

4-1978

April 1978 (Vol. 1 No. 8)

Cedarville College

Follow this and additional works at: https://digitalcommons.cedarville.edu/living_springs



Part of the [Higher Education Commons](#)

Recommended Citation

Cedarville College, "April 1978 (Vol. 1 No. 8)" (1978). *Living Springs*. 6.
https://digitalcommons.cedarville.edu/living_springs/6

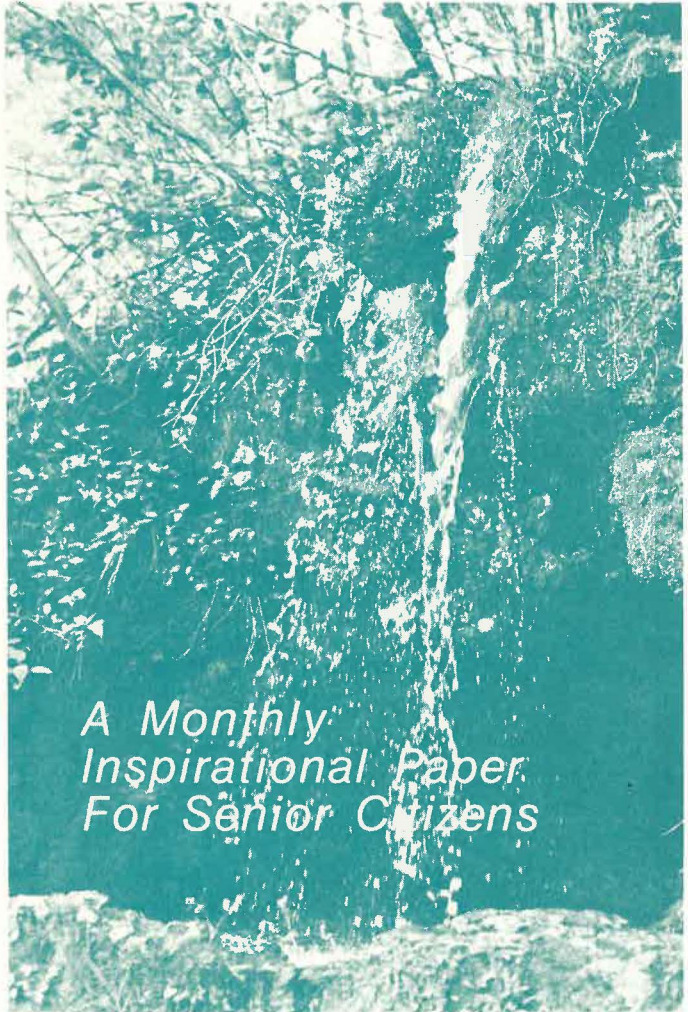
This Newsletter is brought to you for free and open access by DigitalCommons@Cedarville, a service of the Centennial Library. It has been accepted for inclusion in Living Springs by an authorized administrator of DigitalCommons@Cedarville. For more information, please contact digitalcommons@cedarville.edu.

Cedarville College Library
Cedarville, Ohio 45814

Living Springs

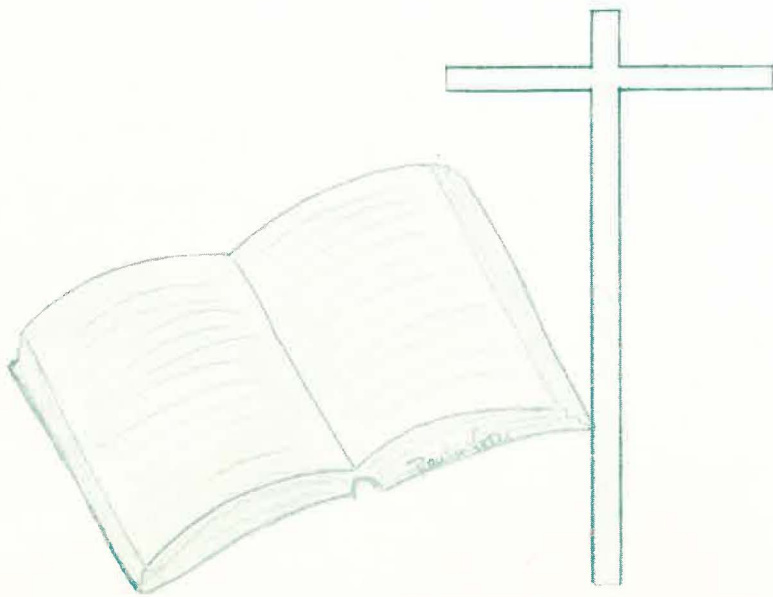
Vol. 1 No. 8

© 1977 by Christian Educational Publications



*A Monthly
Inspirational Paper
For Senior Citizens*

APRIL 1978



Hope...

Eternity With God

by
Mark J. Highman

Being that I am quite active in the LIVING SPRINGS Inspirational Paper here at Cedarville College, I found myself quite open to getting involved in one area of our outreach - the Rest Home, a perfect way to get directly involved with those to whom I write. The first time I walked into the rest home I was hit hard with the constant rhythm that echoed from the walls - THERE IS NO HOPE. I was beside myself in shock, for the reading I received from the atmosphere was unfounded - for sure; THERE IS HOPE, and it's in Jesus Christ our Savior!

What exactly is hope? Webster defines this word as: "a feeling that what is wanted will happen, to want and expect." Probably it could be best summarized as the expectation of something good to happen. Unfortunately many people come to the last phase of their lives and suddenly conclude that there is no hope, that there is nothing good yet to expect. But my friend that's not true. What does Jesus Christ's dying on Calvary mean to you? What does eternal life in heaven mean to you? Have you turned your eyes from Jesus? If you have lost hope because you are nearing the point of introducing your life to eternity, then something is wrong. If you know Jesus as your Savior, you should be even more excited to see Jesus as He welcomes you home! This is the truest form of hope any human will ever experience, the Blessed Hope of seeing our Lord.

What is our Hope? The Bible is full of verses about hope. But then why not? Isn't the Bible our Hope? It contains within itself the very hope of eternal life, Jesus Christ.

The Godhead is involved in our hope. We find hope in the Father (Romans 15:13a), in

the Son (Colossians 1:27, Psalms 71:5), and in the Holy Spirit (Romans 15:13b). We find hope in God because He has made eternal life available to man. (Titus 1:2, 2:7). Now let me explain. God is in total control of all that is - He allowed us to exist, and through His own initiative we were created. Jesus Christ died for our sins because man had fallen (Romans 3:23) and because man is guilty before the law, he must pay for his sin. (Romans 6:23). Christ offered Himself in the place of mankind because He was sinless. We don't have to leave Christ on Calvary's cross however, for he rose again after three days and is even alive today in Heaven! The Bible tells us that if we accept Christ as our Saviour, we can have that hope of eternal life. The Holy Spirit plays a very significant part in the totalness of this - for He convicts us of our need of the Saviour, and teaches us the Word of God.

Where do we find hope? My friend, Jesus Christ extends to you and me eternal life. This is where our hope lies. If you know Jesus as your Saviour, then you DO have hope. If you do not know Jesus Christ, then there is still hope, because salvation is extended to all. Trust in Christ as the Lord of your life; believe on His name, realizing that you should be punished for your sin, yet believing that He did indeed take your place for that punishment; and you shall be saved! Then you too can share in the hope of all believers of the eternal life with our Lord and Saviour. One last thought I leave to all of our readers, a verse from Jeremiah 17:7: "Blessed is the man who trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the LORD is." Trust Him today, and you will have all of tomorrow to look forward to!

REFLECTIONS of FAITH

BEAUTIFUL FUTURE

*Heavenly Father, up above,
Help me gain through prayer and love,
Heavenly Father, help me see
The beautiful future you have for me.*

*It's so beautiful, God. I feel it now.
Through gracious love you've showed me
how
Soon I'll have life abundant and free
Throughout eternity, my Jesus and me!*

*by
Phil Said*

HOPE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST

*Though living in a world turned inside-out
Cluttering my mind with fear and doubt,
I sing praises to the Lord
For His wonderful grace
And His promise of a future
In a beautiful place.*

*He sees me through when I'm hardest hit
He keeps me going so I mustn't quit.*

*Someday, when on earth,
I no longer roam
I'll be with my Savior
In my heavenly home.*

*by
Phil Said*

Little Pilgrim's Progress

by
Helen L. Taylor



Edited for LIVING SPRINGS

by
Mark J. Highman

Part III

LAST MONTH: Little Christian had been admitted through the gate to the way of the King. On his way to the palace he found the Cross of Calvary where he lost all burdens. Here he was given a white garment and a scroll with gold letters from the King himself. He would need to show this at the time of entering heaven. Farther along in his pilgrimage he met Discretion at the palace called Beautiful.

"What is your name?" she sweetly asked.

"Christian," he replied. "I shall be so very glad if I may stay here until the morning."

"Yes, you may stay," answered Discretion smiling at the boy's anxious face.

Christian spent three days at the palace Beautiful. On the second day, Discretion allowed him to see the armory. This was a large room in which were stored all kinds of weapons for the use of the King's servants. Between the palace and the Celestial City the King's enemies were often very troublesome, and even the little pilgrims needed to carry weapons.

Christian's cheeks glowed with pleasure when he found that he was really to have a suit of armor for his very own.

"You must take care of your armor," said Discretion, as she chose a helmet of the right size. "It must always be kept bright and shining."

Then he was given a shield, a sword, breastplate, and shoes. Fastening the sword to

his side, Discretion said, "May the blessing of the King go with you, my child, and may you continue His faithful soldier and servant all the days of your life."

After saying good-bye to all of his friends at the palace, Little Christian started onward in his walk. However, it wasn't long before he met his first enemy, Self. It was a great battle and for a while Christian began to wonder if he would survive for many of the sharp darts Self threw at him had hit him. However, the King was with him and finally Christian was able to thrust his sword into Self, giving Christian the victory! A victory that really encouraged Christian, for even when he came to the Dark Valley a terrible, most dreadful place ever seen, he felt much closer to the King and had more trust in Him. He was willing to try to cross the Valley for the King, and the King gave Christian the strength to conquer the darkness.

At last the mist began to roll away, and a soft, pale light shone overhead. Little Christian looked up, and he found that he could see a strip of sky between the overhanging rocks, and he knew that the day was breaking. The path he had just been over was a treacherous path with a marsh on one side, and a steep precipice on the other, which all seemed more fearful than they had in the darkness.

The Dark Valley with all its terrors, now lay behind him, and just before him the ground rose a little. Christian climbed to the top of the ascent and he saw a boy walking not very far from him, but going toward the King's city. Thinking that he might be able

continued on page 6



Hope . . . It Is Sure

by
Cindy Denny

Hope - a very small word, but one of the most important words in the English vocabulary. Without hope for a better tomorrow, many commit suicide. Warriors without hope for a victory will turn their heads to the wall at night and die. How terrible to be in this condition (Job 11:20)!

However, for the Christian, the person who has taken Christ as his Savior, the hope for a better future (Heaven) is a promise. Why is it such a sure thing when the hope of the unsaved person is not? The answer to that question is found in 1 Peter 1:3 and Ephesians 2:12. The hope of an unsaved person is placed in things or people that will perish, so it is not substantial hope at all. Whereas the hope of a Christian is a *lively hope* because it's placed in an eternally alive Person - Jesus Christ. The Christian's hope is also promised by God who is unable to lie. How much more sure can one's hope be?

Now that we have such a sure hope of a place in Heaven, what are we to do with this hope - hide it? No! Let our prayer be as the Psalmist's in Psalms 119:116 and let us tell others so that they too might put *their* hope in God!

Joy In The Lord

by
Jody Bridges

"Rejoice evermore" (1 Thessalonians 5:16). This is a direct commandment from our Lord Jesus Christ and we are constrained to obey. Many times we must face trying circumstances that usually are not pleasant. How can anyone be happy amidst the inflation, crime, and misery our nation faces? Does God really expect us to be glad when there are numerous problems in our personal lives and stress within our nation? According to the Bible the answer is yes.

If God truly wants us to rejoice, and His word says He does, then we can be sure that He will provide a way for us. He promises to give us an inexplicable peace when we take our burdens to Him in prayer (Philippians 4:6-7). With peace in our hearts we cannot help but rejoice in the Lord.

About what should we rejoice? We can rejoice in God's plan of salvation through the death of Christ on the cross. Thinking of God's great power as displayed in creation will bring delight to our souls. Because of our redemption we have access to our heavenly Father through prayer. We should praise Him because He cares about our every need. There is an inexhaustible list of things that will cause us to rejoice. That is why the Bible says in Philippians 4:4, "*Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice.*"

Apr. 1 Saturday	I Cor. 15:1-22
Apr. 2 Sunday	I John 3:1-11
Apr. 3 Monday	Col. 1:10-23
Apr. 4 Tuesday	Psalms 146
Apr. 5 Wednesday	Psalms 31:14-24
Apr. 6 Thursday	Lam. 3:22-38

Apr. 7 Friday	James 1:1-12
Apr. 8 Saturday	Romans 8:35-39
Apr. 9 Sunday	Romans 12:9-21
Apr. 10 Monday	I Cor. 3:11-23
Apr. 11 Tuesday	Col. 3:5-17
Apr. 12 Wednesday	I John 5:11-21

Apr. 13 Thursday
Apr. 14 Friday
Apr. 15 Saturday
Apr. 16 Sunday
Apr. 17 Monday
Apr. 18 Tuesday

Hope . . . Continual Optimism

by
Shar Robinson

A famous verse quoted in time of testing is Romans 8:28, *"For we know that all things work together for good to them that love God..."* It is comforting in times when all seems against us...but what about right now? What about our day-to-day life? Is that promise exclusively for the bad times?

Job, in his many trials, stayed faithful to God. He did not hesitate, however, to serve the Lord. He held an optimism even in good and prosperous times.

In Lamentations 3:1-21, Jeremiah recalls trials when it seemed the Lord was not there. Upon recalling the event, he realized the Lord had humbled him. His concluding words were, *"This I recall to my mind; therefore have I hope"* (vs. 21).

To only have hope that bad will be turned to good is to miss part of God's promise that *all things work together for the good*. Hoping in the Lord in the good times, and even in our everyday walk is just as important as hoping and being optimistic through trials. Let each and every day be a continual hope that God is working for your good.

"Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Spirit" (Romans 15:13).

Salvation . . . Our Hope

by
Ron Sheldon

The idea of hope expressed in the New Testament reflects the feelings that there is confidence (trust) that some specific act hoped for will actually come to pass, (Romans 15:13). It is a hope characterized by joy and contentedness (Acts 23:6, 26:7; Romans 5:4; I Corinthians 13:13).

In Romans 8:20 the Apostle Paul tells us that we have the hope of salvation, telling us that if we call on God to save us we can have confidence (hope) that He will do just that. God's promise to save those who believe is a real and true one, and we are assured that it shall come to pass!

God manifests His salvation to believers in Christ, and Christ is the source of the believers' expectations. Therefore, Christ is "our hope" unto salvation (I Timothy 1:1; Romans 15:13). He died for us on the cross to bear the punishment for our sins so that we would not have to be eternally condemned. Then Christ completed His work by raising Himself from the grave. If He had not risen, then our hope would be useless, for a dead Christ would be useless.

A saving hope is the most wonderful experience in a person's existence, as the absence of it can be the most horrifying. If you are still a stranger to this kind of hope, then ask Christ to come into your life today!

I Peter 3:8-17
James 5:1-6
Romans 8:18-28
Job 11:13-20
Lam. 3:1-21
Psalms 16

Apr. 19 Wednesday Prov. 10:27-32
Apr. 20 Thursday Jeremiah 17:5-16
Apr. 21 Friday II Timothy 2:1-7
Apr. 22 Saturday II Timothy 2:8-15
Apr. 23 Sunday Romans 3:9-28
Apr. 24 Monday Genesis 15:1-6

Apr. 25 Tuesday Mark 9:1-13
Apr. 26 Wednesday Eph. 2:1-10
Apr. 27 Thursday Jude 1:8-19
Apr. 28 Friday Psalms 2:1-12
Apr. 29 Saturday Psalms 103
Apr. 30 Sunday Revelation 22:1-21

continued from page 3

to walk with this boy he ran after him. When he caught up to him, he found it was his old friend Faithful from back home.

The two boys were very pleased to see each other. Faithful had always been quiet and thoughtful, and he and Little Christian had sometimes talked together about the King's Book, and the wonderful stories which they had heard from it.

"I am glad I have caught up with you," said Christian, "It will be much nicer to travel together."

"I meant to come all the way with you," replied Faithful, "but you went off so suddenly that I did not know until you were gone."

"How long did you stay in the City?"

"Only two or three days. After you left, the boys talked a great deal about the King's messages, but I don't think they really believe them."

"So what happened to you?"

"I did not fall in the Slough," said Faithful, "but I met a girl named Pleasure before I came to the Wicked gate. She is a servant in the Wicked Prince's palace, and when she saw where I was going she tried to make me go back."

Little Christian remembered how he had turned aside when World deceived him and he said, "You may be very glad you did not listen to her."

It wasn't long before the children found themselves before Vanity Fair, the great city of the wicked prince which was built on both sides of the path in order to force pilgrims through the city. Hopefully, here the wicked king could capture the pilgrims in their own lusts. Many pilgrims died in this city because they would not give in to the Wicked Prince. In this city, the governor soon found them and tried both boys in court. They decided to allow Little Christian to live and put Faithful to death.

Both boys were taken to the Market Place, but Faithful was chained in the midst of many cruel-looking men. They started beating him and wounding him with their sharp weapons.

"Oh Faithful! Faithful!" cried Christian, but Faithful did not answer. He was looking up into the sky, and his face was shining with a beautiful light, like the face of one of the angels that Christian met at the cross.

Then Christian looked up also, and in the air, just above the place where Faithful was standing, he could see a band of angels, and he knew that they were waiting to carry

the soul of the little pilgrim to its home in the Celestial City.

Christian was soon allowed to leave Vanity Fair. He went quietly down the street not feeling strong enough yet to walk quickly, and fearing very much lest the boys should run after him, as they had done before, and cause more trouble. But as Faithful had been put to death, they were satisfied.

Christian, once outside the archway, thought how he was going to miss his companion and have to walk the way all alone when he suddenly felt a hand on his shoulder. It was a boy named Hopeful, looking frightened.

"Let me come with you. I don't want to stay here any longer."

"Do you mean you want to be a pilgrim?" said Christian.

"Yes, I am Hopeful, and I want to go with you! Do you mind?"

Next month: Find out about the two pilgrims taken to Doubting Castle.

Let's Chatter

About a Matter

editorial by Mark Highman

Below is a poem written and submitted to LIVING SPRINGS by Mr. Earl C. Gregory. Mr. Gregory says that he "loves to compose rhymes" and that "he and his friends would like to see it printed in LIVING SPRINGS." Mr. Gregory is 90 years old, residing in a home for the elderly. We were very happy to read that he enjoys reading LIVING SPRINGS. This warms our hearts Mr. Gregory! Thank you.

ANXIOUS?

Are you anxious about tomorrow?

Do you look ahead with fear?

No doubt the sun will rise in glory-

And you'll have another day to cheer.

Think of the many joys of today

Worry not what the morrow may bring.

God will provide your every need

As surely as summer follows spring.

Our minds get cluttered with fear

We need to look on the bright side.

Enjoy the blessing that come today

Tomorrow you'll look back with pride.

God wants His children to be cheerful

There are many sad -

You cannot long remain tearful

If you daily make someone glad!

Quizzle

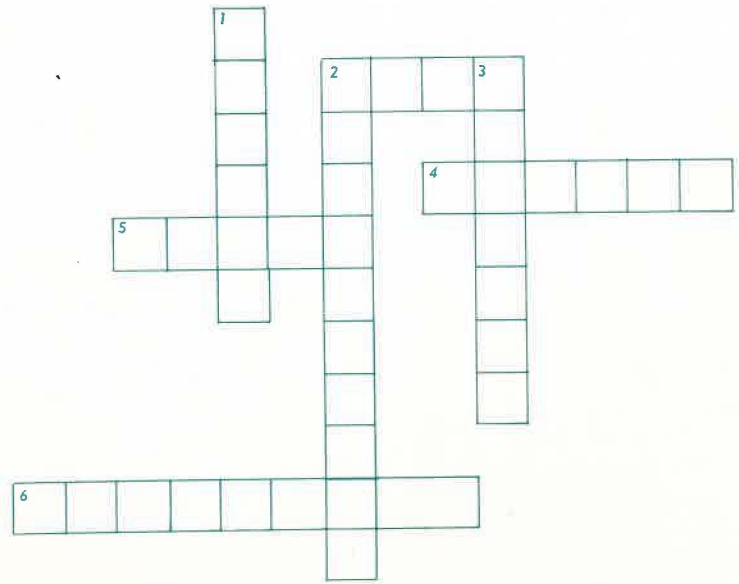
HOPE

ACROSS

2. Without God we have no _____ .
Eph. 2:12
4. Hope of the wicked shall _____ .
Job 8:13
5. Christ in us; the hope of _____ .
Col. 1:27
6. The armor of God; Helmit is the hope of _____ .
I Thess. 5:8

DOWN

1. Hope is the _____ of the
soul. Heb. 6:19
2. We receive hope through the _____ .
Rom. 15:13
3. We are heirs according to the hope of
_____ . Titus 3:7



Phil Said

Looking At God's Creation

by
Karen Payne

Consider the rainbow. Why does the rainbow appear in the sky after a storm? Does it have any special meaning? Only in the past few years have scientists been able to provide a satisfactory theory explaining why these colorful arcs are formed.

The bow is seen only when the sun is shining, and no matter what time of day it may appear it will always be directly opposite the sun. This being the case, the observer would have to stand with his back to the sun to see the bow.

The cause of the rainbow is simple, though it is not easily understood. A ray of white light from the sun enters a tiny drop of rain, is turned back by the farther side of the drop as though it were a mirror, and returns toward the sun in a stream of varied colors, scientifically called a spectrum. Due to this phenomena, you will find yourself looking at a new rainbow every time you



turn your head.

While it is true that science can explain, at least partially the cause of the rainbow, the Bible reveals another reason for it. God said, "I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth . . . for perpetual generations" (Genesis 9:12-26).

The Genesis flood was the worst destruction this world has ever seen. God spared eight people out of millions. When it was all over, God put the rainbow into the sky to remind men then and now that He would never again destroy mankind by means of a flood. It must have been thrilling when Noah witnessed the first rainbow in all of its beauty. How he must have praised and thanked God for watching over him and his family during that flood.

We too can thank God for His watch care over us. Even in the midst of storms, and in difficult places we can safely know that God is watching His children. And whenever you find the rainbow in the sky, think of God and His watch care over you. He IS our shelter in the time of storm!

Living Springs

Box 601
Cedarville, Ohio 45314

Cedarville College Library
Cedarville, Ohio 45314

But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

John 4:14

"Living Springs" is a monthly publication for senior citizens, published by Christian Educational Publications in association with the Christian Service Department of Cedarville College. For subscription or other information write: Living Springs, Christian Educational Publications, Box 601, Cedarville, OH 45314.

Editor
Managing Editor
Associate Editors

Assistant Editors

Artist
Photography

Harold Green
Paul Gathany
Mark Highman
Harmon Bergen
Pat Farmwald
Janet Ebel and Connie McLane
Bonnie Guenther
Gary Gross

We invite readers to submit original poetry or articles. Any material submitted to us cannot be returned, so be sure to send a spare copy. Poetry should be less than 20 lines and articles 150 words or less.