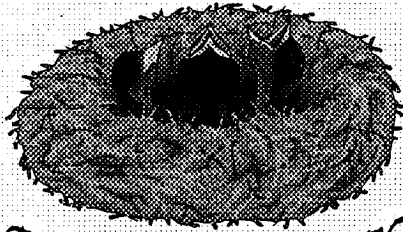
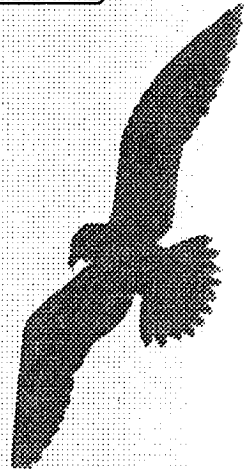


*"They shall
mount up...*

ON EAGLES' WINGS

*... with wings
as eagles."*

Isaiah 40:31



AERY NUGGETS

**"And now abideth Faith, Hope, Love, these three;
but the greatest of these is Love".
1st Corinthians 13:13.**

No Other Plea

**"My faith has found a resting place,
Not in device or creed;
I trust the Ever-living One
His wounds for me shall plead.**

**Enough for me that Jesus saves,
This ends my fear and doubt:
A sinful soul I come to Him,
He'll never cast me out.**

**My heart is leaning on the Word,
The written Word of God,
Salvation by my Savior's Name,
Salvation thro' His blood.**

**My great Physician heals the sick,
The lost He came to save;
For me His precious blood He shed,
For me His life He gave.**

**I need no other argument,
I need no other plea,
It is enough that Jesus died,
And that He died for me."**

—Lidie H. Edmunds.

Dear Friends,

Faith, Hope, Love. What wonderful truths these three words suggest to us! If we are to live a life that will be fulfilling and satisfying, all three of these virtues need to be present in our lives. More than that we will be able to honor and glorify the Lord Jesus. I would like to look at **Faith** in this issue and then in future issues the next two virtues, the Lord willing.

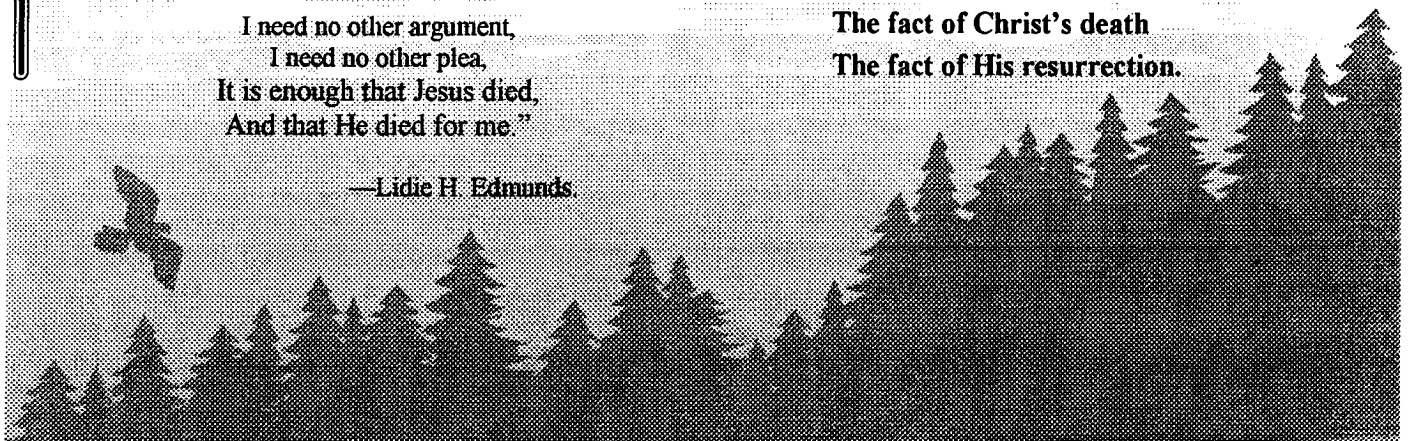
We often place faith in a person who has demonstrated that they always keep their word. When they say that they are going to do something you can count on them to do it. Much more is it true with our God and Father. We read in Numbers 23:19 that **"God is not a man, that He should lie; neither the son of man, that He should repent: Hath He said, and shall He not do it? or hath He spoken, and shall He not make it good?"** Faith in God, then, is really faith in the trustworthiness of God. Faith is simply believing that what God has said is true because it is God who has said it.

Where does faith come from? The Bible tells us that **"Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."** Romans 10:17. Faith is not faith in faith itself but faith in the,

Facts of scripture

The fact of Christ's death

The fact of His resurrection.



Scripture tells us that Christ died for our sins. True faith accepts that fact and then believes in Christ as Lord and Savior. "For by grace are we saved through faith and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God". Ephesians 2:8,9. We are also justified (declared righteous) by faith. Romans 5:1. Two things always go together in salvation. They are repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. Acts 20:21.

The Bible records that "The word is near thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, *the word of faith*, which we preach; that if thou shalt confess with thy mouth Jesus as Lord, and shalt believe in thine heart that God has raised Him from among the dead, thou shalt be saved." Romans 10:9.

In 2 Corinthians 5: 7 we are reminded that we are also to walk by faith. "*Faith is the handle by which I can take God's great and precious promises and apply them to my particular problems*". 2 Peter 1:4. Two of those precious promises are given to us in Isaiah 41:13 and Hebrews 13:5,6.

Faith follows Christ's example allowing God to straighten the record when false things have been said about us or done to us. See 1 Peter 2:24 and Romans 12:19-21.

Faith trusts God when financial resources are running low and we wonder how we will be able to meet expenses. "**But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.**" Philipians 4:19.

When I am discouraged and upset faith will help me to remember that I am "accepted in the Beloved." Ephesians 1:6. The love wherewith He loves the Son, such is His love to me. "God sees my Savior and then He sees me In the Beloved, accepted and free."

Faith gives thanks to God in all things—even in those things that may upset us. "**In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.**" 1 Thessalonians 5:18.

Faith is able to commit a loved one's problems to God to resolve. "**Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you.**" 1 Peter 5:7.

Faith recognizes that "Our times are in His Hands, Whatever they may be. Pleasing or painful, dark or bright as best may seem to Him." Psalm 31:15.

Faith claims God's strength to accept and endure weariness, pain and decline—patiently. "And He said unto me, "**My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.**" 2 Corinthians 12:9

How is faith developed? Through hardship, failure loss and disappointments. 1 Peter 1:7.

As we meditate upon what faith in God can do in our lives we have to say to the Lord with the apostles, "Increase our faith." Luke 17:5.

My Faith Looks Up To Thee

"My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior Divine!
Now hear me while I pray:
My guilt all borne away,
Oh, may I from this day
Be wholly Thine!

May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire;
As Thou hast died for me,
Oh, may my love for Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be,—
A living fire.

While life's dark maze I tread,
And griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrows tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
From Thee aside.

—Ray Palmer

In His wonderful love,

John D. McNeil

"We have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand." It is not attainments, it is not watchfulness, it is not services or duties which . . . give the soul entrance into that wealthy place of divine favor—"By faith we have access into this grace wherein we stand."

If we find our souls under pressure of the spirit of fear or bondage or uncertainty we may be sure that they have let go of the gentle hand of faith. . . This ought not to be so. We are to know that we have ever to do with love. —J. G. B.

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