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For unto you is born, this day in the city of David
a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.



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HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE
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Continued



EXPOSITORY TEACHING OF THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

In this kind of teaching, after we have mastered the broad divisions of the Bible, and the different doctrines or themes, now we are ready to enter into expository teaching. The expounding of the Books of the Bible in their divisions, and chapters and verses.

It must be understood that this method of Bible Teaching is the last form of Bible teaching yet it is the most important and very few teaching ministries move into this type of teaching because they do not have the basic background to do so.

The word "Expository" means a setting forth the meaning, or purpose of the Book. It is also a verse, by verse explanation of the purpose of the whole Book.

THE STUDYING OF THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

Each Book has it's own theme, and each book is divided into chapters, and each chapter has a theme. Each book has an Author, a date, when written, a History or purpose for its being written, and an Introduction. All these must be carefully dealt with before entering into the teaching of the Book.

FINDING AN OUTLINE FOR THE BOOK

We must understand that the better our Outline is, the better able will we be to teach the Book. Because in the outline is hidden the purpose and the method of teaching the Book.

There are many books from which we can get our outlines: The Scofield Bible, Thompson Chain Reference Bible, The New Testament Survey, by Tenney or a Bible Dictionary.

Example: The First Book of the Corinthians:

The Epistle may be divided as follows:

Introduction: Chapter 1:1-9

1. Divisions in the Corinthian Church: Chap.1:10 thro' 4:21.
2. Immorality Rebuked And Discipline Commanded: Ch.5:1-6:8
3. The Sanctity of the Body, Christian Marriage: Ch. 6:9-7:40
4. Things Offered To Idols: Limitations of Christian Liberty:Ch.8:1-11:1.
5. Christian Order and the Lord's Supper: Ch. 11:2-34.
6. Spiritual Gifts and Their use in Love: Ch. 12:1-14:40.

7. The Resurrection of the Dead. Ch. 15:

Conclusion: Instruction and Personal Greetings. Ch.16:

The completed form of this same outline, including its chapter divisions is further brought forth:

Introduction: Chapter 1:1-9

The believer's standing in grace through Christ.

1. Divisions in the Church: Ch.1:10-4:21.

1. Human wisdom divides the body: vs.10-17.
 2. Human wisdom contrasted with the wisdom of God (that is the Cross) Verses 18-25.
 3. The Corinthian believers were not of the wise: vs.26-31.
 4. Ch.2:1-8 The Christian revelation owes nothing to human wisdom: Verses 1-8.
 - (a) Spiritual statements of truth are not made by human wisdom, but revealed by God. Vs. 9-12.
 - (b) The revealed things are taught in words given by the Spirit. Verse 13.
 - (c) The revealed things are spiritually discerned. Vs.14-16.
 5. A carnal state prevents spiritual growth. Ch.3:1-4.
 6. God alone counts in Christian service. Vs. 5-8.
 7. Christian service and its reward. vs. 9,10.
 - (a) The only foundation, Jesus Christ. Vs.11.
 - (b) Two kinds of ministry and their result. Vs.12-23.
 - (c) Judgment of Christ's servants is not committed to men.Ch.4:1-8.
 8. The Apostolic example of humility and patience:Vs.9-17.
 9. Apostolic Authority: Vs. 18-21.
2. Immorality Rebuked: Discipline Commanded: Ch. 5:1-6:8.
- (a) Indifference to evil in the church, the result of divisions: Verses 2-8.
 - (b) In the world, not of it. Vs. 9-13.
 - (c) Christians forbidden to go to law against each other before unbelievers. Ch. 6:1-8
3. The Sanctity of the Body: Christian Marriage: Ch.6:9-7:40.
- The Body is Holy:
1. Because it is washed and justified. Vs.9-12.
 2. Because it is the Lords.Vs.13-18.
 3. Because it is God's Temple. Vs. 19,20.
 4. Because God has established marriage. Ch.7:1-9.
 - (a) Regulation of Marriage between believers. Vs. 10-12.
 - (b) Regulation of Marriage between believers and unbelievers. Verses 13-16.

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- (c) Remain in the place of calling: Vs. 17-24.
- (d) Apostolic Advice to the Unmarried: Vs. 25-40.

4. Things Offered to Idols: Limitations of Christian Liberty:

Chapter 8:1-11:1.

- (a) Paul vindicates his Apostleship. Ch. 9:1-6.
 - (b) They who preach the Gospel are to live by means of the Gospel Verses 7-18.
 - (c) The method and reward of true ministry: Vs. 19-27.
 - (d) Israel in the wilderness. Ch. 10:1-10.
 - (e) Wilderness experience an example. Vs. 11-15.
 - (f) Separation essential at the Lord's Table. Vs. 16-22.
 - (g) The law of love in relation to eating and drinking. Vs. 23-33; Ch. 11:1.
5. Christian Order and the Lord's Supper: Ch. 11:2-34.
- (a) Order of women in the services. Vs. 2-16.
 - (b) Disorder at the Lord's Table. Rebuked: Vs. 17-22.
 - (c) Order and meaning of the Lord's Table: Vs. 23-34.
6. Spiritual Gifts and Their Use in Love: Ch. 12:1-14:40.
- (a) Gifts and Ministries, the work of the Triune God. Vs. 1:11.
 - (b) Every believer is a member of Christ's Body with a definite ministry. Vs. 12-31.
 - (c) Ministries and Gifts must be controlled by love. Ch. 13:1-13.
 - (d) Utterance gifts must be made understandable in open assembly. Ch. 14:1-13.
 - (e) The order of tongues in private devotion and in the open Assembly: Vs. 14-22.
 - (f) The open meeting for all the church and its order and the believers meeting. Vs. 23-33.
 - (g) The order for the women not to disturb the meeting by asking questions. Vs. 34-40.

7. The Resurrection of the Dead: Chapter 15.

- 1. Fact of the resurrection of Christ. Vs. 1-11.
- 2. Importance of Christ's Resurrection: Vs. 12-19.
- 3. Order of the resurrection: Vs. 20-28.
- 4. Moral value of the Resurrection. Vs. 29-34.
- 5. Body of Resurrection: Vs. 35-50.
- 6. Mystery of the Resurrection. Vs. 51-53, compare 1 Thess. 4:14-17.
The believers ultimate victory over death is a motive for faithful service. Vs. 54-57.
- 7. Practical Value of the Resurrection. Vs. 58.



Conclusion: Instruction and Personal Greetings: Ch. 16:1-24.

In order to write out the interpretation of each verse as it relates to this outline, one would have to use a commentary, or Wuest's Word Studies, where the verse is dealt with according to the Greek; this greatly expands the verses in each Book.

This outline was taken from the Scofield Bible.

The student can easily see how much work is involved in Book Study; but it is also surprizing how much can be achieved, when we have the desire to really become a Teacher of God's Word.

The End.



THE CRUSADER'S BREAD BASKET
By Dr. Edith R. Grimes



"GOOD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY"

Read: Luke 2:8-20.

Verses for the Month: Vs.10,11."And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for behold, I bring unto you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord!"

What good news! A Savior, Christ the Lord is born! The Promised Seed! The One who the Prophets Prophecied would come is here!

The One who was promised by God in Gen. 3:15, when Adam and Eve had sinned and He said "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; He shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise His heel!" This is that promised seed that shall bruise or crush Satan's head. He is here! He is born!

This is the One who was promised by God to come from Abraham's seed in Gal.3:16,"Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made: he saith not, and to seeds, as of many; but as of one, and to thy seed which is Christ!"

This is the One who was to come as promised to David and who Isaiah prophesied about in Isa.7:14,"Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; behold a virgin shall concieve, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel!" Then again in Chapter nine, verses 6&7, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful,

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Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace, of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with justice and with righteousness from henceforth even forevermore!"

This is the child that Isaiah had prophesied would come and now He is here!

Angels are sent from heaven to announce his arrival even as Gabriel was sent to Mary nine months before this, saying to her in Luke 1:30-33, "Fear not, Mary; for thou hast found favour with God. And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shall call His name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of his father David, and He shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end!"

How gracious of the Lord, for he did not up and leave her just then, but answered her question which followed; "How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?" And the angel answered 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!"

Mary submitted willingly for she said "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word!"

Now it had all taken place and Jesus was born as the angel had said.

With haste did the shepherds go to Bethlehem and find the Babe and returned Glorifying and Praising God.

Today, we rejoice that scripture has been fulfilled and we look back with joy at the birth of our Savior; and we look ahead with great anticipation of His Second Coming in the clouds of the air, to take us to be with Him for all Eternity.

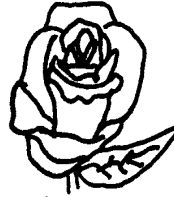
Are you ready? Have you accepted the Savior? There is joy in Heaven among the angels when one sinner repents. Have they ever rejoiced over you?



A DELIGHTFUL AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL



"THE GROWTH OF GOOD SEED"
By Dr. Edith R. Grimes



CHAPTER ONE:

"MISS FEARFUL"

In a run down dingy room in a rooming house lived a young lady named "Miss Fearful." She was thin young woman with big dark rings around her eyes and a very scared look on her sad face. She kept the blind on her window, pulled down low. At night she used a very dim light in her room. There was just nothing bright or cheerful about it.

Miss Fearful had a cheerful neighbor whose name was "Miss Mercy," for she had a ministry of showing mercy. Everytime she came in or went out Miss Fearful would hear her singing or humming a tune. She just seemed so happy and full of vigor that she just seemed to bounce lightly up and down the stairs. Anytime she would happen to meet Miss Fearful she always spoke in such a sweet cheerful voice and greeted her so graciously; while Miss Fearful huddled herself in her sweater and held her head low in a very scared and fearful position.

Miss Fearful worked in a Laundry about three blocks down the street. Her work was doing dress shirts. First she would iron them on the big press then do the finishing touches with a hand iron and fold them carefully or hang them on a hanger.

In this Laundry worked a young man named "Mike." He was an Exhorter by Ministry and he had a very cheerful countenance and was much like her neighbor, Miss Mercy, for he was always happy and singing a tune. Mike talked to everyone, and there was something about him you couldn't help but like. He seemed to put himself out to talk to Miss Fearful and do kindnesses for her, even tho' she always seemed scared to death. Sometimes when she saw him coming she would start in the opposite direction but he would run after her and call her. There just was no getting away from him. He was always talking about Church and the Bible Classes, and how he enjoyed them. He would talk about the Lord and tell how real He was to him.

One day when Miss Fearful was coming home from work, Miss Mercy caught up to her and walked along with her. Talking in her cheerful way, and talking much like Mike, about the Lord and Church and how she enjoyed the Bible classes she attended three evenings a week.

When they got to the top of the stairs, to where their apartments were, Miss Mercy stepped into Miss Fearful's room. She felt

so sorry for Miss Fearful as her room was so dark and unkept. Miss Mercy just seemed like a breath of sunshine as she breezed in and quickly pulled up the window shade letting the glorious sunshine in. Then she quickly made the bed and helped straighten up the room. She then sat down and invited Miss Fearful to come with her to the Christian Training Center Church Service on Sunday evening.

Miss Fearful was very timid and with-drawn, yet she realized that both Miss Mercy and Mr. Mike had something she didn't have but would like to have. After Miss Mercy continued talking trying to calm her fears and assure her that she would enjoy the service, for there were lots of nice young people there; Miss Fearful said she would go providing Miss Mercy would stay with her all the time and accompany her home quickly after the service, as she was very afraid to be out alone after dark. Miss Mercy assured her she would stay right with her and see her home safely.

The Holy Spirit was already beginning to work on Miss Fearful in causing her to be dissatisfied with the way she was, so fearful and afraid. She even found herself wishing she could be like Mr. Mike and Miss Mercy. Deep down in her heart she could hardly wait for Sunday evening to come, tho' outwardly she seemed to be terribly afraid and dreading it.

Finally Sunday evening came and Miss Mercy was at her door, in her own sweet compassionate way, assuring Miss Fearful that she would stay right with her and that she was sure that she would enjoy the evening.

The evening service began with Prayer, then it was suggested that they take the prayer requests that the different ones had so they could get them out of the way, then they could really worship the Lord freely.

Miss Fearful had never heard anything like it. Here they gave their prayer request, then one would pray over it, and they would all join in and pray for it. She couldn't understand what they were saying but they sure were sincere about each request. She couldn't help thinking how nice it must be to know God that well and to have Someone so strong and mighty to commit your problems too.

After the Prayer Requests they sang a few bright choruses that they really seemed to sing from their heart and were so joyful about. Then they paused and it was suggested by the leader, whose name was Brother Ben, that they have some testimonies. If the Lord had

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answered their prayers or done anything special for them during the week that they would like to share.

Very quickly, one after another popped up, telling how God had answered a prayer request they had made the week before. Some told how they had an opportunity to witness for the Lord at work, or at home, or with a friend or relative. To Miss Fearful's surprize she recognized Mike's voice as he testified about opportunities he had had at the Laundry to witness for the Lord. Miss Fearful was so afraid that she sat huddled in her chair and would not turn her head or look at anyone.

After the testimonies they sang some more cheerful and yet worshipful choruses. They all seemed to love the Lord so much and desire to tell Him so. Then they started to sing in other languages. It was so amazing how their voices all blended and it was so sweet and angelic. Their faces seemed to shine and they all looked so heavenly.

When the singing stopped then they began to prophesy, speaking forth inspirationally what the Lord gave them to speak. To Miss Fearful's surprize a prophecy came forth addressed to "My Daughter!" It told how God knew all about her, how He loved her and the great price He had paid for her Salvation. He told her things about her past life, how she lived in such dread and fear. How lonely she really was and how he wanted her to accept Him as Lord of her life and be set free to worship Him.

Poor Miss Fearful began to sob, and the sobs got louder as she began to realize God's great love for her. "Miss Mercy" and "Miss Prophetess" very kindly and gently took Miss Fearful into a side room where they could counsel with her and lead her to Salvation.

The love and compassion of these two young women and the working of the Holy Spirit upon her soon helped Miss Fearful to accept the Lord as Savior and Lord of her life. Such joy flooded her soul. It was all so wonderful she could hardly believe such was possible. Her whole countenance was changed.

They went back into the service where Brother Joe, who was teaching and looking after the group at that time, was just beginning to speak. He started out telling them what it really ment to be a Child of God. He explained about God's Sovereignty, and how He had chosen us to be His Son's and Daughter's. He told how God blotted out our sinful past never to remember it against us anymore. Then he

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explained how we were clothed in Christ's Righteousness and how the Holy Spirit works with us as we read God's Word, and helps us to become more Christ-like in our lives and the way we live. By the time he was through Miss Fearful was actually feeling happy and thankful for what God had done for her that night.

When the service was over Miss Fearful could hardly believe what she saw. There was such brotherly and sisterly love between these young people, They were all hugging each other's necks and commenting on what a good service they had had. But the biggest surprize of all was that everyone of them made a special effort to hugg her and rejoice with her in her new found Lord. She hardly new how to respond to their huggs, for she had never in all her life experienced anything like this. She still had a lot of fear left and acted like an iceberg tho' in her heart she really was enjoying it.

Finally Miss Mercy and Miss Fearful left for home. All the way Miss Mercy was just bubbling over and rejoicing in the good service they had had. To Miss Fearful's surprize she found herself joining in and also commenting on the lovely evening.

Before Miss Mercy saw her into her room she asked if Miss Fearful would like to accompany her to the Monday night class, and she said she would. (More to Come)





CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

Two Graduates received Diplomas for finishing the Charismatic Correspondence Course. Margie Chain of Watonga, Okla. and Joyce Palmer of Burnsville, N. C.

Joyce says: "Ye have not many fathers"---1 Cor. 4:15. This is what C.T.C. has meant to me during the past ten years. The sound teaching of C.T.C. has brought about spiritual growth in my Christian walk---. It required discipline to complete the Course, which I find has carried over into my daily Bible study. I thank the Lord for all those who made this Course possible. Truly C.T.C. has fulfilled my need for spiritual Parents!"

Margie Chain says: "Words could never express my gratitude for your being obedient to the Lord in writing this wonderful Corr. Course. --- Everyone who wants to learn about the Word and how to apply it properly should enroll in this course. Money could never pay for the good it has done me!"

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