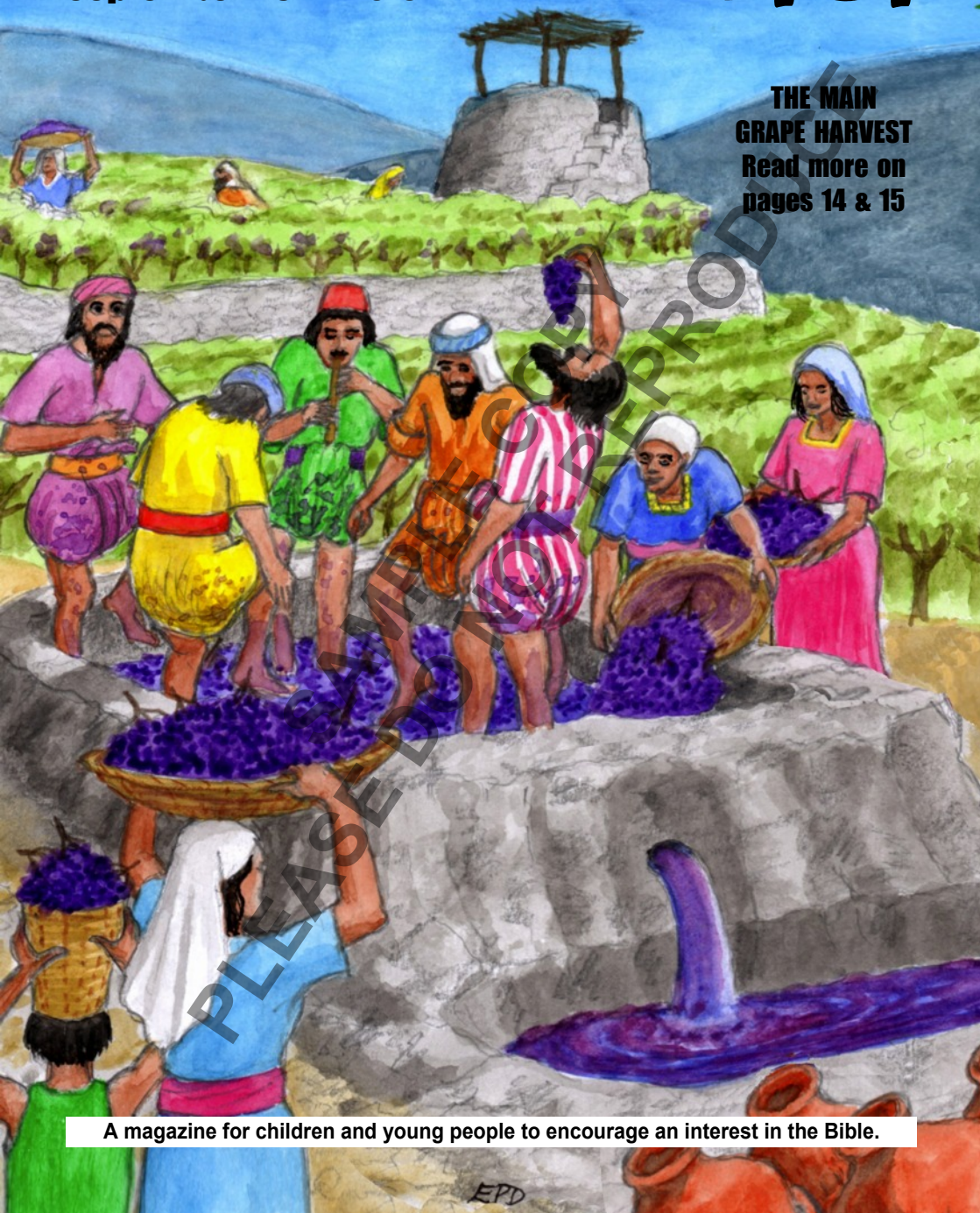


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GRAPE HARVEST**
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The World Says, “I am Very Religious”

God’s Word Says, “Ye Must be Born again”

A subtitle for this month could be: The World’s Religion says, “Anything Goes.” God’s Word Says “Death to Self.”

“Religious but not right With God?” Is the title of a tract based on the writings of a godly minister named J C Ryle. Its message is very simple.

Being a Christian is not:

A choice

A lifestyle

Just saying you are one

A decision

Being religious

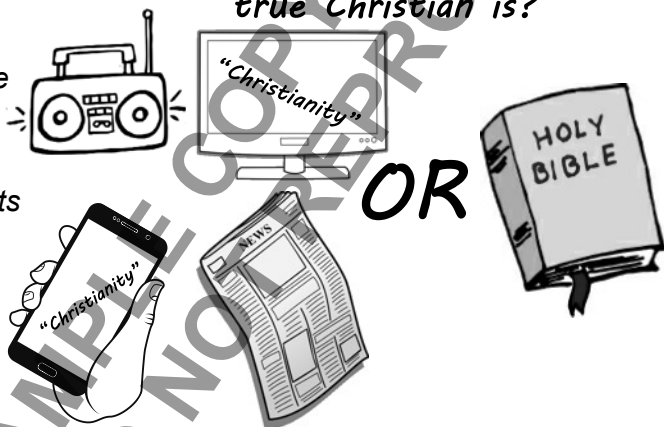
Having Christian parents

An ethnic group

A heritage

Your background

Where do we learn what a true Christian is?



A Christian is a person to whom God has granted eternal life. By God’s grace, that person has been born again. (See John 3v7, “Ye must be born again.”) And God, not man, does this. Ephesians 2v8 & 9 says, “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.”

Works? What does that mean? Works means anything man offers to God. (For we have nothing to offer to God other than our sin!) Our background, heritage, morality, how we were raised, our goodness - (if we think we are good people), what we profess (say with our mouths)...none of this can make us a Christian! According to God’s Word: Titus 3v5 “Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his MERCY he saved us.”).

God granting a sinner new life in Christ Jesus is what matters.

Every man, woman, girl and boy needs a NEW HEART. Only God can give it.

WHAT IS A NEW HEART?

Now the world says: "Well, I am religious. I'm Spiritual. I can live however I like and God will accept me." Most people in fact, will even say; "I'm alright with God already. I am a good person." All of us are sinners (Rom. 3v23). Even though believers still can and do sin when God grants them the new birth He gives them a HATRED for sin! Did you know that? Yes! God grants each and every true believer a new appetite for holy, just and good things. If as God's children, we sin, we hate it, we weep, we repent and turn from it. Ever so poorly - but we do turn from it. This is not how we once were - before the "new birth," this is NOT what we were like! This is a change that God makes in our hearts. This is what it is to be born again. See Ezekiel (36v26-27).

And so believers, that is, true Christians, are "known by their fruits" as Jesus said of His true people. And, "My sheep hear my voice,...and they follow me." Not the world! They don't follow the world to do evil! They follow Jesus. Not just with their mouths, but with all their lives, all their days and hours. They die to self - true Christians are sick of self.

So remember what the world says is a Christian is not what God's Word says. Study His Word and He will guide you to understand these things. Be sure you know the difference between a true and false profession of Christianity.

Try our CROSSWORD to remind you of some of this month's themes.

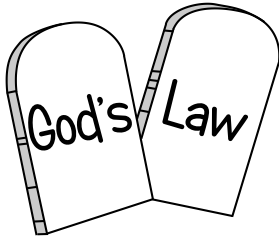
ACROSS

1. Something on the surface, (Matt. 23v27),
6. The opposite of true (2 Pet.2v1)
7. Something from within. (Rom. 7v22)
8. What followers of Christ are called (Acts 11v26)

DOWN

- 2.The _____ worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth. (John 4v23)
- 3.What the world calls a relationship with God. (Acts 26v5)
4. The opposite of fake.
5. This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth,...but their _____ is far from me. (Matt. 15v8)





The ninth commandment

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

Exodus 20 v 16

The least important commandment?

God gave ten commandments to Moses. We have looked at some very important commandments. The first four commandments told us to love God. This is very important. The sixth commandment tells us not to kill. We know it is a very evil thing to kill someone. But what about the ninth commandment? The ninth commandment tells us not to lie. Does a small lie matter?

A small lie?

Ananias and Sapphira were husband and wife. They had joined the new church in Jerusalem. They had decided to sell part of their land. They agreed to give some of the money to the church. This was a kind thing to do. This would help the church be able to provide for those that needed help.

Ananias brought the money to Peter. He told Peter that he had sold some land. He said he had brought all the money to give to the church. However, he had kept some of the money for himself.



God hears and knows

Most of what Ananias had said was true. He had sold some land. He had brought some of the money to Peter. But Ananias had not brought Peter all the money. God heard what Ananias said and knew that he was lying. Peter said that because Ananias had lied, he would die. Ananias dropped down in front of Peter, dead. Some young men took him outside and buried him. Later, when his wife Sapphira came in, she also told the same lie. Peter told her that the men who had just buried her husband were waiting to bury her. She dropped down dead and was buried by the same men. God is holy and hates all sin. No sin can enter heaven. The smallest lie is enough to keep us out of heaven.

A short while before this had happened, Peter had spoken to some of the Jewish leaders. These were the people who had crucified Jesus. They had done such an awful sin. Peter told them that they needed to repent and be converted. If they did, God would blot out their sins. The same is true for us today. We each need to repent and be converted. If we do, God has promised to blot out all our sins.

Peter told Ananias:

Crack the code: 1=A, 2=B, 3=C etc.

20 - 8 - 15 - 21

8 - 1 - 19 - 20

14 - 15 - 20

12 - 9 - 5 - 4

21 - 14 - 20 - 15

13 - 5 - 14

2 - 21 - 20

21 - 14 - 20 - 15

7 - 15 - 4

The LORD hates lying lips

**“but they that deal truly
are his delight.”**

Proverbs 12v22

John The Baptist - Prophecy

Malachi 4v5-6; Isaiah 40v3-5

Do you ever get likened to someone else? Maybe it is because of your looks or maybe it is the way you act. There are two different prophecies about John the Baptist and the first is who he would be like:

Prophecy 1. He would be just like Elijah

The Old Testament ends with these words,

'Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse'. Malachi 4 v 5-6

The Jews were expecting Elijah himself to come back and one day Jesus' disciples told Jesus that they thought Elijah would come before the promised Christ. Jesus answered, 'Elias is come already'. Jesus was referring to John the Baptist. Of course, John was not Elijah but he was called Elijah because he was so like him. Match up how they were similar:

Elias is the Greek spelling of the Hebrew name Elijah

ELIJAH

1. Sent by God to be a prophet.
2. Bravely and clearly spoke to King Ahab about his sin.
3. Lived in a wilderness for a while & ate food brought by ravens.
4. Had the Spirit of God on him.
5. A fiery man who told people to turn back to God.

JOHN THE BAPTIST

- a. Filled with the Holy Ghost.
- b. Parents were told by God that he would be a prophet.
- c. Preached repentance; described by Jesus as a burning lamp.
- d. Lived in Judean wilderness eating wild honey and locusts (probably pods from a locust tree and not the insect).
- e. Bravely told King Herod that he was doing evil things.

Prophecy 2. He would be a forerunner

The other prophecy about John was that, like a forerunner, he would prepare the way for Jesus. Isaiah prophesied about John, *The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.* Isaiah 40 v 3-5



Malachi repeated this prophecy and said, *Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come...* ' Malachi 3 v 1

A forerunner is someone who goes before an important person making sure the road is level, straight and smooth - ready for them to travel on. What four things does the forerunner in Isaiah do?

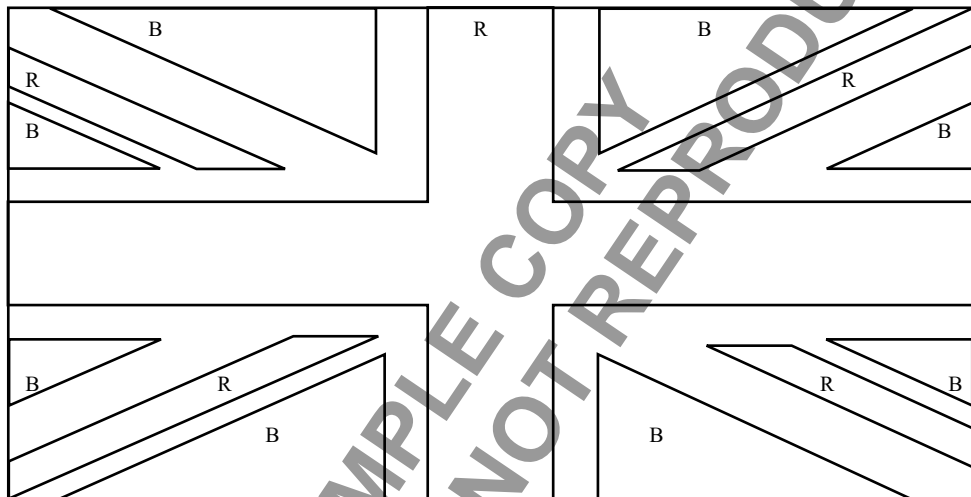
- a) To valleys _____
- b) To mountains and hills _____
- c) To crooked places _____
- d) To rough places _____

When John came he did not do any road building!

Continued on page 17.

TEXT TO COLOUR - We start a new series this month with verses that remind us that God's truth and salvation is for all nations, with a different national flag to colour each month.

His name shall endure



United Kingdom (B=blue, R=red)

for ever:...ALL NATIONS shall call him blessed.

COMPETITION TIME

Complete set A, B or C and send in your answers to the address below. Replies received by 28 September will be acknowledged in November's T.G! **Send in 12 months of answers and you will be awarded a prize.**

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Names, addresses and ages provided on the competition entries will only be used to compile the list of replies and prize-winners published each month in the magazine.

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Set A: Suggested age limit your 9th birthday.

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Name _____ Age _____

Address _____ Postcode _____



ALIVE AGAIN!

Read the story on page 12 and choose the correct word to complete the sentences.

out Mary rise life dead Jesus glory brother

1. Martha and her sister _ _ _ _ were very sad.
2. Their _ _ _ _ _ Lazarus was ill.
3. They sent a message to the Lord _ _ _ _ _.
4. Jesus said, "This is for God's _ _ _ _ _."
5. Jesus told Martha that Lazarus would _ _ _ _ _ again.
6. He called out, "Lazarus, come _ _ _ _ _."
7. Then the man who had been _ _ _ _ _ came out.
8. The Lord Jesus had brought Lazarus back to _ _ _ _ _.

Set B: Age limit your 12th birthday.

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Name _____ Age _____

Address _____ Postcode _____

ACTION PACKED: FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Look up these verses from the story and fill in the missing words.

1. Exodus 19v18 And mount Sinai was altogether on a _____, because the LORD descended upon it in fire.

2. Exodus 23v16 And the feast of _____, the firstfruits of thy labours, which thou hast sown in the _____.

3. Matt. 3v11 He that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose _____ I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire.

4. John 14v26 But the _____, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall _____ you all things.

5. Acts 1v5 For John truly baptized with _____; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many _____ hence.

6. Acts 2v4 And they were all _____ with the Holy Ghost.

7. Acts 2v12 And they were all _____, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?



Set C: Open to any age.

C814

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____ Postcode _____

John the Baptist - Prophecy - Find these verses and fill in the missing words.

1. Mal. 4v.... Behold, I will send you _____ the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.

2. 1 Kgs. 17v.... And the word of the _____ came unto him [Elijah].

3. John 1v.... There was a man sent from God, whose name was _____.

4. Luke 1v.... And he shall go before him in the _____ and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,...to make _____ a people prepared for the Lord.

5. 1 Kgs. 17v.... And the ravens brought him [Elijah] bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and _____ in the evening; and he drank of the brook.

6. Matt. 3v.... And the same John had his raiment of camel's _____,...and his meat was _____ and wild honey.

7. Mal. 3v.... Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall _____ the way before me.

Competition - Replies to questions were received in July from:

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PUZZLE ANSWERS:

Back Page: Psalm 19v9 - clean,
Psalm 111v10 beginning & wisdom,
Prov. 1v7 beginning & knowledge,
Prov. 8v13 to hate evil,
Prov. 14v27 fountain & life,
& Isaiah 33v6 his treasure.

Page 3: Across: 1. outward, 6. false
7. inward & 8. Christians.
Down: 2. true, 3. religion, 4. real
& 5 heart.

Page 5: Thou hast not lied unto me
but unto God.

Page 6: 1b, 2e, 3d, 4a & 5c.

Page 7: a) exalt, b) make low,
c) make straight & d) make plain.

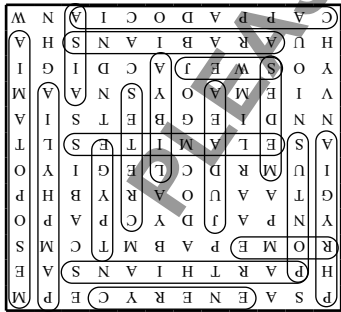
Page 12: Lazarus = 8, Mary = 2
& Martha = 3.

Page 14: Eschol

Page 17: Bible Checkpoint - drunk
& Spirit.

Page 18: Missing Words - rejoice,
stranger, place, name, Jerusalem,
devout & nation.

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ALIVE AGAIN!

Martha and her sister Mary were very sad.
Their brother Lazarus was ill. What could they do?
They sent a message to the Lord Jesus at once.

They said, "Lord, he whom you love is sick."
Jesus heard and said, "This is for God's glory."
Then He stayed two more days where He was.

After that He went to see Lazarus.
Jesus told His disciples, "Lazarus is asleep.
I am going to wake him up."

Jesus knew that Lazarus was dead already.

Martha went to meet Jesus as He came to them.

Jesus told her that Lazarus would rise again.
She did not understand that Jesus could give life.

Martha told Mary that Jesus was calling for her.
They went to the cave where Lazarus was buried,
Jesus said, "Take away the stone."

Then He thanked God that He had heard Him.
He called out, "Lazarus, come out."

Then the man who had been dead came out.
The Lord Jesus had brought Lazarus back to life.

Only the Son of God could do that!

John 11 v 1 - 45

Draw a blue ring round every "Lazarus", a red ring round every "Mary" and a green ring round every "Martha" that you find in the story. Count the names.

Lazarus =

Mary =

Martha =





The Farmers' Year in Bible Times

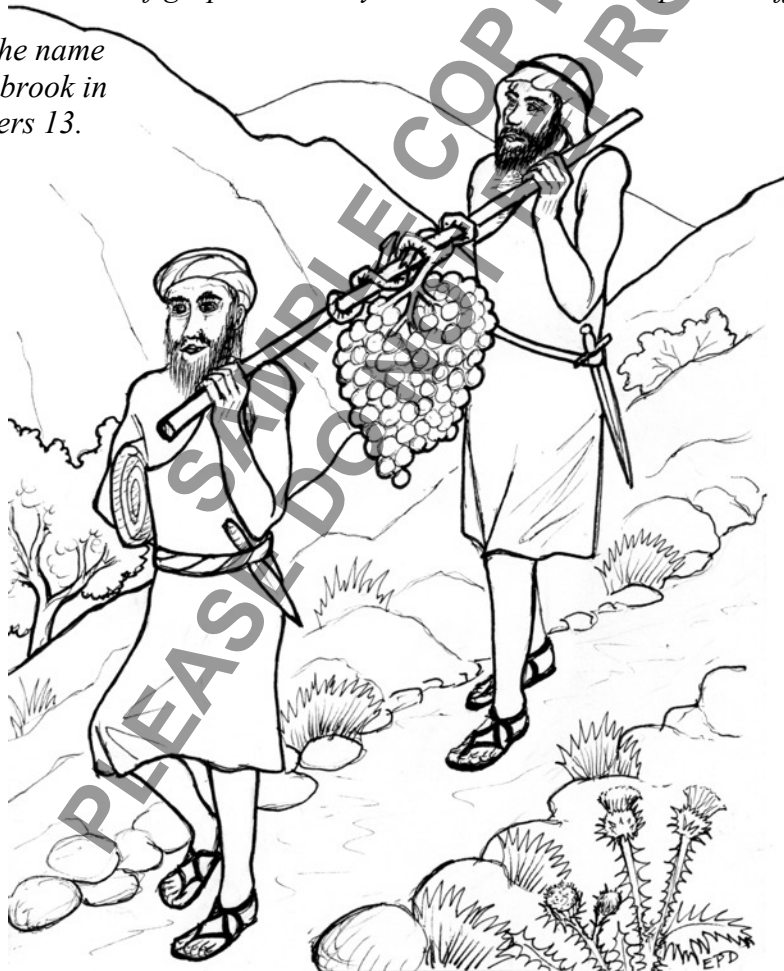
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THE GRAPE HARVEST

Some grapes ripened throughout the summer but the main harvest was in September. You may remember how Moses sent the spies into the land of Canaan to bring back the fruit of the land. Our picture shows what they brought back. During the grape harvest many workers were needed, so whole families went along to the vineyards to help.

They came unto the brook of, and cut down from thence a branch with one cluster of grapes, and they bare it between two upon a staff.

*Find the name
of the brook in
Numbers 13.*



Some may have camped out in tents or booths for a few nights. It was like a working holiday; people were allowed to eat as many grapes as they liked and it was a time of happiness and singing. In Isaiah 16v10 God said how He would stop these things in the land of Moab:

“And gladness is taken away, and joy out of the plentiful field; and in the vineyards there shall be no singing, neither shall there be shouting; the treaders shall tread out no wine in their presses; I have made their vintage shouting to cease.”

The bunches of grapes were cut with curved knives like sickles and carried in baskets to the winepresses. Some bunches should have been left for the very poor people to glean afterwards (Leviticus 19v10).

The Winepress

In the winepresses, the grapes were trodden on by people with their bare feet! The press was a large vat, often carved out of solid rock or near the vineyard. There was a hole or channel for the grape juice to flow through into a smaller vat lower down. The cover shows men treading the grapes, but women and children might take a turn too. They sang and shouted joyfully as they worked.

The men have ‘girded up their loins’ by tucking their clothes up under their belts. Even so, they still got splattered as they squashed the grapes. Isaiah also had a vision of a man with stained clothing and he asks:

“Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat?” (Isaiah 63v2) (For Jesus, He was really stained with blood.)

Wine Making

The grape skins and stalks would still be in the juice. They would sink down to make a sediment at the bottom called the ‘lees’. ‘Wines on the lees’ are mentioned in Isaiah 25v6. The lees could be removed by carefully tipping the wine from one jar to another, keeping the lees back. God said this had not happened in Moab, in picture-language:

“Moab hath been at ease from his youth, and he hath settled on his lees, and hath not been emptied from vessel to vessel...” (Jeremiah 48v11).

The juice was stored in earthenware jars or skin bottles. The Authorised Version just uses the more general description of bottle as the modern glass bottle as we know it didn’t exist when it was written.

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The Farmers' Year in Bible Times

Continued from page 15.

You can read about these 'bottles' in Joshua 9v4 & 13 how they are described as "wine bottles, old, and rent, and bound up" and "these bottles of wine, which we filled, were new; and, behold, they be rent: and these our garments and our shoes are become old by reason of the very long journey."

Goatskins were stitched up tightly so that they would hold liquids. It was important to use new skins for wine, because it expands as it matures. New goatskins would still stretch with the pressure inside, but old skins would not stretch; they would split. Jesus made this clear in a parable about these leather bottles (Matthew 9v17); and as He said, the wine helps to preserve the leather skins.



*Goatskin leather bottle,
used for storing wine.*

Why Did They Drink Wine?

People in Bible lands often drank wine, and Jesus turned the water into wine at the wedding in Cana (see John 2v1-11). This may surprise you because wine is strong drink; some people like Samson and his mother were not allowed to drink it (Judges 13v7). The Bible warns us of the danger of too much wine, and of getting drunk (Proverbs 20v1; 23v20-21; Galatians 5v21). Here are some reasons:

1. Their wine was probably less strong than many modern wines.
2. Their water was not always pure and clean, so it could cause tummy upsets etc. Paul advised Timothy to drink wine instead of water for this reason (1 Timothy 5v23).
3. Milk was difficult to keep fresh in a hot climate; it would soon go off.
4. The people did not have tea or coffee or hot chocolate or any of the soft drinks we have now; so that only left wine to drink.

Things are different for us, with many other drinks to choose from. Some Christians decide not to drink wine because of its dangers.

Christians should never get drunk because drunks lose their self-control; they may say or do things that are stupid or dangerous or wicked - things they would not normally do. Don't let that happen to you.



John The Baptist - Prophecy *Continued from page 7*

These words are picture language for how he would preach to the people, telling them to repent of their sins and turn to God so they were ready for Jesus' coming.

You too need to be ready for Jesus' coming - not for His first coming like these people but for His second coming. The last words of the old testament remind us that if we don't repent then we will be under God's curse. Jesus said, 'Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not'.

Luke 12 v 40

Don't forget Set C questions on page 10 which are some Bible verses about this story.



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SAMPLE COPIES

We are happy to provide sample copies of the TG to anyone who may be interested in subscribing. Please write to the address or email on page 9 with details and we will send a copy.



Read Acts 2v1-12

FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT



Before Jesus ascended up to heaven, He made a promise to His disciples that He would not leave them without a helper, a comforter. He would send His spirit upon them. In Acts 2, we read of the fulfilment of that promise.

Jesus' followers had all met together on the Day of Pentecost. This was the Greek name given to the Feast of Weeks or the Feast of Harvest (which you can read more about in Exodus 23v16 and Numbers 28v26-31).

What is Pentecost/ the Feast of Weeks?

The Feast of Weeks took place on the fiftieth day after the Passover. This is why its Greek name was Pentecost, meaning fifty. Why was this fiftieth day special? Fifty days after the Passover, after the Israelites had escaped from Egypt, they arrived at Mount Sinai where God descended and gave the law. So Pentecost was a celebration of God giving His law to the people. It also was a celebration of His goodness in providing provision for His people. In some places in the Bible, you will also find it called the Feast of Harvest.

Look up Deuteronomy 16v11 to find out more about this feast and fill in the missing words. 'And thou shalt _ _ _ _ before the LORD thy God, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite that is within thy gates, and the _ _ _ _ _ , and the fatherless, and the widow, that are among you, in the _ _ _ _ _ which the LORD thy God hath chosen to place his _ _ _ _ there.'

It makes perfect sense for God to send His Spirit upon His people during this feast. Having delivered His people, He put his name upon them. He gave them His law and brought them into a land where provision would be made for them. In the same way, having provided deliverance through Jesus Christ, He was now putting His spirit within His people and bringing blessing upon them. The coming of the Holy Spirit did not just 'happen' to take place at Pentecost. It was carefully timed.

There was one other reason why Pentecost was the perfect time for the coming of the Holy Spirit. It was one of three feasts where the Jewish people had been commanded to gather in Jerusalem. Look up Acts 2v5 and fill in the blanks. 'And there were dwelling at _ _ _ _ _ Jews, _ _ _ _ _ men, out of every _ _ _ _ _ under heaven.' Jewish people from all of the surrounding nations were in Jerusalem for this celebration.

When the Spirit came, there would be witnesses of it from many nations. They would take the message of the gospel back home with them!

Now let’s look more closely at what actually happened on the Day of Pentecost. A loud sound like a rushing wind was heard and all of a sudden, tongues like fire appeared above the heads of the disciples. The symbol of fire appears quite a few times in the Bible. When God appeared to Moses, it was through a burning bush. When God gave the ten commandments (an event that was remembered at Pentecost), He descended upon Mount Sinai in fire. As the Israelites journeyed through the wilderness, a pillar of fire was one of the ways that God guided them and showed that He was with them. God now comes upon His people in tongues of fire. This also fulfilled the promise made by John the Baptist that Jesus would ‘baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire.’ (Matthew 3v11)

As the Spirit came upon the disciples, they were suddenly able to speak in a variety of different languages. Remember all of the people who were in Jerusalem? Well, they could suddenly understand the disciples. They could hear their own languages being spoken. But what were they speaking about? Acts 2v11 tells us that they were speaking about the ‘wonderful works of God.’ They

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G	T	A	A	U	O	A	R	Y	B	H	P
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Use Acts 2v9-11 to find out all of the different nationalities and countries that were able to hear the good news in their own language. HINT: There are seventeen to find.

were no doubt telling them about Jesus and how He had died to deliver them.

What a difference the Holy Spirit had made! Not only were they speaking in different languages, but they were speaking boldly. It hadn’t been that long since they had been cowering away in a locked room, for fear of the Jews. That would all change now. God was at work!

The Bible tells us several things which explain what the fear of the Lord is. Use the numbers below to decode the answers. 1=A, 2=B, 3=C etc.

The fear of the LORD is...

3 12 5 1 14

Psalm 19v9

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of

2 5 7 9 14 14 9 14 7 23 9 19 4 15 13

Psalm 111v10

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2 5 7 9 14 14 9 14 7 11 14 15 23 12 5 4 7 5

Proverbs 1v7

20 15 8 1 20 5 5 22 9 12

Proverbs 8v13

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6 15 21 14 20 1 9 14 12 9 6 5

Proverbs 14v27

8 9 19 20 18 5 1 19 21 18 5

Isaiah 33v6

