded by such a loving family, we, like the

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Psalmist, can say, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be removed and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea." (12) As a child trusts his father, we too can trust

our Father in heaven through both life and death.

Our Father is a holy Father. Because He is not of this world but of the world of the spirit, He is set apart and is beyond human reasoning. 'Heaven' is not a physical place like earth, but a place of the spirit. Our Father lives in heaven, and His name is hallowed as our Lord's Prayer says.

Do you belong to this heavenly family?

To belong to God's family means we inherit the family riches. Our inheritance provides for everything we will ever need

in this world and the next.

We trust everyone who reads this column will ask his or her heavenly Father to give him birth into this loving family, one which will never fall apart!

KJV - Gen 17:4; Rom 8:29; Jn 10:4; Ps 139:5; S or Sol 2:6; Acts 2:25; Eph 3:19; 4:6; Deut 33:27; Jn 14:6; Ex 20:1-17; Ps 46:1-2

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Toastmasters' speech contest in the Glen

The local Toastmasters Eighth Annual Canada Day Speech Contest is to be held at the Halton Hills Toastmasters Club on Monday, March 12, at the Glen Williams Town Hall.

The contest is open to all permanent residents of Canada age 17 and older. It provides an opportunity to think and speak about Canada's rich heritage and to express national pride and aspirations for the future.

The winner will represent Halton Hills at the area level and if successful there will advance through a series of elimination rounds which will lead to an invitation to go to Ottawa on July 1 to deliver their speech and receive an award as part of Canada Day festivities on Parliament Hill.

To enter the contest or for further information contact Roger 877-6709, Georgetown or Brian 853-1993, Acton.

Toastmasters International is a worldwide non-profit organization dedicated to improving public speaking and leadership skills of its members and the public. In Canada, there are approximately 600 clubs coast to coast with more than 10,000 members.

Old hearing aids wanted

The Association of Hearing Instrument Practitioners of Ontario (A.H.I.P.) has begun a campaign which they hope will result in the collection of thousands of used hearing aids to be exported to less fortunate countries. The hearing aids are desperately needed for international distribution among the poor.

Through the Canadian International Hearing Services (C.I.H.S.), all collected hearing aids will be evaluated, repaired when necessary or sold for replacement parts. A team of volunteer professionals from C.I.H.S. visit countries chosen to be recipients and provide hearing aid services, counselling and training to local personnel.

The public is asked to go through dresser drawers and forward any hearing aids currently not in use of any make or model, any condition. Donated hearing aids may be sent to: A.H.I.P., 55 Mary St., Lindsay, Ontario K9V 5Z6, or check the yellow pages under "Hearing Aids" for A.H.I.P. members in your community.

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