

Mystery of Resurrection Part of Story

Editor's Note: This is the last of six Easter meditations. Previous articles discussed the events of the final week of Jesus' life among men, culminating in his crucifixion on Good Friday. Today's meditation on the Resurrection is by a distinguished Baptist theologian who is dean of the University of Chicago Divinity School.

By the Rev. Dr. Walter Harrelson
Written for the United Press
Christian faith is faith in the Resurrection. On Easter morning we celebrate as awesome and glorious mystery, but it is a mystery which is central to the Christian faith.

In I Corinthians 15 the apostle Paul shows just how significant the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is for the Christian. He begins by insisting that Christ's Resurrection is not a theory which he invented. It is an essential part of the Christian story which he had received. If he is to tell the story of God's saving deeds among men, he cannot ignore Christ's victory over sin and death. For this is of first importance.

Why is it so important? Not merely because it is a part of the tradition. Paul uses great freedom in dealing with the record of Jesus' life and work.

It is important, first of all, because it actually happened. Paul does not try to prove that it happened; he knows that this would not be possible. Even if it were possible, proof of the Resurrection is less important than an understanding of its consequences. But Paul has no shadow of doubt that it did happen.

God Was Not Defeated

God was not defeated on calvary. The powers of sin and death were defeated. Out of death, life has come. A new age has dawned: The age of God's kingly rule among men and nations. Eyes of faith are needed to mark the character of this new age, but in faith, its reality can not be denied. It is simply true that God has brought newness of life; meaning and power; joy, peace and blessedness to all mankind.

Yet Paul is not content to stop there. Christ's resurrection is the sure sign and seal that we too shall be raised

from the dead. Just as all men died, so also shall all be made alive. The rule of sin and death has been taken away, yet all men still die. They die, however, in a new situation. They will be raised. They will be raised, not because they have proved themselves worthy to receive such a gift from God, but because God has Himself conquered death in the person of His son.

Paul next speaks, very modestly, about what this Resurrection day will be like for us. He insists on speaking of the Resurrection of the body, not the immortality of the soul. It is much easier to make sense of eternal life if we think of the body as no more than a shell, a container of the real self—the soul.

This is not the way the Bible speaks. For the Bible, the "soul" is the whole self, not some inner, real self only incidentally related to the body. Just as man's redemption from sin involves total change in his person, so also his Resurrection must be a Resurrection of the self—and hence, bodily Resurrection.

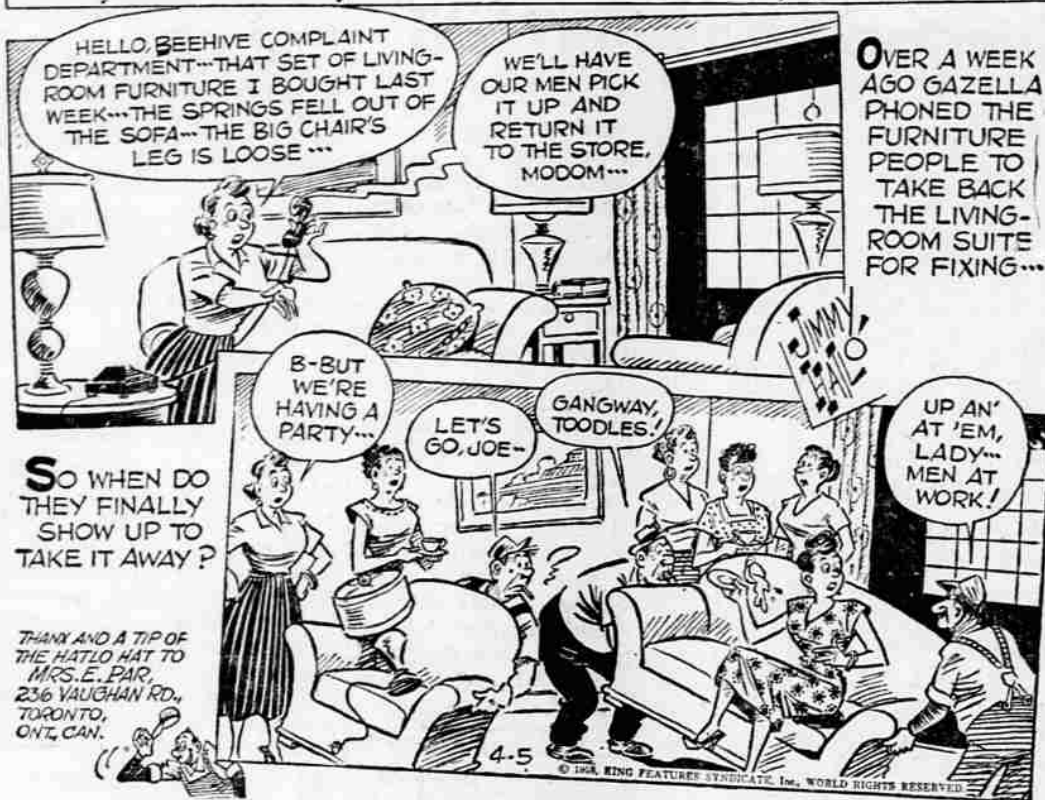
How can we make sense of this view of Resurrection? Perhaps the only thing to say is that we can not make full sense of it. But we can and must say that the issue it raises is decisive for the Christian. The issue is simply stated: Does God triumph fully over sin and death, or does he not? Precisely how God triumphs we can not know, and do not need to know. Paul speaks of a spiritual body which is raised at the last day. Behind this speaking is his unshakable faith in the victory decisively won by God in Jesus Christ, a victory which is to have its full display and sway in God's own time.

Cuban Rebels Reject Blanket Pardon Offer

Havana—Cuban rebels today rejected a government offer of blanket pardon and declared a "total war of extermination" if President Fulgencio Batista and his government fail to step down by midnight Saturday.

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



Student Work Party Planned for Camp

A Methodist Student Movement work party has been scheduled for the Dead Indian Soda Springs camp, April 7 through 11. Most of the students will be from Willamette university, with Stanley Culy, chairman of the project.

R. J. Bills, camp manager, and the Rev. G. A. Trough, camp committee chairman, will participate in the party. Trusses for the new dining hall will be assembled, window sashes will be painted, volley ball court leveled and lined, trails will be cleared and marked, as well as several other jobs.

A sub-district work party has been scheduled for April 18 and 19, for the construction of the new dining hall. The building has been pre-fabricated in Medford during the winter and will be taken to the camp as panels. Final work will be done on Memorial day weekend.

County Labor Council Endorses Two Judges

The Jackson County Labor Council has unanimously endorsed Judge Edward Kelly and Judge James Main for election in the May 16 primary.

Judge Kelly is running for circuit court, position No. 3 and Judge Main for circuit court, position No. 1.

GOLD HILL Many Guests Are Listed

By MRS. CLYDE KELL
Gold Hill—Several Gold Hill families have had out-of-town guests in their home recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter McLean, Second ave. Gold Hill, has as recent guests his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. McLean, of Salmon Arm, B.C. The McLeans were en route home following a vacation in Washington, Utah, Montana, Idaho, Arizona and California.

Mrs. J. E. Mayer has returned to her home in Portland following a visit in the home of her mother, Mrs. W. E. Thompson, on old Pacific Highway, south. Mrs. Mayer is the former Hortense Thompson. While here she also visited her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Chavner Thompson.

Mrs. Robert Reed returned to Portland State college after a visit in the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Malone and family on old Pacific Highway south of Gold Hill.

Elmer Lee (Skip) Marsden of Milwaukie spent several days of his spring vacation visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dungey, and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Marsden. Lee Marsden accompanied him to Milwaukie where he remained for a two-day visit.

in the home of his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Marsden Jr.

Bruce Burnett has returned to his classes at Oregon State college after a visit in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Burnett and his sister, Miss Donna Burnett, Upper River road.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Steinmetz and son, Harry Leigh, returned to their home on First ave. last week after a week's trip to Portland where they visited their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. David Steinmetz and children, John, Robert, Mary Beth and Barbara. En route to their home here they visited Mrs. Steinmetz's niece and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lucas and children, Gary, Sherry and Noreen at McMinnville.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Steinmetz and family of Medford have moved into their new home near their former residence.

Mrs. George Boye and daughter Cathy, of Lancaster, Calif., are spending their Easter vacation in southern Oregon visiting her father-in-law, Carl F. Boye and his daughter, Miss Phyllis Boye, on Pacific highway, north of Gold Hill. Mrs. Boye and daughter also are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Nordstrom, in Medford. Bill Boye returned to Corvallis last Sunday after visiting his father, Carl F. Boye.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Parker were hosts to a dinner party recently at their home on Lampman rd. The occasion was in observance of Miss Judi Davis' birthday. Attending were the honoree's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Davis, Central Point, Mrs. Tresa Parker, Dave and Linda Parker, all Gold Hill.

Boy Scouts

Troop 41
The executive committee of Boy Scout Troop 41 met at the home of Harvey Maxson Thursday, March 27.

Plans and preparations for the Lava Bed outing were discussed. The troop will leave Friday morning, April 11, and return the following Sunday. While at the location, the troop will explore the lava caves and visit Capt. Jack's stronghold.

The Troop recently was re-organized under the leadership of Harvey Rowden, Scoutmaster. His assistants are Jerry Mathern, assistant Scoutmaster; Ralph Large, junior assistant; Bobby Olkerson, senior patrol leader; David Stewart, quartermaster; Ronnie Edmonds, Blue Jay patrol leader; Johnnie Casade Apache patrol leader; Jimmie Rowden, Flaming Arrow patrol leader; and Mike Cochran scribe.

Until after the Civil War, nearly all clock-making in America was centered in Connecticut. But an Illinois company founded in 1885 is today the nation's biggest producer, with more than 3,500 persons employed by the Westclox organization at its LaSalle, Ill. plant.

City Schools Get Ratings in Annual District Contest

The solo and ensemble contest, given by the Southern Oregon district of the Oregon Music Teachers association, was held recently in Ashland with each group and individual receiving a rating.

Judges for the event were Joseph Brye, piano and vocal, Oregon State college; Ira Lee, brass and percussion, University of Oregon; John O'Conner, string and woodwind, OSC; and Daniel Bachman, woodwind, Humboldt State college.

Receiving ratings from Medford High school were David Frohnmayer for cornet solo, superior plus rating; Robert Allen, violin solo; Mary Pierce, French horn solo; Shirley Rutherford, drum solo; brass sextet one, brass sextet two, cornet quartet one, horn quartet one, horn quartet two and baritone quartet, superior; Diane Franklin, piano solo; Ted Lawson, cornet solo; cornet quartet two, clarinet quartet one, mixed clarinet quartet, woodwind quartet, woodwind quartet one, woodwind quartet two, saxophone quartet two and flute trio, excellent; clarinet quartet two, saxophone quartet one and flute duet, good.

Junior High Ratings
Receiving ratings from McLoughlin Junior High school were clarinet quartet three, brass sextet one and Linda Hess, alto saxophone solo, superior; woodwind quartet, Bill Handford, trombone, superior plus; clarinet quartet two, sax sextet, and Mike Gifford, tuba solo, excellent plus; clarinet quartet one, cornet trio, cornet quartet, brass sextet two, Clara Borough, clarinet; Sharon Russell, violin; string quartet one and string quartet two, excellent; Martha Simpson, clarinet, good.

Receiving rating from Hedrick Junior High school were

Donpa Hussong, alto sax solo, Treva Toenniges, bassoon solo, Bob Heide, cornet solo, horn quartet, brass sextet, brass quintet and brass quartet, superior; Vickie Toenniges clarinet solo, Mary Milne, oboe solo, and Allen House baritone solo, excellent; and Nancy Donahue, clarinet solo, Barbara Barnum, clarinet solo, woodwind quintet, clarinet quartet, flute quartet and flute quartet, good.

Director for the event this year was Ken Waldroff, Ashland High school band director.

Annual Spring Band Concert Is Slated

The annual Spring concert of the Medford High school band will be held Friday, April 11, at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The 100-piece concert band will be under the direction of Irv Mirick. Proceeds will help defray expenses of sending the band to music contests this spring.

The concert will include the "Finale from the New World Symphony" by Dvorak, the "Folk Song Suite" by Vaughn Williams and various program pieces and guest artists from the University of Oregon band, according to Mirick, supervisor of instrumental music for the Medford schools.

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In addition to the life insurance and annuity payments, the life companies distributed among Oregon families in 1956 benefits of more than \$13.5 million under accident and health policies, an increase of 100 percent in only five years. This rapid growth of such protection was typical of the nation as a whole as people individually and in working groups acted to protect themselves against the financial hazards of sickness and accident.

In 1956 alone, such payments by the life insurance companies to families in the Beaver State totaled \$47.1 million. Of this, \$28.4 million, or 60.2 percent, was in living benefits, that is, was disbursed to policyholders themselves in the form of matured endowments, disability payments, annuity payments, surrender values and policy dividends.

The record of life insurance investments by regions over a span of years, reflects the character and development of economic activity in various parts of the country — new goods and services being supplied, people's demands being fulfilled. These life insurance dollars, set aside for protection and to come back as benefit payments in later years, contribute to getting new processes started, to constructing schools, churches, waterworks, bridges, highways, pipelines, electrical networks, and now to helping advance the atomic-energy age with all the peaceful applications that it can bring.

Mortgages, of course, provide financing not only for home owners, but for farmers and businessmen, too—for people in the suburbs, in the country, in the city. Mortgages owned by U. S. life insurance companies in the State of Oregon at the end of 1956 amounted to \$356.6 million, covering 35,390 loans.

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