

Religion

Jesus' last will left us a rich inheritance

When a person dies, he usually leaves a will. This is an explicit direction to a trustworthy friend as to the distribution of his estate. In this way, the wishes of the deceased are carried out. The document is signed, sealed, and witnessed by another person.

Before Jesus died, He also left a will. In it, He promised a "Com-

forter" ... a Spirit of Truth" (1), a "Counsellor" (2), to anyone who wished to receive the bequest. Jesus knew, however, that not everyone would want it (3).

The Spirit Jesus promised to His followers was His own Spirit, the Spirit which burst open His grave that first Easter morning and has penetrated the hearts of

men and women throughout the world ever since. Jesus told His followers to wait in an Upper Room in Jerusalem until they received their promised inheritance (4).

On the anniversary of the ancient Jewish Feast of Pentecost, Jesus' will was carried out when the Holy Spirit fell on His followers (5). That day the Christian church began!

Isaiah had predicted hundreds of years prior to Jesus' birth that a baby would be born and His name would be "Counsellor, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace" (6). This verse explains that this Counsellor would be God Himself - the Messiah who would bring peace to the earth when He returns. How exciting that Jesus Christ is God, and also the Counsellor or Holy Spirit who now lives within the hearts of believers (7).

Those who have accepted Jesus' Spirit are able to discern truth from error because He is a 'Spirit of Truth'. The churches who are changing their doctrines to "suit their itching ears" (8) do not understand spiritual birth. Only this Holy Spirit left by Jesus can change a life. Jesus said, "You must all be born anew from above" (9). It is this great indwelling of the Godhead which is Jesus' inheritance to those who love Him.

Jesus knocks on the door of every heart, hoping to be invited in (10). To those who do invite Him in, He has also made another provision in His Last Will and Testament. He gave His power of

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attorney to use His Name to "drive out demons... speak in new languages... lay their hands on the sick and they will get well" (11). With God's 'new languages', a special prayer language, we can pray the perfect prayers (12).

We can receive our inheritance of life eternal, His comforting presence in this life, His power of attorney to deal with sickness and evil and to do the works which He did - IF WE ASK (13)!

Jesus' will is 'signed' by Him in the Lamb's Book of Life (14), 'sealed' by His blood (15), and

'witnessed' by "a great cloud of witnesses" (16). It is the greatest legal document of all time!!

KJV - Jn 14:16-17; NIV - Nj 14:16; Acts 1:4-5; 2:1-4
KJV - Is 9:6; I Cor 6:19; 2 Tim 4:3
Amp V - Jn 3:7; Rev. 3:20; Mk 16:17-18; Rom 8:26-27
KJV - Lk 11:13; Rev 21:27; 2 Cor 1:22; Heb 12:1

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Correction

In paragraph 4 of "Hope for Tomorrow" in last week's Weekend, (May 12), it should read that Paul, not Jesus, said "Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God."

TWO MINUTES

WITH THE BIBLE

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Christian conduct

A man's conduct, in Scripture, is called his "walk!" The Bible has much to say about how we walk, morally and spiritually. Many "walk after their own lusts" (II Pet. 3:3) and "walk in darkness" (John 12:35). Some even "walk in craftiness" (II Cor. 4:2) trying to lead others astray. Indeed, even Christian believers are sometimes careless about their "walk" and so cause others to stumble.

Every true child of God should be very careful about his walk, or conduct. In Ephesians 2:8-10 we read that while believers are *not* saved by good works, they are saved *unto* good works." God's grace is the root of our salvation, and good works are the fruit.

Sincere believers in Christ are counted as one with Him, and it is expected of us that "as Christ was raised up from the dead" after having died for our

sins, "even so we also should walk in newness of life" (Rom. 6:4).

Christians are exhorted in the Bible to "walk worthy of the Lord, unto all pleasing" (Col. 1:10), to "walk in the spirit" that they might not "fulfill the lust of the flesh" (Gal. 5:16). They are exhorted to "walk worthy of [their] calling" (Eph. 4:1), to "walk in the light" (I John 1:7) and to "walk as children of light" (Eph. 5:8). They are exhorted to "walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise" (Eph. 5:15), to "Walk honestly" (Rom. 13:13), to "Walk in Love" (Eph. 5:2) and to "walk by Faith, not by sight" (II Cor. 5:7).

Much more is said about the believer's walk in the Bible, but never are we told that it is our "walk", or conduct, that makes us acceptable for salvation. Our failing, stumbling ways could never earn salvation for us. On the contrary we are exhorted to walk pleasing to the Lord out of sheer gratitude to Him.

Community calendar

Living with Cancer

A support group for patients, family and friends meeting at Peel Memorial Hospital, 7 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month.

Church BBQ

Norval United Church will be holding a chicken barbeque from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. May 26 at the Huttonville Public School (Embleton Rd. west of Mississauga Rd. For advance ticket sales or more information call 826-7337 or 877-8836.

Chorister Concert

Milton Choristers Spring Concert May 25 and May 26 at 8 p.m. at Bishop Reding High School, 1600 Main St. Milton. Tickets are \$10 for adults and Friday is student night - tickets will be \$5 for single and \$8 a couple. Tickets are available at the door or by calling 876-1835.

Fun day

St. Francis School, Georgetown invites you to attend their Community Fun Day from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. May 26 in the school yard or inside if raining. Garage sale space available at \$10 per table.

DIRECTORY OF HALTON HILLS

Churches & Temples

MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

Corner of Maple & Guelph
Pastor Edwin H. Mitchell 877-6665/0320
Sundays
9:45 a.m. Family Bible Study
11:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. WORSHIP & PRAISE
Weekdays
CLUBS - Bible Studies - Choirs
Youth Recreation - Ladies Coffee Hour - Jolly Seniors - Little Cherub Nursery - Growth Groups
A FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

Christian Reformed Church

Trafalgar Rd.
SUNDAY 10:00 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.
Rev. B. Slofstra
Rev. P. Stadt
7:30 A.M. Hamilton CHAM 820
7:30 P.M. Burlington FM 108
9:00 P.M. Guelph CJOY 1460
and Mon.-Fri. Faith 20
5:00 A.M. Global TV Ch. 6-22
Ladies' Coffee Break Tues. 9:15 a.m.

St. George's Anglican Church

60 Guelph Street, Georgetown - 877-8044
Rector:
Rev. Thomas M.S. Kingston, B.A., B.Th. Curate:
Rev. Richard M. Jones, B.A., M.Div. Pastoral Archdeacon:
Ven. John H. McMulkin, B.A., S.T.B., D.D. Director of Music:
Ms. Valerie Nichol, A.R.C.T.
Services
8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:00 a.m. for all ages
Thursday 10:00 a.m.

ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Winston Churchill, South of Hwy. 7 Norval
Rev. Richard Ruggle, MA, B.H.
877-3404

Service at 10:30 a.m.

All Are Welcome!

ST. ANDREWS UNITED CHURCH

Minister:
Rev. Judith H., MacGillivray
B.A., M.Div, Th.D.
89 Mountainview
877-4482

9:45 a.m.
- Morning Worship
- Sunday School
- Nursery Facilities

"Building Tomorrow's Church Today"

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Corner Main & Church Georgetown
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
Junior Congregation
Nursery Facilities
Peter Barrow, B.D., Minister

Mountainview Baptist Church

102 Mountainview Rd. S.
Pastor: David Caldwell
Church: 877-5854
Home: 873-2184
Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.
Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.
Prayer and Bible Study Wed. at 8 p.m.
Seniors: 3rd Thursday at 11:00 a.m.

Nursery Meets During Service
Christ Welcomes You.

SALVATION ARMY ACTON CORPS

114 Mill St. E.
853-1140, 853-1435
SUNDAYS
- Sunday School 9:45 a.m. for all ages
- Morning Worship 11 a.m.
- Gospel Service 7 p.m.
WEDNESDAYS
- Prayer & Bible Study 7:30 p.m.
THURSDAYS
- Home League (Ladies' Group) 7:30 p.m.

Captain & Mrs. Wade Budgett
Corps Officers

Halton Gospel Temple

Phone (416) 877-2759
Highway 7 West of Trafalgar Rd., Georgetown
Affiliated with P.A.O.C.
Pastor Rev. David Tapley,
Youth Pastor Rev. Dale Reddekopp
Sunday Services
9:45 a.m. Christian Education
11:00 a.m. Family Worship
6:30 p.m. Evening Praise
Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Family Night
Friday 7:30 p.m. Youth Alive
Everyone Welcome!

LEN TUITMAN AND STAFF PRESENT CLEMATIS

Clematis are one of the most beautiful of vines. The reason; their magnificent, showy flowers. The flowers are usually flat, with six petals and up to 6 inches in diameter. The vines are available with flowers that range in color from deep purple to lavender, pink, blue and white. Even the "feathery" seed pods that develop after flowering are interesting.

Unlike other vines, the vigorous climbing clematis will not hold itself up on a bare wall. They require a trellis or similar structure to twine their leaf stalks around.

Clematis have two main requirements that must be met for successful culture. First, they like to have their head in full sun. And secondly, they like their root system to be in a cool, well-drained soil that is high in manure and organic matter. The roots will not cope with heat so a ground cover or mulch placed around the base of the plant will moderate the soil temperature, and keep soil moist.

Clematis vines do not require annual pruning to promote abundant flowers. However, occasionally they may need to be pruned to reduce an untidy, mass of shoots.

These vines add a colorful touch to a sunny house wall, but don't restrict their use to this area. They are also a pleasant addition on old fences and to cover large tree shrubs.

Each week Christine Cole 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!