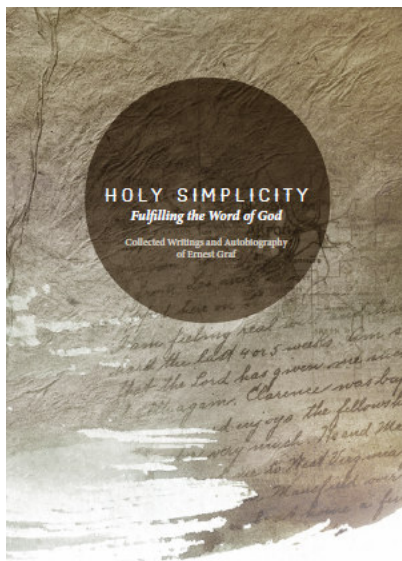


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...This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord.
Isaiah 54:17



Holy Simplicity Now Available

Ernest Graf, Sr., a respected brother in the Apostolic Christian Church, was ordained as elder in Akron, Ohio, in 1922. Besides his duties as elder and minister, he was also instrumental in translating many of the *Zion's Harp* hymns from German into English. This booklet contains Ernest Graf's autobiography and some of his letters, sermons, and doctrinal writings. It also includes his funeral service and a memorial poem written by Henry Beer. This collection was compiled to share the wisdom and spiritual insight of a dear elder brother for the benefit of all who appreciate our blessed heritage. *Holy Simplicity* should be available by the end of July and can be purchased for \$8.00 from www.melttheheart.com

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A Selection from History

The following words were spoken by Bro. Herman Hueni, a minister in Bremen, Indiana, from 1935 - 1961, after reading Matthew 25:

I believe that these poor, unfortunate women probably slept and slumbered. Spiritually interpreted that means fell away a little bit from the narrow way of life - probably using this excuse and that pretext for doing this and that, probably broadening the pathway a little bit and not being satisfied with this or that so that the Holy Spirit, planted by God in their heart on the day of Salvation, could no longer function for the purpose for which the Holy Spirit is created; namely, to guide and to direct and to chastise and to admonish. They, by perhaps a few gradual transgressions here and a little side-stepping there, and a little Spiritual laziness here, became more or less immune to the voice of the Spirit, and their watchfulness was lessened. The Oil of Faith, which it is necessary to accumulate in our days, was not present in their lamps, and then when the crisis came, (and it can be looked upon as the crisis when the Lord calls His child home) they were weighed in the balance and found wanting. Now I believe had they been obedient, and I don't mean obedient to the letter of the law so much as I mean obedient to the still small quiet voice in their heart, things would have been different.

Froehlich's Meditations On the Epistle of Paul to the Romans

In an increasingly chaotic world, it is a blessing to read the Godly inspiration given to our steadfast forefathers who lived during times when their faith was also tested. Samuel Froehlich was chosen by the Lord, during a period of great spiritual deception, to be a vessel through whom He revealed the simplicity of salvation through Christ Jesus.

In a continuing effort to preserve the historical record of our heritage of faith which the Lord has handed down to us through the generations since the time of Christ, the Heritage Center's most recent translation is from notes Brother Froehlich penned after sermons from the Apostle Paul's epistle to the Romans. Contained in this inspired epistle are gems for all stages of our journey of faith - beginning with repentance for sins committed in one's unconverted life to a firm grasp of saving faith in Christ Jesus. The new convert sincerely seeking salvation soon comes to understand that *all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose* (Romans 8:28) and that he or she must not return to the sin that had separated them from God, and so the inspiration given in this epistle to the Romans is very timely in our day also.

The translation of Brother Froehlich's notes from German to English had been done many years before, but this more readable translation will be a blessing to all who avail themselves of it. There are excerpts below from the former translation and this one for you to compare. The Heritage Center will soon be publishing these penned notes in book form.

1) Previous translation:

The world has, indeed, also a so-called Gospel, but it is another one than the Gospel of the apostles: for the latter preach a Christ Who saves the believers from sin, but according to the gospel of the world one dare and must remain in sin and can yet be a child of God and a Christian. For according to the latter, Christ saves the ungodly and sinners by the accounted righteousness of faith alone, - without works.

1) New translation:

The world, indeed, also has a so-called Gospel, but it is a different one than the Gospel of the Apostles, for the Apostles preached a Christ Who saves the believers from sin. But according to the gospel of the world, one can and must remain in sin and can still be a child of God and a Christian. According to the world's gospel, Christ saves the ungodly and sinners merely by the imputed righteousness of faith alone—without works.

2) Previous translation:

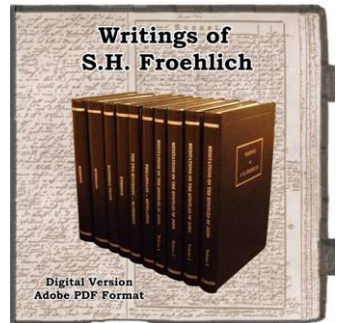
The obedience of faith now ever is two-fold. First the preached Gospel for justification and then for the guidance of the Holy Ghost unto sanctification; the one is as hard as the other and it requires a struggle to overcome one's self in order to renounce the devil and to serve Christ as the only lawful Master and to be a subject of the hope of the future glory.

2) New translation:

Obedience to the faith, however, is two-fold. It is first obedience to the Gospel that is preached unto justification and then obedience to the guidance of the Holy Ghost unto sanctification. They are both equally difficult, and it requires a struggle to overcome one's self to renounce the devil and to serve Christ as the only legitimate Lord and to be His subject in hope of future glory.

Froehlich's Writings in Searchable Format

Brother Samuel Froehlich's writings are available in Adobe Acrobat format for use on a computer. This PDF document format allows the user to search the entire set of writings for a specific topic or phrase. Currently, the contents of the black books published by Apostolic Christian Publications are included:



- * Hebrews
- * Ephesians
- * Baptismal Truth
- * Two Mysteries
- * Matrimony
- * Philippians
- * Revelation
- * Meditations on the Epistle of John
- * Evidence Demonstrating Truth of The Word Of God
- * Old Testament Meditations

This digitized collection also includes a letter written by Brother Froehlich concerning baptism which was translated by Brother Ernest Graf, Sr., and an article titled "Introduction and a condensed outline of the life of S.H. Froehlich" which was taken from a previously published book of Brother Froehlich's writings.

A CD with these files is available for \$10.00.

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Also available online at http://www.acpublications.org/media/pdf-download/0400_complete_set_of_froehlich_writings.pdf

Do you know. . .

...which Apostolic Christian congregation was first known as the Slabtown Church?

Answer: Congerville, IL

From *The Days of Yesteryear in Woodford County, Illinois* by Mae Schrock

Stories of Faith and Courage, Vol. 4 Audio Book

The audio book for *Stories of Faith and Courage, Vol. 4* is progressing with many hours spent reading the 23 stories, editing, and creating accompanying music. When production is complete, there will be a notice in the Heritage Center newsletter with price and availability.

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“Be Prepared”
Zion’s Harp #50, verses 4 and 8

He will not long now tarry;
Do not fall back to sleep!
The trees their blossoms carry,
See springtime forward creep,
Presage comfort for sorrow;
The sunset glow foretells
The grand day for tomorrow,
Which night and gloom dispels.

There is the vict’ry’s emblem;
There is the snow-white dress;
We’ll sing the joyful anthem,
And heaven’s peace possess.
Instead of tears and sadness,
The hour of joy will chime,
And after winter’s bleakness,
Eternal spring sublime.