

# Faith and Victory

Arm thyself with FAITH and LOVE; this brings VICTORY from above.

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“This is the VICTORY that overcometh  
the world, even our FAITH.” 1 Jno. 5: 4.

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## PEACEABLE FRUIT

Smite on! It doth not hurt me now;  
The spear hath lost its edge of pain;  
And piercing thorns that bound my brow  
No longer leave their bleeding stain.

What once was woe is changed to bliss;  
What once was loss is now my gain;  
My sorrow is my happiness;  
My life doth live by being slain.

The birth-pangs of those dreadful years  
Are like the midnight changed to morn;  
And daylight shines upon my tears,  
Because the soul's great life is born.

The piercing thorns have changed to flowers;  
The spears have grown to scepters bright;  
And sorrow's dark and sunless hours  
Become eternal days of light.

—UPHAM.

## SIGNS OF SON-SHIP

Trials, troubles and persecutions are sure to overtake and continue with a soul that is born of God, but these together with chastenings of the Lord, are only signs of our son-ship. Paul declares that “All that live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution,” and in Hebrews, twelfth chapter and eighth verse, we read, “But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards and not sons.” According to this Scripture (and we know it to be true) if we receive not chastisement of the Lord we would be born of another spirit and not of the Spirit of God.

God chastens us, or corrects us, that we might learn obedience. Even the Son learned obedience by the things that He suffered (Heb. 5: 8). If the Son of God needed to suffer to learn obedience, much more do we need this suffering. God does not take delight in seeing us suffer, but for our profit, that we might be partakers of His holiness and yield peaceable fruit of righteousness, providing we are exercised thereby (Heb. 12: 11). So let us take courage and not be-

come weary in well doing, but stand still in times of storm, settled on the ROCK, receiving instruction from Him who has called us, and when the floods have come and gone, and the rains have descended and ceased, and the wind has made its noise and gone, we will find a peace and a stability in our souls and a confidence in God that is broader and deeper than ever before, and the power of the Cross and the blood of Christ will mean more to us than it has ever meant in the past.

The apostle James no doubt had been through many trials and temptations and therefore he could safely advise us to “Count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations” (James 1: 2). Now brethren, look at this Scripture closely and consider it well. We want you to take notice that he did not say to *feel it all joy*, but to *count it all joy*. God wants us to count things that are not as though they were, and thereby show and prove a living faith in God. When in the test, we do not feel the joy, but we count it so because of the sure after-effects. It is written that Jesus endured the cross and despised the shame for the joy that was set before Him, because of the knowledge of the glory that was set before Him, the reunion and the assurance of being seated at the right hand of the Father. So we too, as followers of Jesus, can endure and count it all joy for the knowledge of son-ship and of the assurance of being an heir of God and a joint-heir with Christ, for the sufferings of this present world are not to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed in us (Rom. 8: 18).

Christ Jesus our Lord did not feel joyful when in the garden of Gethsemane and saith, “My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death” (Matt. 26: 38). But by humbling Himself under the mighty hand of God and saying from the heart, “Not my will, but Thine be done,” He gained the victory over the coming crucifixion scene and the angel from heaven was sent to strengthen Him. He went to the cross as a lamb to the slaughter and opened not His mouth, for He counted it all joy because of the knowledge of soon being with the Father in a glorified body.

Paul was counting it all joy when he said, "None of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God" (Acts 20: 24). Paul was not feeling joyful but he counted not this life as dear or precious that he might finish his course with joy and receive that crown that was awaiting those that love the appearing of the Lord (2 Tim. 4: 8). Who is it that could have greater love for the appearing of the Lord than those that are undergoing great trials, troubles and persecutions? Brethren, let us count it all joy and not think to feel it all joy, and thereby prove that we have a real living faith in God and His promises of our future state, for we are the spiritual seed of Abraham and we walk by faith and not by sight or feelings.

Last week we awoke in the morning with aches and pains in our body and felt very weak and miserable. It came to us to stay in bed, and then we began to meditate on Christ and the atonement that He had made for us, soul, body and spirit, how complete and perfect it was, and we said aloud, "The devil cannot keep us in bed, we count ourselves well through this perfect redemption." We got out of bed, dressed and went to the office, feeling no change in body, but rather grew worse, and as we labored at various tasks the devil would often whisper, "You had better quit and lie down." Naturally it seemed that we should, for we had become so weary and was suffering so much. But we continually resisted him and told him that on authority of God's Word that we had a well body, and before noon came every particle of the pain and misery had disappeared and we went to the house and ate a hearty meal, feeling no more effects of the trouble. Just count it so and resist the devil and he will flee from you (James 4: 7).

We wish to relate another instance which happened this last winter. A lady from another state was visiting a saint who lived near us, and while there she became convicted of her need of salvation, and although we had much pressing work to do at the office, but having a burden for her, we went there one afternoon and began to talk to her about getting saved. She being of a very quiet nature would say but little, although acknowledged that she wanted to get saved. We talked to her at some length and told her how that Christ had paid the price for her salvation when He died on the cross. We knelt and prayed for God to save her, told her to repent and ask God to forgive her, and when this was done we in-

quired for her acknowledgement and she said, "I don't feel like it." We saw at once that she was going altogether on feelings. We talked to her again and explained that it is not by feelings that we got saved, but that we are saved by what Christ has done, regardless of our feelings, and that it was not a matter of our feelings, but it was believing that the blood of Christ atones for our sins and gives us peace with God. When it seemed that she understood we knelt again, laid hands on and rebuked that doubting spirit and inquired again of her of her acceptance of Christ, and she said, "I don't feel like it."

We then went in to the matter in more detail and showed to her how that the blood of Christ was blameless blood, that He had never committed any sin and how that when we believed that His blood was shed for us that it acted as a cover for our sins that we had confessed to God and when God looked down and saw the innocent blood of Christ over us, He counted us as innocent and give peace to our souls because we had faith and counted the blood of His son as a full atonement for our sins.

After she had repeated several times more "I don't feel like it" when prayer had been offered and she seemed in a maner of giving up hopes, then we explained again and finally told her that she had confessed her sins to God and asked Him to forgive her and now she must just count it so and begin to act like she was a child of God. She consented to do this and we left, having spent the greater part of the afternoon, yet we had knowledge of being perfectly in the will and order of God. As she counted it so, then it become real in her soul and she had feelings then and rejoiced in Him who had completed a work for her salvation. We just received a letter from her today and it was filled up with telling what God was doing for her and for others that she was praying for and with, and handing tracts and papers to. Oh, how blessed are those that count (not feel) God's word true and begin to prove this faith by their deeds.

Real heart faith is reckoning things that are not as though they were. Count God faithful and rejoice because of your mansion in glory.

—FRED PRUITT.

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#### THE LIFE LAID DOWN

When we "came to ourselves" we found we were condemned by sin and held captive by a hard master, the devil, and what good news it is to a lost soul to know that Jesus came not to condemn, but that

through Him and His sufferings and shed blood we might be saved and have the condemnation that was already upon us lifted. Jesus had knowledge of His mission in this world, knew He must suffer and be despised and rejected and slain, but He loved His own that were in the world, and He loved them unto the end. His life was laid down willingly, though He tasted of the weakness of the flesh, and when the hour was drawing near when He should be led to the Cross, it is written: "And He taketh with Him Peter and James and John, and began to be sore amazed, and to be very heavy; and saith unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death: tarry ye here, and watch. And He went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him, and said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto Thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what Thou wilt" (Mark 14: 33-36). Are you, like Paul, called to fill up some of the sufferings and afflictions of Christ, for His body's sake which is the church? Let us remember that, "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because He laid down His life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren" (1 John 3: 16).

Our worst enemies are not always those who would kill the body, but the devil uses his agents to strike death to the soul, and he lies in wait a long time covered with sheep clothing and an easy flow of the Word of God in good words and fair speeches, but inwardly there is the nature of a roaring lion seeking an opportunity to devour. To have love for our enemies is the gift of God shed abroad in the heart by the Holy Ghost, and often it is in test and trial that it may continue pure. But Jesus said, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (John 15: 13). Now when the martyrs suffered death by cruel torture at times it only lasted a few minutes, and others were tortured in a slow way, by the hand of their enemies. But God's love in their souls caused their hearts to be lifted up to His throne saying, "Father, forgive them; they know not what they do," or "Father, lay not this sin to their charge." Oh how precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of His saints whose lives are laid down.

In 1 Cor. 6: 19-20 we read, "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." A life that is laid down will not direct

its own ways, or will, but does truly say with Jesus, "Not my will, but Thine, be done." Dear souls let us consider the price paid for our redemption: Slaves were bought and redeemed with silver and gold, to render service to their owners, but these corruptible things are nothing compared to the very life blood of Jesus. We were slaves to sin and the devil. He compelled us to do what he wanted us to do. But now, through the great love of God (oh, how unfathomable it is) we are delivered from his yoke of bondage, and through love we lay down our lives for Jesus, our good Master and true Shepherd and bishop of our souls,—and this love prompts the laying down of our lives for our friends. These bodies are *living sacrifices*, every day "*accounted as sheep for the slaughter.*" This life is laid down that the life of Christ might be manifested. God may permit you to have some experience as David spoke, "Thou hast caused men to ride over our head; we went through fire and through water: but Thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place" (Psa. 66: 12). God does not permit or cause this for naught, for see what He does afterward: He brings us out into a wealthy place, with the soul enriched with the graces and fruits of the Spirit, and these words become more than a song, they are actual experience. The danger lies in these times of the enemy trying to shoot a dart at your heart to get an ill feeling or a bitterness to arise toward those God *caused* or permitted to ride over your head. But God has promised that "When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him" (Isa. 59: 19) and put him to flight. Remember Job, how when it seemed God's protection was withdrawn and the devil turned loose on him, his comforters tried to condemn him, thinking if he was righteous surely God would not permit that affliction. And in the end of this seige, these comforters are called Job's friends: "And the Lord turned the captivity of Job, when he had prayed for his friends: Also the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before." Now if you want to enjoy the riches of this wealthy place with the Lord, begin to pray for your friends as well as your enemies, for God is fitting us for eternity and wants this greater love to be pure gold that can be tried in the fire and then it will surely stand the judgment test. Praise God. "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead and your life is hid with Christ in God" (Col. 3: 1-3).

—ROBERT LONGLEY.

## FAITH AND VICTORY

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We are giving these instructions and information to those that are in need of such and wish to say that we desire no gifts in any way, unless given willingly and freely as unto the Lord for we are persuaded that God does not accept only that which is freely and gladly given. We are not in this business for temporal profit or gain neither by natural choice, but we fear God and desire only to be a channel through which He can work to the upbuilding of His kingdom, that the poor as well as the rich may have the gospel of the kingdom preached unto them. Those that reside in England or her colonies should send their offerings in the form of a British Money order so that we could cash it here at our Post Office.

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Bro. E. W. Mason, of Pittsburg, Pa., was here in Guthrie over Sunday and our souls were refreshed as the Holy Ghost worked through him in giving out the Word. He was on his way to Oklahoma City where he will conduct a revival at the saints' chapel. He had been attending the Boley, Okla. Assembly meeting which he reported to be good in oneness. God manifested His power in the meeting and bodies were healed, souls saved, and others received light on the one Church that is free born. Six followed the Lord in baptism, typifying the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus, leaving a picture of a change that had taken place in the heart.

As far as we can discern, Bro. Mason is not a compromising preacher, but puts forth the Word just as it is written, letting the Holy Ghost apply it where it is needed, whether it be to convict or edify. May God bless such ministers and give them open doors and freedom of utterance that the truth of God's Word may be sounded out clear and plain, not with man's wisdom, but with power and demonstration of the Spirit which begets faith and confidence in God, laying bare evil working spirits, causing them to be uncomfortable and acting hypocritical to keep covered and hold their assumed position in the body.

Brethren, the clear straight truth given in love and concern for souls, without respect to men, will clear out those that are sympathising with worldliness and sectarian methods, and put a clear definite ring in the testimony of the remnant. May God give us grace, wisdom and power to move forward at His command and thereby gain more ground in Canaan.

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The gospel of Christ is just as powerful to save now as it ever was for the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believes. One reason why so few are saved is because not many believe in the blood as an atonement. Another reason is that there is so much adulterated gospel these days that the power of God does not accompany the words to save, for the Holy Ghost is set aside and replaced with human wisdom which can never save, though ever so flowery and fairly given.

A gospel without the Cross, the blood and the resurrection is no gospel that will save.

Jesus said, "This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent" (John 6: 29) Believing on Jesus, whom the Father has sent, means more than attending the fashionable churches so common in our day and time.

Heart belief will cause one to go to work for the upbuilding of the kingdom of Christ in the earth, and kind words and goods deeds will be manifested to those about, even to our enemies, and humbleness of spirit and mind will be manifested before the proud and haughty and a desire will be in the heart to look for the needy and minister unto them, letting not the left hand know what thy right hand doeth (Matt. 6:3).

The truly redeemed soul will soon find that the spirit that they have received from heaven does not agree with the proud, the lofty, the pleasure-seeking ones of this world, and as they begin to do the will of the Father they will find that the world is as a strong current pulling against them, and that Satan has revivals in his churches and amongst his people, and that his agents put on oftentimes a sanctimonious air appearing as angels of light or ministers of righteousness (2 Cor. 11: 15).

Many, not discerning these spirits, become bound and powerless as far as real salvation work is concerned, and their means and time are spent for the upbuilding of the kingdom of Satan, and by being led by the blind will mean to eventually fall into the ditch together.

It is not possible for us to keep saved and remain neutral, for the moment we take that stand Satan and his hosts have already captured us.

When we forsake the world with all of its pride and fashions we arouse Satan and his subjects and he immediately sets out to recapture us, sometimes by frightening us by the thought of keeping such a decision, other times by force and cruelty, and if these do not work then he goes about in sly, cunning, crafty like ways to deceive and overthrow your faith and confidence in God. If this does not work, he will send some of the angel agents to be your teacher and instructor, to confuse, cripple and blind you to such an extent that your real work for God will amount to but very little and his kingdom will flourish and prosper by your zeal and untiring efforts to do work for God.

When you are born of the Spirit and begin to work for God, you will soon find that the devil has lots of power. If you turn traitor you will find sooner or later that God has greater power than Satan. If you say, "I will be neutral," you will find in the end that Satan has deceived you and he will claim you as his own. "Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire" (Matt. 7: 19). "Ye cannot serve God and mammon."

To think that you can live at ease here and at the end enter heaven and the mansions in glory is a lie from the devil and many souls are being damned by this deception.

The apostle Paul was not ignorant of the devices of Satan and at the end of his drawn out battle with Satan and his hosts, we hear him say, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith" (2 Tim. 4: 7).

Brethren, we each have a course to run, ground to gain, cities to capture. Let us buckle on the whole armour of God and strip off every weight and run the race with much patience, watchfulness and prayer, using the shield of faith to ward off the fiery darts of the wicked one, using the sword of the Spirit, lifting up a standard against the floods of the enemy.

### CAMP MEETING NOTICE

The Annual Oklahoma Camp-meeting will be held on the saints' camp ground on corner of 3rd and Laird Sts., Oklahoma City, Okla., beginning August 7th, to last over two Sundays. Let all begin to pray earnestly for a good meeting. Particulars later.

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### CORRESPONDENCE

Twitty, Texas.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and family: Dear ones today finds me still saved and doing all I can for the Lord. We are still encouraged to go all the way with Him. God gave us two good meetings last Sunday and Sunday night. One woman said she saw the Word as never before. Two men just rejoiced because of the truth. Brother, please request prayer at the meetings at Guthrie that God give much wisdom in preaching the Word at this place. I just want to speak as God says to speak, and hush when He is through. Please pray for me this way, will you. May God bless you and all the saints at that place is my prayer. Your Bro. in Christ. —R. JOHNSON.

Glenwood, Ark.—Dear saints and readers of Faith and Victory: I thought I would send a note of praise to my precious Savior in the interest of His truth and in the behalf of lost souls, that they may behold the Lamb of God. I praise Him for full and free salvation, that He saves and sanctifies my soul and heals my body. I have been trusting Him for about five years and still find Him a very present help in every time of need. I am glad that the light of the gospel ever shone in my heart. So pray for me that I always stay in the center of His holy will. I desire the saints to pray for my husband too. He has had rheumatism for 21 years, and two years of this time he has been unable to walk. Please pray that he may live a life wholly in God's will, and that he may be healed. Your sister in Christ. —NAN WARD.

Waukomis, Okla.—Dear brothers and sisters in Christ: We have received two copies of Faith and Victory and enjoy reading it so much as we are shut-ins. My husband is an invalid and has been in a wheel chair for 18 years with rheumatism. But we are trusting in the Lord every moment, believing in His holy Word. Pray for us that we may get a deeper experience in the Lord, and pray that the Lord may lay His healing hand upon our afflicted bodies and if there is any hindrance it may be removed in Jesus' name. We are very poor in worldly riches, haven't any income at all, just a few chickens, but felt as though we wanted to give as much as the widow's mite, that it might be a help in God's cause. So enclosed find 50 cents sent in the name of the Lord. May God ever bless you in your good work is our prayer. Yours in Christ. —BRO. AND SISTER N. L. MOLES.

Burtrum, Minn.—Dear workers at Faith Publishing House: In the dear name of Jesus I greet you. I was so glad for the good encouraging letter received and for your agreement in prayer for me, and I do praise the dear Lord that He has wonderfully healed me. I am thankful too for the good little papers and tracts you have sent me. I have been giving some to my neighbors, but it seems hard to persuade them to read them, they think more of pleasure than they do of the blessed Savior. I would be so glad if the Lord would send some true brothers and sisters here. This is a very sinful and wicked place, there are many who don't even seem to want to believe. Dear ones though we are poor in this world's goods, I truly thank God for helping you to continue sending the little Faith and Victory to encourage and enlighten us. I praise God that we do not spend means for foolishness or high living. We have nothing but common food and clothing but we praise God for being contented, and that He has provided us a humble little home as a shelter and roof over our heads, and we are happy in the Lord.

The Lord is blessing and helping me and I am doing what that dear Christian said in the little tract, "Concerning You," praising God for all things whether they seem good or bad. I want to tell of a time the dear Lord healed me. And I do praise the dear Lord for a precious Christian mother who taught me to love Jesus. I was about 13 years old and was afflicted with rheumatism so bad that I had to be lifted and helped. My mother believed in the Lord healing the same today as when He was here, so she wrote to the dear saints to agree in prayer for my healing. The Lord completely healed me and in a few days I was up and going to school. Praise the Lord for all His goodness to me.

—SISTER JAMES LONEY.

Turkey, Ark.—To the dear saints scattered abroad: Greetings. I do praise the dear Lord this morning for salvation that fully saves my soul and keeps me right with God. I love God with my whole heart and soul. He has been so good to me. He has

healed me many times and I give Him all the praise for it. I praise Him for the precious testimonies and soul food in Faith and Victory. It brings so much comfort and does my soul good to read them. May the Lord bless the ones at the office and supply your every spiritual and temporal need. Jesus is truly my Friend and I love Him, yes, I do; and His smiles of approval cheer my heart. I want to work for the Lord the rest of my days, so please send me some of your tracts that I may pass them on to help win all the dear souls to Christ that I can. Pray for me that I ever be just what the Lord wants me to be.

—SISTER SARAH STONCIPHER.

Queen City, Mo.—Greeting in Jesus' name. I feel that I should write a few lines tonight. I am glad I can say I am still saved. I had the diabetes, and for two years I could hardly get up from a chair. Then I had blood poison in my foot and had to be in bed for over a month. But I praise God that I am stronger now than I have been for over two years. I am putting my whole trust in the Lord. I know He will heal me. I realize it means something to say that I know God will heal, but I do know it. I desire to be healed that I may help suffering humanity to see their errors and persuade men to see the truth and come to God who is anxious to save and heal both soul and body. He is more anxious to heal us than we are to be healed or saved. A great hindrance is that men do not submit their thoughts and lives to Him. If we are to obtain God's blessings, we must give our whole hearts and lives to Him. God does not will the death of any but that all come to repentance and the knowledge of God. Let us lay aside all evil and love God with a pure heart. Pray for me that I may be completely healed and be true to God and preach the truth as it is in Christ. Your Bro. in our Savior's love.

—ASA F. BARNES.

Waelder, Tex.—Dear saints at Faith Publishing House. Just a few lines to enclose an offering of \$1.00 and to let you know I am still saved and praising God for victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. I want to let you know that the little paper has certainly been a blessing to me, and I want to continue to get it as often as the Lord blesses in sending it out. Also please send me some tracts. Pray for me. Yours for the Master.

—SISTER C. McVEA.

Utica, Penn.—Greetings dear ones, all. This morning God's chariot, His Faith Gospel Car, left this place with His true, humble, faithful, consecrated workers, Brother and Sister J. D. Llewellyn, to answer the Macedonian cry from other fields, "Come over and help us." I can truly say may God's richest blessings rest upon them continually shall be my daily prayer, and I feel confident that we shall some day sing God's praises together around His throne in that upper and better kingdom on high. Dear brothers and sisters scattered abroad, you that are in

this blessed Evening light, I wish to tell you that in my life of almost 76 years never have I met such perfect imitators of our divine pattern, so deeply consecrated, so fully yielded up to the divine will, so filled with burning love for lost souls. It is not strange that the devil hates them, and marshals all his hellish host wherever God's little ones are found, but I rejoice to say their labors were not in vain in this little sectarian town. How our hearts rejoice to see or even to hear from His dear children, His old time saints that are still walking in the plain narrow way, the beautiful way that is cast up for the redeemed of the Lord to walk upon. Oh, what a precious refreshing time we have enjoyed while His dear ones were with us, and also praise His holy name for His loving hand of healing that was laid upon us with the prayers of His faithful servants. This morning as I watched the Gospel Car descend from the yard to the street, the enemy said, It is not safe; it will upset. But that dear familiar voice whispered, It cannot while it is firmly coupled to the power house in the skies, as in Brother's dream, or rather vision, as our kind heavenly Father showed him in the silent hours of the night. That beautiful car was certainly a gift from Father's loving hand, and may the prayers of His children not fail to follow it wherever it is sent by Him who orders the steps of His saints.

Dear ones, while we are grieving over the worldly drift that is sweeping so many back to Babylon from whence they once were free, how, oh how, does our loving Father feel?; our blessed Christ who wept over Jerusalem saying, "How oft would I have gathered you as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings and ye would not." Too narrow a place under His loving wings for unnecessary strings around the neck, ribbons, ruffles and bows. I fear there are many, yes very many, that can no longer with a clear conscience sing that old familiar hymn in "Salvation Echoes," (hymn 210): "Then I rose and fled the ruin, taking not a Babel stone." O, how we long to see the Church as plain and as pure as it was in dear old Bro. Warner's day. I remember well, 28 years ago, of hearing a minister say she believed in God's own time He would bring the true saints out from among the professed saints. Are we not praying God to hasten that time? But is it not already here? We rejoice that it is. Your own true sister in the plain and narrow way.

—SISTER WM. MCKAY.

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Kunnankulam, S. Malabar, India.—Dear Brother and Sister Pruitt: Greetings in the name of our dear Lord. May God bless you in the blessed work He has called you unto. I have received your kind letter with the offering and I thank God and you for your kindness and remembrance of me. I am working for the Lord, and the Lord alone. I am praying and taking care not to have any kind of sectarian spirit. I saw the Evening light, which is shining more and more brightly, fifteen years ago (although I was His child from very early in life). I accepted the light and

left the sect in which I was, to accept none anymore till my death. I am in the church in which all the children of God, living and dead, are. My face is against man-made organizations of all kinds. The Lord has made and organized His Church. Man has nothing to add to it

My burden is to preach the Gospel in its purity. I am preaching the gospel as the Lord gives it to me. He teaches me to be more and more humble and to love His children, discarding their various weaknesses. I am publishing a monthly religious paper which is doing a good work for the true standard of the Gospel. By the help of the Lord I prepare manuscript for it, go to the press which is a very irregular one, fold the papers and write the addresses to send it to. I go and visit the readers in distant and various places. I do not like the articles from anyone who has not a clear standing in the evening light.

I believe you, my dear ones in the Lord, are working for the same cause. I had and have yet to suffer much in several ways because of my stand for the Lord and His pure cause. The world and the Ishmaels are against us. But the peace of the Lord increases. What joy it is to be with the Lord! When I think of the day when all the children of God gather before the Lord my heart rises up. O! I wish to see the Lord and His dear saints soon. I enjoy reading the Faith and Victory and I am glad to see the zeal and truthfulness of some of the saints through it. May God bless the little paper that it may bring many souls to the cross and to the truth. I wish to hear from you and any of the dear saints of the Lord. My wife sends her Christian love to you. Yours in His blessed service.

—K. V. CHERIAN.

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State Penitentiary, McAlester, Okla.—Dear ones at Faith Publishing House: Please send me Faith and Victory and some of your free tracts. I wish to add my testimony to those of the saints scattered abroad. It has been fifteen months since the Blood was applied to my heart, and I have the witness of the Spirit that I have passed from death unto life. In the fifteen months I have endeavored to walk in the steps of my Savior, He has never failed me. My admonition to the unsaved is: Do as I have done, "Today if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts."

Thanking you in advance for the papers and tracts, I am your Bro. in Christ.

—JESSE WATTERS—11548.

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Flushing, Ohio.—Dear workers at Faith Publishing House: Greetings in the name of Christ Jesus our risen Savior, who hath washed us and cleansed us by His own precious blood. I do thank you for the letter received, it gave us such an uplifting in our journey for Jesus. As you say, the floods are great in these days and we do need your prayers. We are trusting Him in these last and perilous days and we are fully looking to Him for guidance. We know the blessed Lord can and will carry us through. My

husband has not had work for a long time, the mine being closed down, and we have five children the good Lord has blessed us with. I feel led to ask you to pray for us that our faith fail not. I have proved our Lord and Savior these fourteen years and have found Him all I need. He has always given me just what I need, and I feel that although strangers on earth, yet we are one in Jesus' love and Spirit with God's people.

Well, I would like for you to let me know if there are any dear children of God anywhere near us. I would like to either write or worship in fellowship together. We have just lately come from England, having been here 16 months, and do not know many. I know God is going to work here in His own good time. I must say there are a few here interested in the Faith and Victory, and we thank you for sending a further supply of them. I do hope and pray God will greatly bless and supply a larger press, because I feel that this work is really of God. I pray that Jesus will ever keep and continue to bless all of you at Faith Pub. House, and all that are willing to go through the fire for Jesus' sake. Oh, may our hearts ever be ready to receive His message of love that we need so much in these evil days. I ask you to pray for me that I be faithful as I have no children of God to worship with here, and I need agreement in prayer to be faithful in this dark place. With love to all the dear saints. Your sister in Jesus. —LYDIA BUNNEY.

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Georgetown, Calif.—Dear workers at Faith Pub. House: Find enclosed one dollar to help you push the battle for holiness and the words of good cheer you are constantly sending abroad in the land, trusting it all with the good Lord of the harvest who bids us sow beside all waters. I know it is not much to send you but it will help you a little. I have been reading Faith and Victory for sometime and the benefit derived from it cannot be measured in dollars and cents. Trusting in the Giver of all good and precious gifts who keeps me day by day, and asking Him to supply all your needs according to His riches in glory. I remain yours in His love. —W. L. STIFLE.

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Alman Town, Kingston, Jamaica.—My beloved in the Lord: Grace be multiplied unto you from our Lord Jesus Christ, and prosperity upon His work He is doing through you. Where must I begin to express my heart and thoughts concerning the love of Christ Jesus. Oh, the joys! joys! joys! hallelujah! I feel led to give a personal testimony of God's grace to my poor soul. I was a sinner, but praise God, Jesus saved me. I was an alien, but Jesus came and made me to be a joint-heir with Him. I was a goat, but now a sheep. I was out, but, praise God, I am in. Oh, praise God, it is all through Jesus who suffered and paid it all for me, and now I am completely hidden in Him (I speak this to His glory), and thank God my heart is enlarged to receive more of Him. Oh, how I love Him; truly I love Him better after a big conflict is over, after I get victory. I know Him bet-

ter, and having the glorious hope, I am determined to live and die for Him in and out of season.

Now, dear ones, concerning the tracts and papers you are sending me: Since you have been sending them I have become a little distributing station for God's glory. And now for some time I have been out of them, and some one comes to me daily for them. So I am praying to the Lord to have you send some more, for I am willing to be a receiving station in Jamaica for your tracts (pity they can't be called nothing but tracts) but indeed they are; so tracts are right. The Bible is the road and our experiences are tracts. If God makes the way please send me some continually, for there is a great field and harvest here in Jamaica and the laborers are few. Your tracts and papers can be laborers together with us. May the dear Lord prosper you in every good work, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. Awaiting your reply, I remain your Bro. in Him. —P. G. VAIL.

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Scranton, Pa.—My dear friends and saints at Faith Publishing House: Greetings. It is with much joy that I write to you, although I stand at the bar of justice condemned for my long delay in acknowledging receipt of last consignment of tracts which came to me in due time, also your helpful and encouraging letter. Now, my dear brother, I am still at it hard, and the Lord is blessing my efforts. Now I want to ask you for a bunch of those beautiful little tracts entitled "Through Sunshine and Shadow." I do think those lines are the most sublime of all the baptism writings that I have ever read. Send me a good sized bunch if you can and also keep me on your order list as a standing order for tracts when you have a new publication just out, and especially when you have any new ones.

I will tell you I have a steady outlet for them and I believe that God is blessing this method: I will drop a hint as to how the Lord leads me to do. Do you know I believe that people are more inclined to reverence God when going on a trip either by water or rail. There seems to be a feeling of anticipation and unrest as to the ultimate outcome of their intended trip. Now in view of this state of things, I believe their minds will become susceptible to the Word of God. There is a through train called the Lackawanna Limited running through Scranton from Buffalo, N. Y. to New York City stopping 10 minutes in Scranton to change engines. This is a through train from Chicago. I board that train having my little package of tracts all well assorted containing two or three of the awakening ones convenient for distribution to the people on this train. Those tracts go into New York and into that great Terminal Station. Perhaps some humble car cleaner will pick up those precious gems of truth, and who knows but by them a soul will find its way to God. With many thanks for past favors and loyal obedience to the "Macedonian Call" which is being heard on all sides, I remain yours in the service of the Lord. —BRO. C. C. SMITH.

# LITTLE FOLKS' PAGE

"HE SHALL GATHER THE LAMBS WITH HIS ARM, AND CARRY THEM IN HIS BOSOM" (Isaiah 40 :11).

## A HEART PRAYER

*Cleanse me from my sin, Lord,  
Put Thy power within, Lord;  
Take me as I am, Lord,  
And make me all Thine own.  
Keep me day by day, Lord,  
Underneath Thy sway, Lord,  
Make my heart Thy palace and Thy royal  
throne.*

—Sent in by CECIL W. SUTTON.

## A WONDERFUL CHILDREN'S MEETING

Several years ago, when residing at G., we became acquainted with sister W.—who was especially fond of children. Her own were grown, and desiring to make a home for some homeless child, she went to the county farm, where there were several, in search of one. Among the children there she found a beautiful little bright eyed girl, about nine years old, whose name was Ida. Her heart went out to her at once and she expressed to the lady in charge her desire to take Ida, and her willingness to care for her as she would if she were her own child. But the matron said, "O, you have no idea what a terrible child this is! We can do nothing with her, she is stubborn and has an awful temper and it is impossible to control her. We are intending to send her to the Girl's Reform School." Sister W.—who was an earnest Christian, was surprised but not discouraged. She could not bear the thought of such a little child being sent to such a place and so she said to the matron: "Well, I'd like to take her with me and see if I cannot help her to be good." "Well," said the matron, "You can try her if you want to, but you will be glad to bring her back again." Acting upon this permission, Sister W.—talked with Ida and easily gained her consent to go with her. Not many days had passed before she found that there was considerable reason for what the matron had said. Ida was hard to control and at times became terribly angry without cause; but Sister W.—prayed for her and dealt patiently and tenderly with her and told her how Jesus loved her, and would help her to be good if she would only give Him her heart. Her prayers and loving labor were not in vain and it was not very long until little Ida was converted. The change was so great that all who were with her could plainly see that Jesus had indeed given her a new heart.

Soon after this we had charge of a children's meeting held in a mission hall in G.—Among the children gathered there were many of the worst boys in the town. Little Ida was present. We knew how much Jesus had done for her and felt led of the Spirit to ask her to lead the meeting. She looked up at us

much surprised but her little heart was full of the love of God and she consented to do the best she could. Word cannot describe what followed. In tears, Ida told, in her own touching way, how Jesus had saved her—just what a naughty girl she had been before she was converted, but how Jesus had "taken the angry all away" and given her a new heart so that she loved everybody and loved to do what was right. Then she plead with them to give their hearts to God and told them how Jesus died on the cross for them and how He loved them and wanted to save them. She had not talked long until nearly every child in the room was in tears; and how shall we describe that touching scene? We had an altar service, Ida knelt with those who were seeking and prayed for them and told them how to find Jesus; and right there many were converted and gave bright clear testimonies that their sins were forgiven and Jesus had given them new hearts. Thus did God that day honor a little girl's testimony and exhortation and fulfill His own Word, "A little child shall lead them." Very often do we call to mind that scene, and we find it one of the sweetest of the memories of years of evangelistic work.

—SEL. BY AUNT LOEY MCKAY.

Puryear, Tenn.—Dear children: This beautiful Wednesday night I feel I should talk to you a little while. Yes, I must, as this evening as I sat thinking of the goodness of God, He was talking to me of how tenderly He watches over His own dear children, the young and the little ones does He especially love and long after their whole hearts. For they are the ones He will trust to carry on the good work of spreading the gospel of His kingdom in the great harvest field, when the older ones are gone. Dear children daily ask the dear Lord to so fit and keep you that you can fill father's and mother's places in the Church of the living God. Dear ones Jesus keeps us rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing instant in prayer (Rom. 12: 12). Should anyone read these few lines who are not acquainted with Jesus, I trust they will be encouraged to seek Him while He may be found.

—SISTER BERTHA TAYLOR.

Puryear, Tenn.—Dear little brothers and sisters in Christ: I have been reading Faith and Victory and enjoy it so much. Oh, how it helps me. Yes, Jesus died on the cross that I might be made free from sin. My prayer, hope and desire is to be a soul winner for Jesus. I am 8 years old. I will close for this time.

—Mary Taylor.

There is a choice to be made—life and good, or death and evil (Deut. 30: 15th and 19th verses). Have you made your choice for eternity?

Fayetteville, Ark.—Dear saints at Faith Publishing House: I have received your dear letter and also the good little paper which my sister and I always look forward to getting as we enjoy reading it so much. I just must tell you how I am still pressing onward to gain that beautiful home that has been prepared for us, bless the dear name of Jesus. Oh how great is His mercy to us. Without Him we could not live. We go to a meeting near here every Tuesday, the Lord being willing, and Oh, such good times we do have worshipping and praising the Lord. I am sending you this offering to help you in the work, trusting all is well at Faith Publishing House. I am still your sister in Jesus.

—TILLIE BLATTNER.

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Bonham, Texas.—Dear sisters and brothers: I send greetings to all the dear saints. This morning finds me saved, sanctified and satisfied with God's leadings. It is real spiritual food to my soul to read the precious testimonies and truths in the little paper, Faith and Victory. Oh, He does so much for His children. It just almost breaks my heart to see so many people traveling the downward road, where God's love and mercy will end some day, then they are lost forever. Pray for me that I will be a soul winner for Jesus. Pray for my unsaved son and daughter that they may be saved. I am also asking agreement in prayer that God will heal my arms of rheumatism. I put all things in His hands, and I know it can be done. I desire more faith in God to take Him at His Word. Your sister in Christ.

—MAY COANROD.

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Woodburn, Ore.—Dear saints of God and readers of Faith and Victory scattered abroad: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. May His grace and peace be multiplied to you. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings and made us to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. My testimony is that I am rejoicing in my Savior's love with victory and holy peace in my soul, for the Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear; the Lord is the strength of my life of whom shall I be afraid. My long life has been one of joy and blessings mingled with conflicts, sorrows, trials and disappointments, but they are some of the *all things* that have been for my good. My heavenly father understands how to weave in the warp of prosperity and enough of the filling of adversity to make the garment seamless and just what I need for my good and helps me keep my eyes on Jesus and helps me see my helplessness and weakness and dependence and helps me to remember He has said, "Come unto me all ye that are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest. I am sweetly resting on the bosom of his love and my peace is as a river overflowing its banks; not only peace but joy unspeakable and full of glory. I can say I have washed my robes in the cleansing fountain, I am a child of God. My will is so sweetly lost in God's will,

and has been for the last year, that I love to sit at Jesus feet and by faith like Mary wash them with my tears and wipe them with the hairs of my head. Praise his dear name. My mind was never more stayed on God than now, and I have great peace for I love Him with all my heart and I never felt the worth of souls as at this time. As I read in the blessed gospel what will be in the last days, the deceptive spirits and false doctrines deceitful workers, mens hearts failing them for fear of those things that are coming on the earth. Yes, this Scripture is being fulfilled now. If we will keep watching we need not be deceived but keep on the whole armor of salvation and we shall be able to stand against all the wiles of the devil. So we are told to watch, for ye know not the day nor the hour when your Lord cometh, but He will come in an hour that ye think not, to all that are not watching. But He has said unto all, watch. He told us in Matt. 7: 13, "Strait is the gate and narrow is the way that leadeth to life, and few there be that find it." And in Luke 13: 24, He tells us to strive to enter in, for many shall seek to enter and shall not be able.

Oh, dear brothers and sisters, let us keep our vessels full of oil and our lamps brightly burning, and have on the wedding garment when the Bridegroom comes and be ready to go in before the door is shut and many be left out in the darkness. Can we sing what the poet has said: "When Jesus comes, whether it be noon or night, Faithful to Him, will He find us watching, with our lamps all trimmed and bright? Oh, can we say we are ready brother, ready for the soul's bright home; Say, will He find you and me still watching, waiting when the Lord shall come?" Yes, by His love and grace I am ready, for I am reigning, sweetly reigning over all this world of strife. In my blessed loving Savior, I am reigning in this life. Praise His holy name. We are bound for the land of the pure and the holy, The home of the happy, the kingdom of love; Ye strangers from God in the broad road of folly, O, say, will you go to the Eden of love? In that blessed land neither sighing nor anguish can breathe in the fields where the glorified rove. Ye heart burdened ones, oh, say, will you go to the Eden of love?

Your sister saved in the one body, contending for the pure gospel, the faith once delivered to the saints.

—PHEBE GREEN.

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#### A SURE FOUNDATION

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When we build a house, barn or hen house we build a foundation that will support the building. But the foundation we will consider is the foundation each man, woman and child must build to support his or her life. When we step out in a Christian profession we commence then to build a foundation, and it is much more important that we build a foundation

that will support us at all times in our Christian profession. Reader, if you claim to be a saint and belong to the Church of God, consider your foundation; not so much as to what I say about it, but what God says about it, because you must stand or fall before God and not me.

In 2 Tim. 2: 19, Paul is telling about Hymenaeus and Philetus how they erred and overthrew the faith of some. Nevertheless (since that has happened) the foundation of God standeth sure. Friend, if you fail to construct the kind of foundation God wants built, it will not stand sure (the margin says steady). Does your foundation let the building weave and tremble in the storms of life? If it does you are not deep enough; you will have to go deeper and throw the quicksand out of the trench; first get a good foundation. In 1 Tim. 6: 17-19 we read, "Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life." Who receives the benefit? Themselves. You, if you lay a good foundation. What for? (Verse 19) Against the time to come so they (you) may have eternal life. Oh, yes, you say, it doesn't matter, just so So and So thinks I am all right. I will do this or that, put on this or that, go here or there so I can keep on the good side of them. I guess I will get through some how. You will, but your foundation will fall. If you want to be a friend of the world and have a good time with them, you cannot raise God's building on that foundation. Solomon says in Prov. 10: 25, "As the whirlwind passeth, so is the wicked no more; but the righteous is an *everlasting foundation*." Get your Bibles and read carefully Mark 12: 28-34; Luke 6: 20-35.

The kind of material we are to use in this foundation, Jesus tells us, is that Whatsoever we would that men do to us, do likewise to them. Reader, when you are in trouble or sore need did you ever think, I wish Smith would give me this or that, or help me thus and so? If you have, that is just what He wants you to do to Lazarus. Oh, you say, If he had done what he ought to have done, he wouldn't have been where he is. Say, friend, you may be there in a week's time. Have you done what you ought to have done? If you do what He says in Luke 6: 47-49, He will show you to whom you are like. In the 48th verse we see what this man did: Why, he digged deep, got down through the quicksand on the solid Rock. What happened?

Why, the floods came and the stream was swift and overflowed its bank and then floods are all around you. What are you going to do? Get out and try to wade to shore? No, if you do your feet will go out from under you and down you go. Stay right on the Rock, the "sure foundation, the tried stone" which is Christ Jesus our Lord.

Paul says in Eph. 6: 13-14, "Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness." You may try to use other material in your foundation but unless you temper it with righteousness (right doing) it will not stand. Oh, says one, I guess I can go to Chicago to the Fat Stock Show with a friend. I guess I can put on a little more apparel. I can wear better clothes, it's no one's business. No; Paul says in 1 Cor. 3: 12, "Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones. \* \* \*" It seems as that would make a good foundation doesn't it? Well, I don't care, says one, to have it quite as nice as Brown has it. I will put wood, hay, stubble in mine. Listen: (verse 13) "Every man's (yours and mine) work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is." Amen.

—E. CARTWRIGHT.

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## THE CHURCH THAT JESUS BUILT

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That Jesus gathered material while in the earth, while in a fleshly body, and built His Church, cannot be disputed, for we read in Matt. 16: 16-18, "And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter; and upon this rock I will build my Church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against IT." Many look at this Scripture without taking much thought or without the Spirit to guide and give understanding, and conclude that Jesus meant to build His Church on Peter, but this is decidedly a wrong interpretation of the Scripture. Jesus was referring to the solid, rock-like truth that He had spoken, which was, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God," and was given him by the Father in heaven, and all those that believe from the

heart that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, become stones in the building, His Church, Christ being the Rock, the Chief Corner Stone.

We find by the above Scriptures that His Church was to be so firm, so strong, and filled with such power that the gates of hell could not prevail against her onward march. We also find that His Church was not many, but ONE, spoken of in the singular term: IT. The prophet Isaiah foreseeing things that would come to pass, spoke of the beginning of the Church in this manner, 'Therefore, thus saith the Lord God, Behold I lay in Zion (a metaphor for the Church) for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste' (Isa. 28: 16). The prophet here was speaking of Jesus as the precious tried stone and said He was a sure foundation. And Paul speaking of this foundation said, "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 3: 11).

Peter in speaking to babes in Christ said, "To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God and precious. Ye also as lively stones (saved men) are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Wherefore also I lay in Zion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on Him shall not be confounded" (1 Peter 2: 4, 5, 6). This living stone spoken of by Peter is Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, for truly He was rejected of men, despised, abused, slain, placed in the tomb, counted by men as an end of Him. But not so; the gates of hell did not prevail. There was mighty power with him. The great stone at the mouth of the tomb could not keep its place, the governor's seal was not respected, the brave soldiers that were set as a watch did shake and become as dead men, and Christ, the Son of God came forth a living conqueror and has become the head of the corner, the chief corner stone.

Paul in writing of and to saved souls says, "Now, therefore, ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone: In whom all the building, fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom YE are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit" (Eph. 2: 19, 20, 21, 22). Paul is speaking here of the spiritual structure of the Church that Jesus built, and shows that He has

reconciled us unto God in one body by the cross (verse 16). For all truly saved souls (those that believe from the heart that Jesus Christ is the Son of the living God) compose the spiritual body of the Lord Jesus Christ, and He, Christ, is our great High Priest (Heb. 4: 14) with all power both in heaven and in earth (Matt. 28: 18), has become head over all things to the Church (Eph. 1: 22).

We have been considering who built the Church and on whom it was built and of what and whom it was composed, and now we shall proceed to find out the proper name of this Church that Jesus built. We shall first turn to John 17: 11 and read what Jesus says to do: "And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world (speaking of His disciples) and I come to Thee. Holy Father, KEEP THROUGH THINE OWN NAME those whom Thou hast given me that they may be one as we are." We find by these Scriptures that it was the desire of Jesus that His followers should be kept in His Father's name and the Father's name being God, therefore the name would be "Church of God." The word church in the Scriptures does not refer to a building as many apply it today, but has reference to an assembly of saved men and women which constitute the "Church of God" in that locality. In a broader sense the Church of God would mean all saved people throughout the world.

We find that men have built structures that they call "churches," and are holding them together the best they can under other names, but on examination we find that they are built on sandy foundations and have become cisterns without living water. They have failed to honor the petition of the Son, "Holy Father, keep through Thine own name," and therefore the storms and floods have left their houses desolate of real spiritual life and the habitation of God is with those that are married to Christ and bring forth fruit unto God (Rom. 7: 4). They honor the Son and call themselves by the Father's name. They are not tied nor bound by rules and regulations of men but are set free by belief in Christ, are led by the Spirit, therefore they are the sons of God (Rom. 8: 14), are lively stones in the building of God that Jesus built (1 Peter 2: 5).

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end" (Isa. 9: 6-7).

In the third chapter of Eph., 14th and 15th verses we read what Paul said concerning the name of God's people: "For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named." Some of the family of God, people of God, or Church of God, have gone on to heaven and the other part are yet alive in the earth, and Paul speaking of the Father said, "Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named," which would be family of God or Church of God.

Men do not join the Church of God as they do men made churches, but they are born in her by a spiritual birth just as children are born into our family by a fleshly birth and we bear the Father's name as they do, and we will not dishonor the Father by taking some other name, but are satisfied and happy to abide free in Him (Psa. 87: 5-6). "Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again" (John 3: 7).

Paul repeatedly, in writing to or of saved people, called them "Church of God." In Acts 20: 28 he said to the overseers to "Feed the Church of God which He hath purchased with His own blood." In 1 Cor. 1: 1-2, he addresses the Church of God which is at Corinth, directing his letter to the local assembly of the Church. In 1 Cor. 10: 32 he says to "Give no offence to the Church of God." In 1 Cor. 15: 9, "I am not meet to be called an apostle, for I persecuted the Church of God." In 1 Tim. 3: 5, speaking of bishop or elder, says, "For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the Church of God?" These are just a few of the places in Scripture where saved men and women are called or are referred to as "The Church of God."

The family of God is composed of "born-again ones." They take the Father's name, are lively stones, a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people, and they show forth the praises of Him who has called them out of darkness into His marvelous light (1 Peter 2: 9). Their names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life, and He calleth His own, they hear His voice and follow Him. He feeds and nourishes them while in the earth, and will come again that where He is we may be also.

"Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are His. And let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity" (2 Tim. 2: 19).

—FRED PRUITT.

(We have the above article in tract form.)

## THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS

*"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before Him, all the earth (Psalm 96: 9).*

The holiness of God is a terror to the realizing sinner. The thunders of Sinai echo throughout the ages, and even in this "modern" age a few still recognize the existence of a righteous Judge Who holds men accountable for their wrongdoings and will render unto them according to their works. Some earth-dwellers may have reasoned God out of their lives, but they are exceptions: most of us either simply ignore Him or else deliberately and desperately try to forget Him, unless we are sensible and turn to Him for light, pardon and Fatherhood. Whether we will or not, we stand in the presence of the Eternal, and to Him we shall one day render account.

Much of our blindness to the claims of God is due to ignorance, both of Him and of ourselves—especially, of ourselves. We are so intimately bound up in our own personalities that we cannot untangle their tortuous depths without divine light to make these depths visible, and without divine Love to penetrate and redeem them. Few of us have more than scratched the surface of our natures; but we know that we are fearfully and wonderfully made. Psychology holds a candle to some of the rifts in personality and lets us see a little way into its structure and its workings; but that light, like most candles, reveals vast unknown regions beyond its present radius of penetration. We have no magic formula which will reveal ourselves to ourselves—a lifetime of study is all too short for that. We are alive, thinking, feeling, changing, groping, amid a tremendous complex of environmental forces, of racial instincts, of universal phenomena, all of which, though we have made some progress in understanding them, still beckon us on from infinite distances.

One of the traits most deeply rooted in man is the sense of conscious shortcoming—of sin. How did it arise? Why does man, if a highly developed cousin to the ape, have such sense? Why, in all parts of the earth, in all generations, has he tried in some way to pay for his wrongdoings by sacrifice or otherwise? It is true that desire to placate stronger powers, real or imagined, is an underlying motive, and that in many cases it has been the sole motive; but if one's wrong act is due to some primitive instinct inherited from animal ancestors, why is one every *sorry*? And why, further, does one sometimes try to rectify the wrong at trouble and cost to oneself? If conscience be nothing more than an elaborated system of tabus,

whence does man derive the sense of discrimination which renders tabus possible? We do not observe this elsewhere among the fauna of nature.

Pursuing such an inquiry, we eventually find ourselves against a blank wall. The evolutionist may try to trace man's development from a "low type of savage" (or from a senseless ape) to an ethically minded human being; he may attribute the beginning of mortality and of conscience to compromises between primitive individuals made in order to gain advantages otherwise impossible, or to a blind groping after some force or forces vaguely felt, or pictured by superstitious imagination. But such a hypothesis is unproved; and if it were it would not explain how man alone of all creatures came to manifest even such primitive intelligence. The animal world is ruled by claw and tooth, and according to evolution, always has been. As a matter of fact, some animals show signs of rudimentary intelligence in some of their acts; but how it happened that man alone developed ideas of right and wrong, is no more satisfactorily explained by evolution than by any other non-biblical accounting for facts. "Man had it in him" is about as far as anyone can get in that direction. After all, is it not more reasonable to believe that man was created by or as a distinct species than to assume that he so far forgot himself as to break a universal and inevitable law of nature by becoming rational and ethical, even if it took him millions of years to do so?

However it came about, it is true now that man is a moral being and that, if honest with himself, he knows that he falls short of his best possibilities. He learns, or forms, standards of right and wrong—and violates them. Tortured with remorse, he tries to renew allegiance to his ideals, largely through some form of suffering inflicted by himself or by some one to whom he defers in matters of conscience. But it is not till he realizingly confronts the revelation of an absolutely, infinitely holy God that his sense of wrongdoing becomes completely alive. Then, like Isaiah, he cries, "Woe is me, for \* \* \* I am a man of unclean lips, and dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips!" or like Peter, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" "Putting the fear of God into him" in such cases is stripped of the vile perversions which men often give that expression and becomes, literal, biting, blistering truth. Seeing the holiness of God for the first time, even in part, is a soul-racking experience; if the vision were full-orbed we should die in its presence—paper and grass cannot endure the blast-furnace.

• From beginning to end this truth is interwoven in the Bible. When Adam and Eve first consciously disobeyed God, they died so far as fellowship with Him was concerned. From that time on, men could approach God only as they offered sacrifices. And at that, God prescribed the nature of the sacrifice, for Cain, bringing the wrong kind of sacrifice, was rejected. Throughout the Old Testament we read of only one kind of sacrifice acceptable to God—a lamb or an ox or a kid or a goat, or, for those too poor to bring such offerings, a pair of turtledoves: the essence of the offering being, in each case, the BLOOD, which was poured out before Him. True, oil and fine meal were also used, but only as accompaniments of the principal sacrifice. If in some cases the sacrificial victim was allowed to live (as in sending of the scapegoat into the wilderness, Lev. 16: 10-26; and of the loosing of the live bird when a leper was ceremonially cleansed, Lev. 14: 1-7), it had a double which was killed. With the crucifixion of Christ, which all this bloodshedding foreshadowed and which itself culminated in the piercing of Jesus' side with a spear to determine that He was really dead, the blood and water thence issuing forever fulfilled all the types and rendered them unnecessary. In the New Testament and ever since, the sacrifice is the Lamb of God slain upon the Cross; and we who approach God thereby in sincerity and in truth are accepted of Him. The infinite love of God has found a means of enabling sinners to stand before His terrific holiness and live.

"Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, which He hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, His flesh, and having an high priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith, without wavering (for He is faithful that promised;) and let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another, and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching" (Heb. 10: 19-25).

Is it not plain that the only hope of holiness in men is in the transmission to them, in some manner, of the holiness of God? And is it not equally plain that children partake of the characteristics—of the very nature—of their parents? "Be ye holy, for I am holy" (1 Peter 1: 16).

Let us be clear. When we try to determine what holiness is, much confusion arises. We all understand something about the holiness of God and take it for granted; but when it is a question of holiness in His sons and daughters, we begin to differ. Many or most of us confuse holiness with sanctimoniousness. We instinctively picture some long-faced, nasal-toned, somber-minded sour-dispositioned, soul-warped puritan; or some anemic, pallid, self-castigating, fasting, gowned ascetic; or some shouting, contorting, gibbering "holy roller." Holiness to us is associated with our denying the world, the flesh and the devil (which, as we shall see, is involved indeed) in such a way as to cause ourselves the utmost possible suffering, gloom, mental and even physical torture, renunciation of everything that seems pleasant and attractive to the senses, humiliation before men while we must still see them enjoy pleasures we cannot taste, doing things we naturally hate, and, worst of all, being jeered at as crazy fanatics who miss good things they might have here and now in order to chance the gaining of future and problematical rewards.

Yes; the devil has certainly smeared some lurid pictures for us. He is adept at that. But with all the comic supplements which deluge newspaper readers every Sunday, we should eventually grow wise enough to know a caricature of God and of sainthood when we see it. No one imagines that the Katzenjammer Kids, Maggie and Jiggs, Barney Google, Hawshaw, Krazy Kat, and other noble characters of the "funnies," are photographs of real life. Strange that we should let Satan foist on us such idiotic burlesques of holiness as those mentioned in the preceding paragraph, and suppose we are beholding the real thing! We had better turn to the Book where the High and Holy One reveals what it means to be a holy child of a holy, heavenly Father, and ask Him to direct us by His Spirit to realize what He would have us be. (To be continued.)

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## TWO FAITHS

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"With the heart man believeth unto righteousness." We have narrowed the word righteousness down to mean only the right condition of the soul. The true meaning of the word is, being right, and it includes spirit, soul and body. When man fell his whole being suffered through it. God provided a full salvation for the whole man. Jesus did all that was necessary to secure this redemption, and we can get it by faith.

There is a head faith and a heart faith. The head faith brings us nothing. The heart faith brings us everything that Jesus secured for us which is perfect rightness in spirit, soul and body. Most people believe with the head only, and so do not get what God has promised. The head sees, understands and counts things true, but only the heart can appropriate or lay hold of and cling to things that are "Freely given us of God." The head looks at the surroundings, difficulties and hindrances. The heart looks at the thing desired and the promises of God and refuses to see the hindrances. It is the heart that "Laughs at impossibilities, and cries, 'It SHALL be done.'" Headfaith is strong when things are favorable, but the heart faith is just as strong when all things are against it, because it rests on the Almighty God Who cannot be hindered by any person, power or thing.

Head faith grows weak and fails when the answer is delayed. Heart faith says, "I received when I prayed, and the answer is as much mine NOW as it will be when I have it manifested." Head faith says, "Be careful not to profess until you can see, for by so doing you may bring reproach on the cause." Heart faith says, "The thing I am asking is sure to appear soon and confirm my profession and I shall honor His cause because God ALWAYS rewards faith." Head faith says, "There might be a failure." Heart faith says, "Because of God's promise and His oath to keep His promise, it is impossible for failure to come." Head faith says, "I trusted until I saw everything getting worse." Heart faith says, "Though He slay me YET will I trust in Him," and "I shall yet praise Him for the help of His Countenance (Psalm 42: 5).

The head reasons about things. God says, Casting down reasonings (marginal of imaginations) and everything that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God (2 Cor. 10: 5). The heart lays hold of things that are beyond ALL reason; holds fast and expects God to do things that are impossible—contrary to reason. The head investigates as to how God is working, the progress and results. The heart clings to His Word, even when there is nothing in evidence. The head says, "I shall know I have my petition when my senses give evidence that it is in my possession—when I can see it, feel it and experience it." The heart says, "I KONW I have it NOW, because I have met the conditions and have taken it." It is the heart that "Stands still and SEES what, to others, is invisible." It is the heart faith Paul is speaking of when he says it is "The evidence of things NOT seen."

Head faith gives up easily, but the heart faith is that of Jacob that cries, "I WILL not let Thee go, except Thou bless me." It was heart faith that caused the Syrophenician woman (see Matt. 15: 22-29) to hold on to Jesus when "He answered her not a word," and not to leave when the disciples wanted Him to send her away. It was heart faith that would not be discouraged even when Jesus told her that He was not sent to her, because she was not an Israelite and that it was not right to give "the children's bread" to her. Heart faith when all else has failed, will do what she did, fall down at Jesus' feet in humility and worship until He says, "Be it unto thee even as thou wilt." Jesus will always say that to heart faith when we are seeking after anything that God has promised in His Word. It is only to heart faith that He says, "As thou has believed, so be it done unto thee." Head faith gets discouraged easily, but it is of heart faith that the Bible says, "THIS is the victory that overcomes the world, even your faith." Jesus said that Satan was the prince of this world. If faith overcomes the world, it must overcome its prince, so the above includes all our spiritual enemies.

If you have been believing for something and have not yet had it in evidence, see if your faith has not been the head faith, which is dependent upon seeing, feeling and experiencing before it can rejoice in the answer. See if you have not been reasoning and have not been affected by obstacles in the way. Perhaps you have the head faith that says, "It will be done sometime," instead of the heart faith that says, "It WAS done when I prayed." Oh, exercise the heart faith that deals with the unseen and counts things that be NOT, as though they WERE, and then you will overcome all obstacles, even the Devil himself, by that faith which overcomes the world.

The Bible says that God looketh on the heart. He will not see or regard your head faith. He is not looking at your head and it will not matter how much head faith you have, but He will see the heart faith, even when it is as small as a grain of mustard seed and will NEVER fail to say to that faith, "According to thy faith be it unto thee." You must remember, however, that it is the heart faith that worketh "by love." If there is the least bit of dislike or criticism in your heart to even the most trying person, this heart faith cannot work because it worketh ONLY by love. The Bible says, "If our heart condemn us not, THEN have we confidence toward God." Many of God's children do not FEEL condemned by

things that God's Word condemns. If there is any person I will not forgive and truly love, if I will not fully obey God, if there is pride, selfishness, or wilfulness in my heart, these things condemn me before God and hinder my heart faith. It is only when we are abiding in Christ that "there is no condemnation" and we have "confidence (faith) towards God." God says we abide in Christ ONLY as we walk, as HE walked. (1 John 2: 6).

Examine your faith, and if you have been exercising head faith, exchange it quickly for the heart faith that will bring to you all God has promised in His precious Word. —Sel.

(We have the above article in tract form.)

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### SOME DEVICES OF SATAN

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What is the difference between thinking evil and thinking of evil? The difference is as wide as the universe. You cannot live in this world, which is full of evil and not think of it. There is no sin in thinking of evil; but when you think evil in your heart you commit sin. "Man looks on the outside, but God looks on the heart" and reads our thoughts. Since we are literally encompassed by these demons, whose grand enterprise is the importation of evil to our minds and everything they can possibly do to secure and expedite our ruin; you'll never reach a state in this world in which these demons will not suggest evil, as in case of Pilgrim. They spoke awful blasphemies and did their best to persuade him that they came out of his own heart. These evil spirits actually talk to you, uttering blasphemous, obscene, rebellious, and awful things. When you go out among wicked people you are compelled to hear profanity, ribaldry, and debasing follies. Of course you are not responsible, from the simple fact that you cannot prevent that state of things. Even so these demons, who fill the air, crowd around you and actually utter abominable things in your spiritual ears, thus taking advantage of every little mishap, disappointment, mistake, and interruption, that chances to cross your path, quicker than you can think, precipitating evil utterances into your mind and vile communications into your ears. Then the demon thus haunting you, will turn and accuse you of these evil things which himself has suggested, and face you down that they originated in your own heart, and in that way discourage you and get you under a cloud. Let me here warn you of Satan's ladder. It contains six steps which lead down to hell, everyone beginning with D, in harmony with devil.

Doubt.

Discouragement.

Despondency.

Despair.

Death (spiritual).

Damnation.

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