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# *Youth For Christ*

By James W. Nichols

April 13, 1952



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| Abilene, Texas      | KRBC     | 1470 | 1:00-1:30 p.m.   |
| Albany, New York    | WXKW     | 850  | 2:00-2:30 p.m.   |
| Albuquerque, N.M.   | KOAT     | 1450 | 3:00-3:30 p.m.   |
| Amarillo, Texas     | KFDA     | 1440 | 1:00-1:30 p.m.   |
| Anniston, Ala.      | WHMA     | 1450 | 1:00-1:30 p.m.   |
| Auburn, Alabama     | WAUD     | 1230 | check with sta   |
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| Bakersfield, Cal.   | KPMC     | 1560 | 10:00-10:30 a.m. |
| Baltimore, Md.      | WFBR     | 1300 | 3:00-3:30 p.m.   |
| Bangor, Me.         | WABI     | 910  | 1:00-1:30 p.m.   |
| Baton Rouge, La.    | WLCS     | 910  | 1:00-1:30 p.m.   |
| Battle Creek, Mich. | WELL     | 1400 | 1:00-1:30 p.m.   |
| Beaumont, Texas     | KFDM     | 560  | 1:00-1:30 p.m.   |
| Beckley, W. Va.     | WWNR     | 620  | 1:30-2:00 p.m.   |
| Big Spring, Texas   | KBST     | 1490 | 1:00-1:30 p.m.   |
| Birmingham, Ala.    | WSGN     | 610  | 10:30-11:00 p.m. |
| Bloomington, Ind.   | WITS     | 1370 | 1:00-1:30 p.m.   |
| Boise, Idaho        | KDEM     | 1340 | 3:00-3:30 p.m.   |
| Bridgeport, Conn.   | WNAB     | 1450 | 2:00-2:30 p.m.   |
| Brownfield, Texas   | KTFY     | 1050 | check with sta.  |
| Brownsville, Texas  | KVAL     | 1490 | 1:00-1:30 p.m.   |
| Brunswick, Ga.      | WGIG     | 1440 | 1:00-1:30 p.m.   |
| Butte, Mont.        | KOPR     | 580  | 11:00-11:30 p.m. |
| Casper, Wyo.        | KVOC     | 1230 | 10:30-11:00 a.m. |
| Cedar Rapids, Iowa  | WMT      | 600  | 7:30-8:00 a.m.   |
| Centerville, Miss.  | WGLC     | 1580 | check with sta.  |
| Chattanooga, Tenn.  | WDEF     | 1370 | 1:00-1:30 p.m.   |
| Cheyenne, Wyo.      | KFBC     | 1240 | 12:00-12:30 noon |
| Chicago, Ill.       | WENR-WLS | 890  | 2:30-3:00 p.m.   |
| Cleveland, Ohio     | WJW      | 850  | 11:15-11:45 p.m. |
| Clovis, N.M.        | KCLV     | 1240 | 1:00-1:30 p.m.   |
| Cody, Wyo.          | KODI     | 1400 | 12:00-12:30 noon |
| Coffeyville, Kans.  | KGGF     | 690  | 2:00-2:30 p.m.   |
| Columbus, Miss.     | WCBI     | 1340 | check with sta.  |
| Columbus, Ohio      | WCOL     | 1230 | 9:30-10:00 a.m.  |

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| Louisville, Ky.       | WKLO | 1080 | 1:00-1:30 p.m.   |
| Lubbock, Texas        | KFYD | 1340 | 4:00-4:30 p.m.   |
| Ludington, Mich.      | WKLA | 1480 | 1:00-1:30 p.m.   |
| McAlester, Okla.      | KTMC | 1400 | 1:00-1:30 p.m.   |
| Madison, Wisc.        | WIBA | 1330 | 8:00-8:30 a.m.   |
| Memphis, Tenn.        | WMPS | 680  | 9:00-9:30 p.m.   |
| Miami, Fla.           | WQAM | 560  | 1:00-1:30 p.m.   |
| Milwaukee, Wisc.      | WMAW | 1250 | 2:00-2:30 p.m.   |
| Minn.-St. Paul, Minn. | WTCN | 1280 | 7:30-8:00 a.m.   |
| Mobile, Ala.          | WABB | 1480 | 6:30-7:00 a.m.   |
| Monroe, La.           | KMLB | 1440 | 2:00-2:30 p.m.   |
| Montgomery, Ala.      | WAPX | 1600 | 1:00-1:30 p.m.   |
| Muskegon, Mich.       | WKBB | 850  | 2:00-2:30 p.m.   |
| Muskogee, Okla.       | KBIX | 1490 | 2:00-2:30 p.m.   |
| Nashville, Tenn.      | WSIX | 980  | 4:00-4:30 p.m.   |
| Neenah, Wisc.         | WNAM | 1280 | 8:00-8:30 a.m.   |
| New Orleans, La.      | WDSU | 1280 | 1:00-1:30 a.m.   |
| New York, N.Y.        | WJZ  | 770  | 12:30-1:00 p.m.  |
| Oklahoma City, Okla.  | KTCK | 1000 | 9:30-10:00 a.m.  |
| Olean, N.Y.           | WHOL | 1450 | 1:00-1:30 p.m.   |
| Omaha, Neb.           | KOIL | 1290 | 5:30-6:00 p.m.   |
| Paris, Texas          | KPLT | 1490 | 9:00-9:30 p.m.   |
| Pasco, Wash.          | WPKW | 1340 | 3:30-4:00 p.m.   |
| Philadelphia, Pa.     | WFIL | 560  | 2:00-2:30 p.m.   |
| Phoenix, Ariz.        | KPHO | 1230 | 11:00-11:30 p.m. |
| Pittsburg, Pa.        | WCAE | 1250 | 3:00-3:30 p.m.   |
| Pocatello, Idaho      | KEOI | 1440 | 9:30-10:00 a.m.  |
| Portland, Me.         | WPOR | 1450 | 9:00-9:30 a.m.   |
| Portland, Ore.        | KEX  | 1190 | 10:30-11:00 p.m. |
| Provo, Utah           | KCSU | 1490 | 3:00-3:30 p.m.   |
| Providence, R.I.      | WFCI | 1420 | 1:00-1:30 p.m.   |
| Quincy, Ill.          | WGEM | 1440 | 8:00-8:30 a.m.   |
| Rawlins, Wyo.         | KRAL | 1240 | 12:00-12:30 noon |
| Richmond, Va.         | WRNL | 910  | 1:30-2:00 p.m.   |
| Riverton, Wyo.        | KWRL | 1450 | 12:00-12:30 noon |
| Rochester, N.Y.       | WARC | 950  | 3:00-3:30 p.m.   |
| Rolla, Mo.            | KTTR | 1490 | 8:45-9:15 a.m.   |

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| Craig, Colo.        | KRAI | 1230 | check with sta.  |
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| Denver, Colo.       | KVOD | 630  | 5:00-5:30 p.m.   |
| Des Moines, Iowa    | KSO  | 1460 | 1:00-1:30 p.m.   |
| Detroit, Mich.      | WXYZ | 1270 | 1:00-1:30 p.m.   |
| Durham, N.C.        | WTK  | 730  | 2:00-2:30 p.m.   |
| Eldorado, Ark.      | KDMS | 1290 | 1:00-1:30 p.m.   |
| El Paso, Texas      | KEPO | 690  | 3:00-3:30 p.m.   |
| Eureka, Cal.        | KIEM | 1480 | check with sta.  |
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| Flint, Mich.        | WFEI | 910  | 10:00-10:30 p.m. |
| Florence, Ala.      | WJOI | 1340 | 9:30-10:00 a.m.  |
| Florence, S.C.      | WJMX | 970  | 10:30-11:00 a.m. |
| Fort Smith, Ark.    | KFSA | 950  | 1:00-1:30 p.m.   |
| Fort Wayne, Ind.    | WGL  | 1250 | 1:00-1:30 p.m.   |
| Fort Worth, Texas   | WBAP | 570  | 1:00-1:30 p.m.   |
| Gadsden, Ala.       | WGAD | 1350 | 1:00-1:30 p.m.   |
| Graham, Texas       | KSWA | 1330 | check with sta.  |
| Harlan, Ky.         | WHLN | 1230 | check with sta.  |
| Hartford, Conn.     | WHIT | 1230 | 2:30-3:00 p.m.   |
| Hot Springs, Ark.   | KTHS | 1090 | 1:00-1:30 p.m.   |
| Houston, Texas      | KXYZ | 1320 | 8:00-8:30 a.m.   |
| Huntsville, Ala.    | WHBS | 1490 | 1:00-1:30 p.m.   |
| Jackson, Miss.      | WLSI | 930  | 2:00-2:30 p.m.   |
| Jackson, Tenn.      | WTJS | 1390 | 1:00-1:30 p.m.   |
| Jacksonville, Fla.  | WPDQ | 600  | 8:30-9:00 p.m.   |
| Johnson City, Tenn. | WJHL | 910  | 11:30-12:00 noon |
| Johnstown, Pa.      | WCRO | 1230 | 7:00-7:30 p.m.   |
| Kansas City, Mo.    | KCMO | 810  | 12:30-1:00 p.m.  |
| Klamath Falls, Ore  | KFLW | 1450 | 4:30-5:00 p.m.   |
| Lawrence, Mass.     | WLAW | 680  | 1:00-1:30 p.m.   |
| Lincoln, Neb.       | KFOR | 1240 | 10:30-11:00 a.m. |
| Little Rock, Ark.   | WGHI | 1250 | 1:00-1:30 p.m.   |
| Longview, Texas     | KFRQ | 1370 | 1:00-1:30 p.m.   |
| Los Alamos, N.M.    | KRSN | 1490 | 3:00-3:30 p.m.   |
| Los Angeles, Cal.   | KECA | 790  | 3:00-3:30 p.m.   |

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| Rome, Ga.             | WLAQ | 670  | 1:00-1:30 p.m.   |
| St. Louis, Mo.        | KXCK | 630  | 9:15-9:45 p.m.   |
| Salisbury, N.C.       | WSAT | 1280 | 1:00-1:30 p.m.   |
| Salt Lake City, Utah  | KUTA | 570  | 7:30-8:00 a.m.   |
| San Angelo, Texas     | KGKL | 960  | 1:00-1:30 p.m.   |
| San Antonio, Texas    | KMAC | 630  | 9:00-9:30 p.m.   |
| San Francisco, Cal.   | KGO  | 810  | 3:30-4:00 p.m.   |
| San Luis Obispo, Cal. | KATY | 1340 | 3:30-4:00 p.m.   |
| Santa Fe, N.M.        | KTRC | 1400 | 3:00-3:30 p.m.   |
| Saranac Lake, N.Y.    | WEAV | 960  | 2:00-2:30 p.m.   |
| Seattle, Wash.        | KJR  | 950  | 3:30-4:00 p.m.   |
| Shreveport, La.       | KRMD | 1340 | 1:00-1:30 p.m.   |
| Sioux City, Ia.       | KSCJ | 1360 | 10:30-11:00 p.m. |
| Spokane, Wash.        | KGA  | 1510 | 3:30-4:00 p.m.   |
| Springdale, Ark.      | KBRS | 1340 | 6:00-6:30 p.m.   |
| Springfield, Mass.    | WSPR | 1270 | 2:00-2:30 p.m.   |
| Springfield, Mo.      | KWTO | 560  | 1:00-1:30 p.m.   |
| Syracuse, N.Y.        | WAGE | 620  | 12:00-12:30 noon |
| Tampa-St. Pete., Fla. | WSUN | 620  | 1:00-1:30 p.m.   |
| Texarkana, Texas      | KCMC | 1230 | 1:00-1:30 p.m.   |
| Topeka, Kans.         | WREN | 1250 | 1:00-1:30 p.m.   |
| Torrington, Wyo.      | KGOS | 1490 | 12:00-12:30 noon |
| Tucson, Ariz.         | KCNA | 1340 | 5:30-6:00 p.m.   |
| Tuscaloosa, Ala.      | WJRD | 1150 | 9:30-10:00 p.m.  |
| Tulsa, Oklahoma       | KRMG | 740  | 2:00-2:30 p.m.   |
| Valdosta, Ga.         | WGAF | 910  | 1:00-1:30 p.m.   |
| Washington, D.C.      | WMAL | 630  | 1:00-1:30 p.m.   |
| Waterloo, Iowa        | KXEL | 1540 | 5:30-6:00 p.m.   |
| Wheeling, W. Va.      | WKWK | 1400 | 1:00-1:30 p.m.   |
| Wichita Falls, Texas  | KFDK | 990  | 2:00-2:30 p.m.   |
| Wilkes-Barre, Pa.     | WILK | 1450 | 8:00-8:30 p.m.   |
| Wilmington, Del.      | WILM | 1450 | 2:00-2:30 p.m.   |
| Winston-Salem, N.C.   | WAIR | 1340 | 1:00-1:30 p.m.   |
| Worcester, Mass.      | WAAB | 1440 | 3:00-3:30 p.m.   |
| Worland, Wyo.         | KWOR | 1490 | 12:00-12:30 noon |
| Yuma, Ariz.           | KYMA | 1400 | check with sta.  |



# Youth For Christ

By James W. Nichols

April 13, 1955

The youth of today is the leader of tomorrow. The Youth for Christ today will be a leader for Christ tomorrow. The problem of juvenile delinquency has aroused not only the law enforcing agencies of our nation, but has finally aroused the people of the nation as a whole. Finally, men are realizing that if our youth runs wild that our civilization will run wild. Educators today have characterized the modern youth as a child with lack of ambition and lackadaisical attitude. The youth is not concerned about the affairs of the world, the affairs of home, or the affairs of the Church. He lives for today and forgets about tomorrow hoping that he will not reap what he sows. Some have described him as the proverbial ostrich, who sticks his head in the sand, hoping that the realities of the world will some way vanish.

Not only is the nation as a whole disturbed by the attitude of modern youth, but the home is also disturbed. Many have been the sleepless nights of thousands and millions of parents, and many a tear has found its way down the cheek of Mother and Father because of the irreverence of son and daughter.

The religious groups of the nation are disturbed about it. The problem of how to get the youth to come to services has troubled many religious leaders. For a while they were disturbed because they could not get the youth to take part, but now they are disturbed because they do not even appear.

Last Sunday we discussed the problem of bringing Christ to the nation and in this series of lessons we want to grapple with the actual problems of life! -- how to bring Christ to the nation, how to turn the youth for Christ and how to bring the people back to God. Today we want to deal with the specific problem of turning youth to Christ.

There is no room for us to deal in abstract thoughts and ideas. That is where true Christianity stands head and shoulders above man made religion. Christ dealt with realities, whereas man talks about possibilities and abstract situations. You know what the word abstract means. Someone says that it is the language of the man who does not know where he has been or where he is going. To much of the religion of the nation is that way. Instead of the preachers telling what the Bible teaches they must do, there has been too much of "you might do this -- you might do that", or it really does not make any difference what you do. "My friends, we are in a national crisis. In fact, every one of us are in a personal crisis. Every decision that young or old makes will have some bearing on where they will

spend eternity. Christ said in Matt. 16:27, "For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then shall He render unto every man according to his deeds." The apostle Paul also said in Romans 2:7 in describing God, "who will render to every man according to his works."

Now then the problem, how shall we turn the youth to Christ? It is my firm conviction that the youth of this nation or any nation does not desire to be treated in any special way. Too long have we tried to coddle the youth, as far as religion is concerned, and make him think that he needs a different presentation from that of his elders. We have tried to turn the youth to Christ by bargaining with him. The bargain goes something like this: "If you will be willing to sit through a religious service, we will repay you with some entertainment or recreation. We will build recreation centers or special youth Churches. We will prepare special lessons just so long as you are willing to endure a religious service." I know what I am talking about! I see it from the standpoint of the youth. Too many times has Christianity been lowered and bargained over as if it were an inferior product.

All of this is very hard to understand. We live in a nation where the youth in everyday life grows up to realize he has to face the same responsibilities and realities of life that his elders do. The 18 year old youth has fought side by side with the 30 and 40 and 50 year old man. He experiences the same problems and disturbances, disappointments, and maybe even more so, than older men and women. We are living in a country where it is no longer an exception, but is becoming more so a rule for the young men and women to be fathers and mothers by the time that they are 20. Our educational system has been designed to train them for life in everything but Christianity. But there they have been petted and pampered with special programs and socials. Their answer is, "What is there in religion that we cannot find in some other organization?"

All of these methods have not been the answer of turning the youth to Christ. Well, what is the answer? I believe that Christ gives us the answer in these words in John the 12th chapter and 32nd verse, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto myself." Christ will draw them unto Himself if He be lifted up! The apostle Paul realized the power of Christ and His ability to draw men, for in writing the first letter to the Church at Corinth, the 2nd chapter, he said, "And I, brethren, when I came unto you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming unto you the testimony of God, for I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified." Why, Paul? He says, "that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God." I am



convinced that we can turn the youth of the nation, to Christ in the same way that we can bring Christ to the nation, and the nation to Christ, and that is by preaching the pure and simple gospel of our Lord. Let us forget about a gospel for the youth! Let us treat them like men and women, preaching the gospel story in its purity and in its simplicity, and it will lift them up for Christ. Can you tell me why the incidents of kindness and mercys of Christ would not touch and tender the hearts of youth just the same as it would touch and tender the hearts of the aged? If we will but preach it to them, the story of the Good Samaritan can be as popular among the youth as it is among their grandparents. Let us forget about waiting until they are adults to teach them to "Love thy neighbor as thyself", and "Do unto others as you would have them to do unto you". I am thankful unto God that I had early training in His word. Before I had gone to school, my grandmother had read the New Testament through to me three times. I do not believe I appreciate it any less because I was taught it early. I obeyed the gospel when I was ten. I believe I understood what I was doing because I had been taught the word of God. I knew that the word of God said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved," and "he that believeth not shall be condemned."

The only way that the youth can be turned to Christ is for Christ to be preached to them, and when you preach the Christ to them, there is no room for the theories and philosophies and the doctrines of men. It means that we must speak only where we have authority from Christ or from His inspired apostles to speak. And woe unto the man who speaks either to youth or the aged other than that which is set forth in the word of God! The apostle Paul says in Gal. 1:7-8 "though we, or an angel from heaven, should preach unto you any other gospel than that which we preached unto you let him be accursed." Then when Christ and His word is preached, I am convinced that youth will obey Him, and then we can look for strong leaders of tomorrow, founded on a sure foundation, for Christ himself said in Matt. 7:24-27, "Every one therefore that heareth these words of mine, and doeth them, shall be likened unto a wise man, who built his house upon the rock: and the rain descended and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not; for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these words of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, who built his house upon the sand: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and smote upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall thereof."

"Well," someone asks, "what will you preach when you preach Christ and Him crucified?" First, you will preach that Jesus Christ the Son of the living God, was born of

the virgin Mary, for the angel spoke in Matt. 1:21-23 to Joseph, his Father, "and thou shalt call his name Jesus; for it is he that shall save his people from their sins. Now all this is come to pass, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, behold the virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel." It means that you must preach faith in Him, for Christ Himself said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." It means that you will preach repentance of sin for Christ said, "except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Furthermore, it means that you will preach confession of one's faith in Him, for Christ said, "Every one therefore who shall confess me before men, him will I also confess before my Father who is in Heaven." It means that you will preach baptism in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit for the remission of sins, for in Matt. 28:19 Christ said, "Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." And the inspired Apostle Peter on the Day of Pentecost after having preached Christ crucified, raised, and crowned king, was asked, "men and brethren, what shall we do?" The answer was, "Repent ye, and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins."

It means that you will preach Christ as the only authority in religion for he said in Matt. 28:18, "All authority hath been given unto me in heaven and on earth." Since all authority is vested in Christ and he is the "head over all things to the church, which is His body" as Paul said in Eph. 1:22-23, there is no place for any man's word as authority in religion. That is why churches of Christ do not have manuals, disciplines, articles of faith, or any other guide than the Bible, the word of God. It means that we will preach that once one becomes a Christian he must continue faithful in worship and service unto God until death shall squeeze out the last breath of life of this body, for it is recorded of Christ saying in Rev. 2:7, "To him that overcometh, to him will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God." and again in the 10th verse, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee the crown of life." This is what we must preach to turn the youth to Christ, and when men realize that we must go back to God and to His word and to His Son, our Saviour, then and only then can we have the nation both young and old for Christ. Therefore, if we really are concerned about the welfare of our youth, let us do every thing in our power to first obey these commandments of Christ, and then by both word and deed show forth our Saviour to the youth, to the middle aged, and to the aged.



There are those of you in the audience today who have never had the courage to step out and stand for Christ by obeying his word. There could not be a better day than today! Christ stands waiting ready to receive you if you will only come to Him in simple faith, repent of every sin, confess His name, and be buried with Him in Baptism. Why do you not do this today? It is my fervent prayer that there will be thousands and tens of thousands, whether young or old, who will take a stand for Christ. It is also my prayer that those of you who have obeyed the gospel in its fundamental commandments, but have gone astray, will come back today, repent of every sin, confess your wrong, and pray that God will forgive you. The only hope for the salvation of youth and all men is in their obedience to the Christ. For the Apostle Paul said in Heb. 5:9, "and having been made perfect, he became unto all them that obey him the author of eternal salvation."

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