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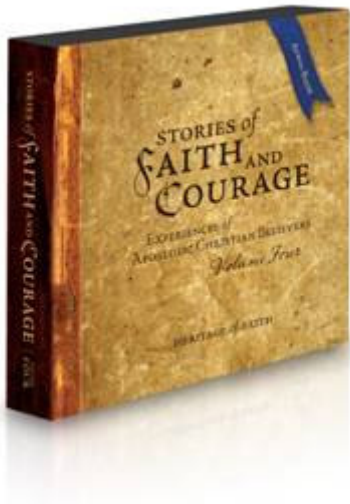
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...This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord.
Isaiah 54:17

Audio Book of Volume IV, *Stories of Faith and Courage*

to be available January 15, 2017



The audio book of Volume IV contains 23 true accounts depicting a variety of Nazarene and Apostolic Christian experiences of faith in Europe and America during the 1900s. These moving stories show how Christians stayed true to their God despite very difficult circumstances. They are presented with musical enhancements, including narrations spoken by people close to the individuals involved.

The audio book will be available by January 15, 2017, from Heritage Press, 607 E. Maple Ridge Court, Edelstein, IL 61526, phone 309-249-6281, email heritagecenterfoundation@gmail.com, or online at www.melttheheart.com/stories-of-faith-courage-vol-4-audio-cd-set/ at a price of \$20.00 for a 10 disc audio set with total playing time of 10 hours, 40 minutes. MP3 flash drives will also be available at a price of \$12.

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

The Heritage Center feels that Bro. Samuel Froehlich's meditations, though not to supersede the Holy Scriptures, provide valuable insight into the understanding given to him by the Holy Spirit. His meditations on the book of Romans are not found in the set of black Froehlich books currently available. A translation of Bro. 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. This book is projected to be available by the end of February.



For the Truth's Sake



Originally printed in Syracuse, New York, readers may recall this 36 page booklet was re-printed by the Heritage Center in 2013. The Heritage Center considers *For the Truth's Sake* to be a very inspiring treasure that is an excellent example and testimony of true believers who, as a result of government persecution, came to America and helped spread the Apostolic Christian faith and doctrine of Biblical truth that we count so precious today.

The booklet contains transcripts of court records from Schweinfurt, Bavaria, Germany from 1850-1854. Andrew Braun and a few fellow believers had declared themselves free from the State Church and for several years tried to convince the government to recognize their little group. Although they would not permit the State to baptize their children, they tried to convince the authorities that they were sincere in their faith and would not make trouble for the government. The group included those with last names of Schmidt, Reuter, Koch, Rassi, Neuschwanger, Muselmann, and Mueller. Perhaps one of your ancestors could have been among them?

We trust these believers not only testified in court with their mouths, but also lived and walked in the Spirit by the grace of God. The accounts include an inspiring confession of faith as well as a personal account of how discipline was kindly applied to a widowed sister for drunkenness.

From page 7..."our faith is not a mere matter of form, not mere learning, not mere confession before men, but permeates our whole heart, sanctifies our whole life as divine strength."

To order *For the Truth's Sake* at a price of \$4.00, call 309-249-6281 or email heritagecenterfoundation@gmail.com or order online at www.melttheheart.com.

Contributions Appreciated

The Heritage Center is expecting some substantial expenses in the near future with covering the upfront costs of printing the newly translated/retranslated Froehlich writings, producing the Volume IV audio book, and another reprinting of the Heritage of Faith textbook.

Donations to fund the many projects undertaken by the Heritage Center Foundation are welcome and may be sent to:

The Heritage Center Foundation
c/o Fairview Haven
605 N. Fourth St.
Fairbury, IL 61739.

Do you know. . .

...when our church officially adopted the name “Apostolic Christian”?

According to Akron’s church history booklet, “During World War I, about 1917, the U.S. government wrote to a church representative in Morton, Illinois. They requested a list of our churches, and expressed the desire that these congregations all be known by the same name....the brothers making up the church leadership met....They decided to be known as the Apostolic Christian Church, and this name became registered with the government.”

A list of ministers included in the binders of printed sermons in the Heritage Center Library:

Walter Anliker	Noah Hartzler
John Bahler	Henry Kilgus
Noah Bauman	Ben Maibach
Theo Beer	David Mangold
Joshua Broquard	Andrew Nussbaum
Andrew Dotterer	Joseph Ramsier
Uriel Gehring	Edwin Ringger
Ernest Gerber	Henry Sabo
Joe A. Getz	Noah Schrock
Rudolph Graf	Loren Stoller
Fred Grimm	Henry Wackerle
Henry Grimm	Joseph Waibel
Arthur Gudeman	George Yergler
Amos Hartzler	Elmer Zollinger
Ben Hartzler	

Visit the Heritage Center Library in Fairbury to read the sermons or make copies. The Heritage Center would welcome donations of printed sermons from other retired or deceased ministers.

A Selection from History

The following words were spoken by Bro. Amos Hartzler, a minister in Rittman, Ohio, from 1916 - 1964, after reading Matthew 22:

And then again of our government we know how much concernment was caused just recently of placing a new ruler into our government and which is also a very important work and should not be considered lightly. The Word teaches us that the Powers that be are ordained of God, and that we should also fear those who are in power not so much for the fear of punishment but for conscience sake, “For He beareth not the sword in vain.” Oh, how many are there that are engaged in watching over those criminals and hunting them up when they hear of certain crimes which have been committed. They are after them and hunting them up, they are not after those who lead a straight and honest life and who do good to their neighbors and to others, but the authorities are after those who do evil and also to keep order in our country where there are many ungodly people who pay little attention to God and His Word. We hear of an underworld with its many evils of which the Lord alone knows all. Are we not surprised to see that our authorities can ever keep order as good as they do? Many people spend time complaining and finding fault with our rulers. Should we not rather be very thankful for the order that we have and also not only that but pray for the authorities even as the Apostle Paul writes that prayer should be offered up for one another and for all human beings and also for those in authority that we might be able to lead a quiet and peaceable life? We can do far more by praying in the presence of God for our authorities than we can by giving advice. We should allow the Lord to direct things the way He sees brings the best results. True it is that the nearer they then can follow His ways the more the blessings of God will be upon them and upon us also.

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“The Inner Life of a Christian”

Zion’s Harp #58, verses 1 and 5

The innermost life of the true Christian shineth
Though outwardly darkened by trials at hand;
What they have received of the
kingdom of heaven
No-one but themselves can in truth understand.
What no one perceiveth, what no one receiveth
Hath filled and enlightened their mind
and their spirit,
And led them to heavenly honor and merit.

They walk on the earth, but their life is in heaven.
They are without power, and yet shield the world;
'Mid turmoil of earth they have peace and
are given,
Though poor and rejected, what they may desire.
They stand in affliction, yet full of affection;
Are dead to all outward enjoyment and pleasure,
They're tasting the fruits of their faith in
rich measure.