

NOW IS THE TIME

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as love is its theme. But in John's first epistle, he brings the two concepts together: "Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and he who loves is born of God and knows God" (1 John 4:7). In other words whatever else the "new birth" entails, the mark of it, the purpose of it, is to love one another.

As Christians we may like each other, at best, or tolerate each other and discipline our combative and hostile impulses. But "love one another"? Is it possible, Lord? Is that what you really want from us? And if it is, can we do it?

Isn't that what Jesus was all about? To show us—not just to tell us—to demonstrate to us that it is not beyond our human capacity to love one another the same way that Christ loved us. "In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his son to be the expiration of our sins" (4:10). The love that took Jesus to his cross was a gift that was given him by God. And that same gift can be given to us, if we really want it.

GOD AND OUR BROTHER

What blocks the gift of love, is our hate. For hate is not just something that happens in us, not just a feeling that takes us over, but it is something that we hold onto because we enjoy it. Hate is not a disease against which there is no defense, but the serpent we invite into our lives and hold onto. So, "If any one says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen" (4:20). If we continue to hate it is because we choose to hate rather than love.

All of us are called by God to be "born anew" and the purpose of that rebirth is to love.

Background Scripture:

1 John 4.

Devotional Reading:

1 Timothy 6:11-12.

There is a lot of controversy about what it means to be "born again," a term that seems to be but one more way that followers of Jesus Christ separate themselves from one another—and from him! The term, of course, comes from John 3:3 and the story about Nicodemus. Jesus tells the pharisee that one must be "born anew" (or "born from above") if he is to see the kingdom of God.

What does this term mean? What is John trying to say to us by including it in his gospel? Unfortunately, Christians cannot agree on their answers. But, if we read all of John's gospel and his epistles as well, it becomes apparent that the purpose of the "new birth," as well as the evidence for it, is love.

LOVE AND KNOW GOD

John follows the story of Nicodemus with the well-known assurance that "God so loved the world that he gave his only son..." And throughout his gospel and epistles he stresses over and over that, as Christ has loved us, so we must love one another. "New birth" is mentioned but a few times in the fourth gospel, where-

To have a standby generator is very good management; however, you need to run this generator at least once every two weeks to be sure it is in good running order when needed.

This kind of emergency equipment can be a life saver for animals and poultry, as well as eliminate possible financial losses.

To Be Careful When Cleaning Manure Pits

Many manure pits will be emptied at this time of year; it's an opportunity to clean out the pit before cold weather arrives. When this volume of manure is agitated there is greater danger of toxic and explosive gases being released.

Every precaution should be taken. If there are animals above the pits, then maximum ventilation should be provided. When the pit is empty or partially empty, no one should enter the pit without a respirator or gas mask. There may be dangerous gases present.

Also, no smoking or open flames should be nearby. These pits are the modern way to store manure, but they do present a hazard to both man and animal.

control.

Grub control pesticides may be applied by spray, pour-on, or spot-on treatments according to Dr. Larry Hutchinson, Extension veterinarian at Penn State. They are safe to use and completely effective if applied according to label directions, and before the end of November.

After that, migrating grub larvae are found close to the spinal cord, where their death can produce problems. Regular yearly treatment against cattle grubs in areas where they are common can completely eradicate these painful parasites in the backs of cattle, and can greatly improve the quality of the hide at slaughter.

To Check

Standby Generators

Your standby generator may be needed at any time. Is it ready? With all the uses of electricity on the farm today, we need this type of emergency equipment. We are in the weather season now when we can expect both snow and ice storms that can give us power outages. This means that activities on many farms will top when the electricity fails.

To Appreciate Harvest Completion

Once again we have come to the end of another growing season and the finalizing of the harvest.

The 1985 year was very favorable in most areas for field, orchard and garden crops, and this has meant good production of food and feed.

The harvest is now 95 percent plus completed. There now comes a good feeling of satisfaction when all is safely gathered in. And it all brings rewards of a growing season gone by.

Rewards from crop production come as a result of a choice selection of seeds and plants; of careful preparation of the seedbed; of fertilizing, tilling and weeding; of cooperation from weather's rain and sunshine; and of the owner of manager inputs. Harvest time follows. A time of joy and thanksgiving should now prevail.

To Control Cattle Grubs

Cattle grubs can be eliminated from dairy heifers and beef cattle by the simple application of a pesticide approved for good

Congressman says 'unity' will be in '85 Farm Bill

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administration will respond to the "dairy unity" proposal — or, for that matter, any other package the Congress might approve.

"I don't really know what the President would veto," de la Garza said. And he added that there's really no word on Capitol Hill, or for that matter, any assurance that USDA Secretary John Block speaks for the President when he says what kind of bill will be acceptable.

In his address to the 1,100 guest at the Inter-State dinner at the Host Farm Resort here, de la Garza pledged to draft a "rehabilitation" plan to allow farmers displaced in the present ag crisis to return to farming after the situation has stabilized.

The program could use federal land holdings, he said, or other methods to return the displaced producers to their former livelihood. But he cautioned that steps must be taken to make sure the U.S. ag situation has improved.

"We can bring them back, but if we don't have the price, it isn't going to do any good," he added.

He also said the Congress is pledged to support the Farm Credit System, although the exact form of the aid package has not been resolved.

"We're not going to let that system fail," he said. "That would

be a disaster."

Although many, including the administration, have championed a reduced federal role in agriculture, de la Garza steadfastly insisted that the government has to be involved in farming, to protect the health and safety of its citizens, as well as the national defense.

And that role, he added, includes some help for the farmer.

"The government has an

obligation to keep the farmers on the land," he said.

Moreover, he added, if the U.S. government got out of agriculture altogether, "we'd be the only country in the world that did."

No matter what kind of bill the Senate passes or whether the President vetoes the Farm Bill Congress passes, he concluded, "We can work it out... we always do."

Order 2 farmers to receive \$12.40 for October milk

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Dairy farmers who supplied milk plants regulated under the New York-New Jersey marketing orders during October will be paid on the basis of a uniform price of \$12.40 per hundredweight.

Market Administrator Thomas A. Wilson also stated that the price was \$12.37 in September 1985 and \$13.83 in October 1984. The uniform price is a marketwide weighted average of the value of farm milk used for fluid and manufactured dairy products.

The seasonal incentive fund returned a total of \$4,043,013.29, or \$4.20 per hundredweight, to the dairy farmers' uniform price for October. This fund was generated by reducing the uniform price paid to producers during the high-

production spring months.

A total of 16,452 dairy farmers supplied the New York-New Jersey Milk Marketing Area with 961,754,177 pounds of milk during October 1985. This was an increase of 7.7 percent (about 69 million pounds) from last year. The gross value to dairy farmers for milk deliveries was \$122,446,102.91. This included differentials required to be paid to dairy farmers but not voluntary premiums or deductions authorized by the farmer.

Regulated milk dealers (handlers) used 411,992,616 pounds of milk for Class I, 42.8 percent of the total. This milk is used for fluid milk products such as homogenized, flavored, low test,

Farm Calendar

Saturday, November 23
York County 4-H Dairy Achievement Banquet, Nashville Fire Hall, 7 p.m.

Sunday, November 24
York Farm-City visitation day, 1 to 4 p.m.

Monday, November 25
York Dairy Reproduction Workshop, 4-H Center, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; continues tomorrow. Linear Classification of dairy cattle seminar, Arnold Acres, Lebanon, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 26
Annual Forage Conference, Delaware Valley College, Doylestown, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Contact Larry Hepner, Agronomy Department, Delaware Valley College York County DHIA Banquet, Wisehaven Hall, 7 p.m. Lebanon County DHIA banquet, Prescott Fire Hall, 7 p.m.

Monday, December 2
Southern States Safety Demonstration Activity, Southern States, Taneytown Cooperative, York and Commerce Streets, Taneytown, 9:15 a.m. through 3 p.m.

Wednesday, December 4
Lancaster Conservation District monthly board meeting, Farm and Home Center, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 5
Frederick County Sheep Breeder's Meeting, Elks Lodge, Frederick, Md., 6 p.m. Contact Ann Ruppert, 13117 Bunker Hill Road, Union Bridge, Md. 21791

Saturday, December 7
York 4-H Swine/Sheep banquet, 4-H Center, 7 p.m.

