

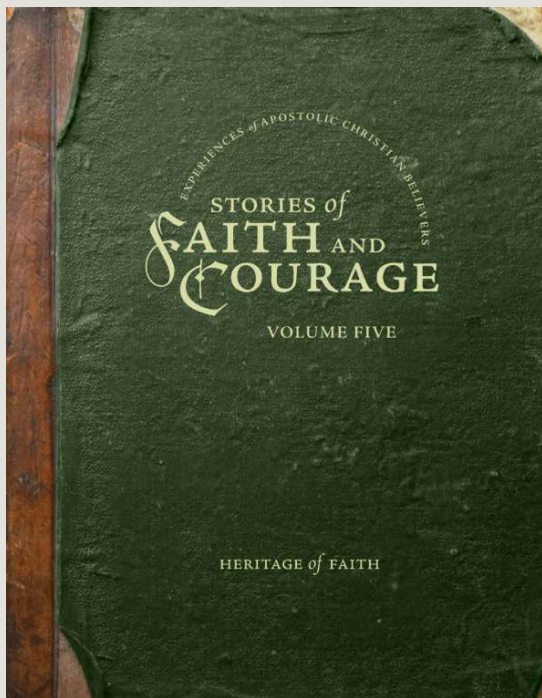
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This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord,
and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord.

ISAIAH 54:17



Est. Availability Thanksgiving 2026

\$15. To pre-order a copy, contact:

- heritagecenterfoundation@gmail.com
- 309-249-6281

(Upon availability, the book will also be available to order on Melt the Heart.)

New Release Available for Pre-Order: **Stories of Faith and Courage Vol. V**

The fifth volume of Stories of Faith and Courage has 23 stories which include both European and American accounts, some of which are accompanied by vintage photographs. The same themes of faithfulness, courage, and nonresistance which were evident in the other books in this series have surfaced again. Inspiring reading.

Excerpt: *David (Meister) never spoke of his ordeal in prison until his grandchildren were in their high school years and began showing interest in this subject. He initially was court-martialed and given a life sentence in prison (Ft. Leavenworth in Kansas). He told a grandson several times, “The happiest day of my life was when I was told my sentence was reduced to twenty-five years. I knew then that someday I would be allowed to leave.”*

From the account “Faith and Courage of a WWI Soldier”

Excerpt: *I thought to myself, Should I tell him this, or not? I knew Hitler was far from normal, and I thought he might pull his pistol out and shoot me dead if I dared even mention the dire situation I was in. But I had nothing to lose and blurted it out anyway. Hitler scowled cruelly at me, and I thought I was finished.*

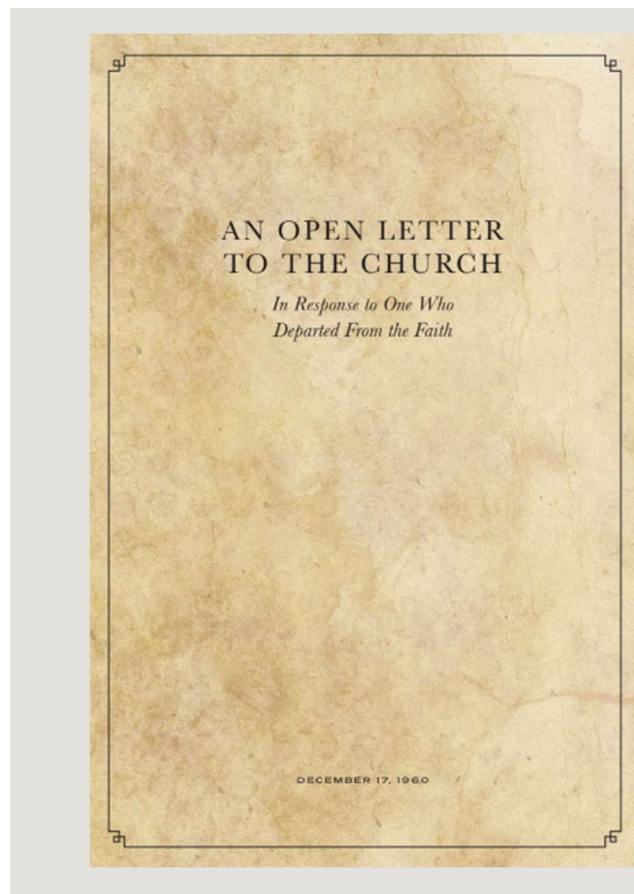
From the account “God Saves Man from Hitler's Wrath”

An Open Letter 1960

This new **Heritage Press booklet** is a reproduction of the Apostolic Christian elders' December 1960 response to a critical open letter from a former member. The letter and reply address disagreements over evangelism and missionary work, systematic Bible study and theological education, salvation and the role of good works, the possibility of salvation outside the Apostolic Christian Church, Christian fellowship and affiliation with other organizations, church traditions and standards, elders' authority and church discipline, and the reasons for and spiritual implications of leaving the fellowship. This booklet is **available by request**. To request a copy, contact heritagecenterfoundation@gmail.com or call 309-249-6281. (\$15)

Publication Updates

- Due to the extensive expansion of the **Froehlich writings PDF**, those who purchased the prior version in the past year are invited to request the new version at no cost.
- We are thankful that the **Legacy of Faith** devotional has been well received since it was first published in 2023. If you would like to begin reading along with the weekly schedule of heritage meditations, January 2027 would be an ideal time! You can order this devotional from Melt the Heart or directly via the Heritage Center e-mail above.



Timeless Faith Audio

Although the Heritage Center and Heritage Press are not directly involved, we would like to make you aware of an effort to distribute historical Christian writings in audio format. *Timeless Faith* is an attempt to share encouragements and truths from believers throughout history beginning in the first century Church.

The audio recordings include writings of Sirach, Justin Martyr, Felix Manz, as well as writings from the Apostolic Christian heritage.

You can listen to recorded audio by calling (845) 456-8295 or visit timelessfaith.org to listen or subscribe.

DID YOU KNOW?

The “long book” or **Heft** hymnal was first assembled by Johann Meister of the Froehlich fellowship in Bern, Switzerland in the 1860s and used outside of regular church services. The earliest versions were published in (reproduced) handwritten form. The German version of the Heft was used in Europe and the US until the 1930s, when a nearly identical English version of the long book began to be used. Heft songs were included in the Hymns of Zion when it was first published in 1958.

Contact heritagecenterfoundation@gmail.com for a visual history of the Heft hymnal.

A Selection from History

Elder Brother **John Adam Reeb** was born at Voellerdingen near Keskastel in Alsace in 1836. In 1858 he married Anne Blanck, the sister of G.M. Mangold's wife Magdalena; they settled in Avricourt in Lorraine where he farmed. Reeb emigrated in 1889 (together with G.M. Mangold and other family members) and settled at Cissna Park, Illinois, in 1890. He lived on a farm near the church, where he died in September 1900. Following are words he spoke in 1894:



Jesus began to speak to the people concerning John the Baptist:

What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind? But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? behold, they that wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet. For this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Here we can see how John was esteemed in the eyes of God. Jesus said that John was the greatest of all men born on earth, no man was greater than John. At one place, we read that the disciples disputed among one another about who should be the greatest among them. Jesus spoke to them and told them that he who wants to be the greatest should be the servant of all. And so was John, a humble servant. He did not seek any honor for himself. When he was asked, "Are you a prophet that we might tell them who sent us?" he did not even count himself to be a prophet; he only told them, "I am a voice preaching in the wilderness, preparing the way for the Lord. I baptize with water, but one comes after me who is stronger than I, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose. He will baptize you with fire and with the Holy Ghost." John was so humble he did not think anything of himself; therefore, God could use him for this great and important work.

Jesus said that John was the greatest of all children of men, but he who is least in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than John. Here the word fulfills itself — the greatest shall be the servant of all.

Who, then, was the least in the Kingdom of Heaven, of whom Jesus said he was greater than John the Baptist? We can search wherever we want to and can find no one who humbled himself so low as did Jesus Christ, the Lord. He made Himself the least and smallest of all. He left His high throne and the glories which He had with His Father in heaven and came down upon this poor earth—took servant form upon Himself and was clothed in flesh and blood and was fashioned like all other men, only without sin. He became the Son of Man.

He did not come to be served, but to be servant to all mankind. He humbled Himself as the most lowly and least, and gave up His life and blood for the remission of man's sins. Therefore God has exalted Him and given Him a name above all other names.



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Poem by Samuel Froehlich

Printed in the original publication of Baptismal Truth (Zurich 1847) but omitted from the English version

From yonder land there flows	Who bathes in this flood	The mercy seat, full of strength
A fountain of salvation	Is purified from sin	Is open to the poor
Therein as a servant	Blessed with sanctification	The judgement seat demands works:
The Saviour entered in.	And presses on to heaven.	Only the rich one arrives there.