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

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A LOST HOPE

I once was pure and white as snow,
For the dear Lord had made me so.
Then I was happy, free from care.
My heart's affections were not here,
But on the Saviour's words of love
That bore my griefs to throne above.

The cares of life seem great to bear
And I forgot the daily prayer;
I worked so hard the folks to feed
That I forgot God's Word to read.
And Satan came and tempted sore
And I in weakness op'ed the door.

What woe began when he came in!
I now am stained and black with sin,
Bowed down with grief too great to tell,
But God in heav'n doeth all things well
And teaches us through pain and woe
To guide our steps where e'er we go.

We cannot bear our cares alone,
And if we try we're sure to roam
Far away in the mountains cold
Where there's no comfort, Shepherd or fold.
And Satan leads in paths of thorn
'Till we regret the day we're born.

And when our grief is great to bear
He still adds to our load of care,
And winds and grinds us mid the stones
And laughs and mocks to hear our groans.
Then we recall the blood stained tree
And see the Lord who'd set us free.

Oh, Saints of God don't moan for me
For I'm not worth your sympathy;
But watch and pray that you may stay
All in that straight and narrow way.

—Amanda Sutton.

GOD CHOSE TO SEND JESUS

Some little time ago, after the conclusion of one of Mr. Brownlow North's addresses in Edinburgh, a young man came into the room where he was receiving persons anxious for private conversation, and said to

him, "I have heard you preach three times, sir, and I neither care for you nor your preaching unless you can tell me why did God permit sin."

"I will do that with pleasure," was the immediate reply,—“Because He chose it.”

The young man, apparently taken by surprise, stood speechless; and Mr. North again replied, “Because He chose it; and” added he, “if you continue to question and cavil at God's dealings, and vainly puffed up by your carnal mind, strive to be wise above what is written, I will tell you something more that God will do,—He will some day put you into hell-fire. It is vain for you to strive with your Maker—you cannot resist Him: and neither your opinion of His dealings, nor your blasphemous expression of them, will in the least lessen the pain of your everlasting damnation, which, I again tell you, will most certainly be your portion if you go on in your present spirit. There were such questioners as you in St. Paul's time, and how did the apostle answer them? ‘Nay, but O man, who art thou that repliest against God?’”

The young man here interrupted Mr. North, and said, “Is there such a text as that in the Bible?” “Yes there is,” was the reply, in the ninth chapter of the Romans; and I recommend you to go home and read that chapter; and after you have read it, and seen there how God claims for Himself the right to do whatever He chooses, without permitting the thing formed to say to Him that formed it, ‘Why hast Thou made me thus?, remember that, besides permitting sin, there is another thing God has chosen to do,—God chose to send Jesus. Of His own free and sovereign grace, God gave His only begotten Son to die for sinners in their stead—in their place; so that, though they are sinners, and have done things worthy of death, not one of them shall ever be cast into hell for his sins who will accept Jesus as his only Saviour, and believe in Him, and rest in His Word. I have no time to say more to you now: others are waiting to see me. Go home, attend to what I have told you, and may God the Holy Spirit bless it for Jesus Christ's sake.”

This conversation took place on Sunday evening. On the following Friday, Mr. North was sitting in a friend's drawing-room, when the servant announced that a young man wanted to speak to him. On being shown up stairs, he said, “Do you remember me?” “No.” “Do you not remember the young man who on Sunday night asked you to tell him ‘why did God permit sin?’” “Yes, perfectly.” “Well, sir, I am that young man; and you said that God permitted sin be-

cause He chose it, and you told me to go home and read the ninth chapter of Romans; and also that God chose to send Jesus to die for such sinners as I am: and I did, sir, what you told me, and after-wards I fell down at God's feet and asked Him to forgive my sins because Jesus died for me, and He did; and now I am happy—oh! so happy, sir; and though the devil still comes sometimes to tempt me with my old thoughts, and to ask me what reason I have to think God has forgive me, I have always managed to get him away by telling him that I do not want to judge things by my own reason, but by God's Word, and that the only reason why I know I am forgiven, is, that for Christ's sake God chose to pardon me."

The changed expression on the young man's countenance was quite sufficient to account for Mr. North's not knowing him again. It was radiant with joy and peace.

Dear reader, the first lesson a poor sinner has to learn, is to trust in the Lord, and not to his own understanding; to trust God not only for what he does understand, and for what is explained, but for what he does not understand, and for what is not explained. This is faith, and such faith honors God and saves the soul. This is receiving the kingdom of God as a little child; and let us ever remember that it is written (and the Scripture cannot be broken), that unless we receive the Kingdom of God as a little child, we shall in no wise enter therein.

—Sel.

A GOOD SINNER

"Are you saved, sir?" we asked a gentleman, at the close of a gospel-meeting.

"No, I really can't say I am, but I would like to be."

"Why would you? Do you realize you are a lost sinner?"

"Oh, of course, we are all sinners."

"Ah! but that often means little or nothing. Are you a sinner yourself?"

"Well I suppose I am, but I'm not what you could call a bad sinner. I am, I think, rather a good one, I always try to do the best I know."

"Then, my friend, I fear there is little use seeking to show you the way of salvation. Good sinners, together with honest liars, upright thieves, and virtuous scoundrels are far from being ready to submit to the grace of God, which is only for poor, vile, hell-deserving sinners, who have no merits to build on, no goodness to plead, but who are ready to be saved alone by the work of Another, and that One the Lord Jesus Christ."

Further conversation but elicited the fact that the gentleman, far from being ready to be saved like that, would, according to his own declaration, rather take "his chances" as he was.

How is it with you reader? Do you fancy you are one of those curious anomalies—a good sinner? or have you learned that you are a guilty sinner, in need of sovereign mercy. If so, it is the glory of the

gospel that it proclaims "the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ, unto all and upon all them that believe, for there is no difference" (Rom. 3: 22). Flee, then, to Jesus; your sins give you title to the blood that cleanseth; your need gives you title to the grace that saves.

H. A. I.

"LET NOT SIN THEREFORE REIGN IN YOUR MORTAL BODY"

(Rom. 6: 12).

Here the apostle Paul warns us: "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body," or in other words; in your hearts. For sin is in our hearts. It is not to be trusted. Therefore, the apostle Paul warns us against it. Therefore, we all ought to take heed and be wise, and to know that we are sure that we have got rid of all sin: for it is possible to have a clean heart, a heart that has been cleansed and made pure in the blood of Jesus.

Again, I say, it is very dangerous to have sin in the heart, for God is not pleased with any one who has sin within the heart. God hates sin, yet loves the sinner. Therefore, He sent His Son, Jesus, about two thousand years ago to destroy sin and the works thereof. Praise God for it!

Back to the text: "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body." It seems the apostle Paul could not make any stronger emphasis than this: "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body," for he knew that the outcome, or the consequence would be at the end thereof, due to having sin in the heart. I say again sin can not be trusted, by any means. The only thing for us is to get rid of it, turn our backs on it and never step into the path that leads to the road downward to destruction and everlasting punishment. For God has made provision for all hearts by sending His beloved Son, Jesus, that we all might be made free from sin and evil doings.

Sin surely will bring punishment if we do not get rid of it now while it is day, for the night cometh. When it will be too late. Oh, how sad then to the ones who have neglected their souls' salvation. But then it will be too late. O, reader of this paper, if you have not made your choice now while it is day, then it will be sad for you hereafter. Jesus is so willing to cleanse your heart from all sin, if it is not made clean already. Sin in the heart is a miserable life to live. May the Lord help all to turn their backs on sin, and turn to Jesus who will give us something better instead. Glory to God!

Some may say, "Well, how can we live without sin while on earth?" Yes, it is possible, for the Bible tells us, "He that is made free is free indeed." Praise God for it! I say again, it is possible for us to live without sin in the heart. The apostle Paul knew very well what he was talking about when he said, "Let not sin therefore reign

in your mortal body." If we do so, it will get the best of us in the long run. We ought to get rid of sin as soon as possible. It will be so much better with us then. For God is not delighted with any one who has sin in the heart. Such a one can not please God in any way whatever. Sin blinds our spiritual eyes so we can not see. Whenever sin is removed from our hearts then we can see as we ought; not otherwise. For this purpose Jesus came into this world to destroy the works of the devil. Praise God!

May all hearts be wide awake now, and examine their own selves to see whether they are right in the sight of God or not. And the Lord is pleased with such who do that. The Lord is precious and wonderful. He is to be praised for His wonderful love He has manifested, His great love toward the children of men. Oh, let us all be wise and take heed how we walk before our just God, for He sees us and knows us altogether.

May the Lord help all now to flee from sin and destruction to come and serve Him day by day till death is my prayer. Bro. Fred Wiber.

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"HE IS DESPISED AND REJECTED."

The world does not want Jesus Christ! Today, as on that other dark day when Jesus stood before the multitude, with the howling mob crying for His blood, the world prefers a murderer to the Christ of God. Release unto us Barabbas is still the general sentiment. If our Lord were back on earth today He would be crucified again. The human heart has not changed one whit. The devil has not changed. Civilization has spread a thin veneer and polish over the surface, but underneath there is still that heart at enmity against God, and against His beloved Son. Man in his natural state hates God, hates the things of God, hates the people of God, and hates the Word of God.

Remember, it was the religious world of His day that cried the loudest for His blood. And as we look around in our day we can not but be intensely saddened by the spectacle of a professing Church, with great organization and wonderful machinery for service, that has turned its back on the Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ, and thrown in its lot with the giddy world, with its schemes and plans, and, alas! with its utter denial of Jesus Christ! How sad! A human avalanche of men and women sweeping by at tremendous speed toward eternity, knowing nothing of salvation through the blood of Jesus, headed straight for a lost world, and a Church that has a name to live, but is dead. A great need, and a powerless Church! An open door, but an apostate Church!

The Gospel of the Grace of God is NOT being preached by the majority today. Science, legislation, education and social service have taken the place of the ministry of "Christ and Him crucified." Thank God, there are those here and there who have but one message, but how pitifully few they are!

And all the time, Christ, as when on earth, is crying, "Come unto ME!" Rejected and despised of men, the Son of God is openly called an imposter; or, at most, a good man! Headless, plunging headlong on a wild search for pleasure, the world has no time for Jesus Christ. They laugh at His cross! They mock at His person! They REJECT or NEGLECT Him, and, led on and blinded by Satan, with the vulture of eternal death hovering over them, and a worldly, self-seeking Church applauding them, and oft-times leading them on, they sweep onward in a living stream of humanity a spectacle to make angels weep tears of blood, and the very songs of heaven turn to a funeral dirge.

Millions are crying for bread—the Bread of life—dying for want of it, and instead of bread they get stones. Dying of thirst, they are not being given the Water of Life. Salvation, health, soul-rest, hope for the future—all these things they are hungry for—but are given socials, smokers, picnics, movies, dramatics, and all these things, which are but broken cisterns. Christ rejected, and pushed to the one side, scorned, and the whole world dying for the knowledge of His saving power and boundless love. O Lord how long? How long—till men wake up to the fact that there is nothing! Nothing! NOTHING!!! in this old world worth while but the old, old Story of Jesus and His love. When will we cry with the great apostle, "God forbid that I should glory, save in the Cross of our LORD JESUS CHRIST.

—Fred Johnston.

Dear Bro. Pruitt:—I would like to see something in our little paper of the Lord's about sowing and reaping; I notice some preachers seem to be trying to sow and reap all at the same time, which spoils every thing, only creating confusion, contention, and strife. Paul told Timothy, that the servant of the Lord must not strive but be gentle unto all men; patient, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; and in 1 Cor. 3: 6, we are told one sows and another reaps, which seems to be the natural way; for if we try to gather a crop before it is ripe we loose all our work together with the grain.

Then if one sows, and another comes along and digs it all up before it has taken root, what happens?

O that we might make our calling and election sure, and know that we are endowed with power from above, and are able to discern what our calling is, and how to fulfill it. In Prov. 11: 30, we read that "he that winneth souls is wise" and Jesus tells us to be wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. And in the very beginning we read, that the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field. Gen. 3: 1.

Well I pray that God's little paper may be kept clean and pure, and that many souls may be saved through its pages. As for me I am rejoicing in the fullness of God's great love in saving my soul, and healing my body, which is His Temple, Praise His holy name. May God bless all of you in His work.

—Ione E. Robbins.

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Immediately after we put the Sept. paper in the mails we went to printing tracts to restock with as some of them were out of stock and others were nearly out, owing to the many calls for tracts. We are glad to send out these silent tract preachers as parties can get them in their homes and sit down in the quiet and read while God talks to their hearts and reveals truth that feeds their souls. Many of our readers never get to attend church as there is no meeting in their community, and oft-times that which is in reach of them is so badly adulterated that it discourages rather than builds up and so the tract work is greatly blessed of the Lord and much good is being done for the cause of Christ our dear Saviour.

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For some time we have been out of the tract entitled "Forty-eight hours in Hell" but by the blessings of God we have printed a goodly supply of them again, and so those who have been calling for this tract can now get it and any others listed. Owing to this tract work and other pressing duties together with scarcity of help ect. we have been unable to get a Faith and Victory out in Oct.; Brethren pray much for us as we labor on in His will and way.

The Lord is encouraging our hearts with prospects of soon having more office help.

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We have a large assortment of good testimonies on hands for this paper; but it is not possible for us to print them all as the space is needed for other material; we beg you not to get discouraged if your testimony is not printed for this does not mean that it was not good nor that it was wasted, as it is encouraging to us to read the testimonies from our readers and then too, it gives you exercise in writing that is helpful to your soul; just send the testimonies in as God inspires you to write and then leave all to God as to what becomes of them, and in thus doing you will have room for God to fill you with other good things from His never failing store house. May God bless you each and every one.

We have been much encouraged by the large number that has written us saying that they wanted us to continue sending them the Faith and Victory, it makes us know that God is working and that the truth is feeding souls that are hungry and we are inspired to strain every nerve and sacrifice in every way possible to keep this Bible truth going to the people that souls may be kept alive unto the coming of the Lord, when we shall pass from labor to reward.

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We are printing an over supply of this number and if you want some extra copies to send or hand to your friends, just let us know and we shall be glad to send them to you; this is a good way to spread the gospel and do service for Jesus, some of our brothers and sisters are very busy in this way and are doing a good work for the Master. Why not you?

We have been thinking of the mighty love that God our righteous Father manifested toward poor transgressing men when Jesus the only begotten Son, bleeding in agony on the cross, poured out His pure blood that they might wash and be made clean from all filth and pollutions of this world. Oh, the greatness and fullness of this love is beyond the comprehension of mortal man. It seems to me that it is enough to break up the hardest heart and to stir luke warm ones to action in Christ.

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It appears that the glorious gospel of Christ in this fair land of ours is practically hid by self-righteousness; we have many preachers of right things but seemingly very few that lets the righteousness of Jesus work through them, many instructors in Christ, but not many fathers. God is a Spirit and those that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth: when we take note of the spirit of self-denial, the spirit of humbleness and meekness, the spirit of love and devotion to the Father, the spirit of thoughtfulness and concern for others together with kind deeds and loving acts that characterised our Saviour while in the fleshly body, and then look at the cold formal covetous money loving professors in this time and age that are selfish and classic together with a proud world loving spirit; we know that they are as far from worshiping God in spirit and in truth as the Pharisees were in the days of Christ. And this is not the worst of it but because this iniquity is abounding many are waxing cold that once was filled with the warm brother and neighbor loving spirit that possessed Jesus our mediator. Brethren pour out the warm love of God that is in your heart on this cold hearted people and never mind their scoffs and sneers and as you pour out God will fill in more. If love does not reach them they can not be reached. Let us labor on with patience, one soul saved is worth more than if we were to gain the whole world for self, in continuence in well doing your soul will not wax cold for "God is love and he that dwelleth in love, dwelleth in God, and God in him" blessed thought with a sure reward.

There are so many people of today like Israel was in Christ's time, they go about establishing their own righteousness and will not submit to the righteousness of God and therefore they stumble over the same stone and set at naught Christ by preferring their righteousness and the approval of this perishable world, seeming not to know that they are building on a sandy foundation that will fall with a crash when God's wrath is poured out on ungodliness, and the earth, and the works that are therein are burned up.

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Many today are wresting the scriptures to their own destruction, 2 Pet. 3: 16, and are in a sad plight because the light that is in them has become darkness and they call evil good and good evil, and thus keep themselves blinded to the righteousness of God that worked through Christ and caused Him to love His enemies, do good to them that hated Him and to pray for them that despitefully used Him and at the same time was willing to be poor that others might be rich. Reader which spirit is it that possesses you?

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We are admonished in the scriptures, to examine ourselves and see whether we be in the faith or not, and in Psalms 19: 7 we begin and read. "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes: The fear of the Lord is clean enduring forever: the judgment of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honey comb. Moreover, by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them is great reward."

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We exhort you to resist steadfast in the faith, the world, the devil and the flesh and all things that are contrary to the spirit and teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ that you may be numbered among those that are blessed with a sure reward.

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The Church of God at this place has set aside one day in each month as missionary day, when the missionaries are especially remembered in prayer and also collections are made for their support. Brethren we ought not to forget nor neglect the missionaries as they labor under strange and difficult conditions and need their hands held up.

Bro. Cherman who has an article in this paper is laboring in India, and edits a little paper there for the Lord and we believe him to be a humble saint of God as we have been in correspondence with him for a number of years. The first collection from the Church here was sent to Him. We send offerings regularly to him and other worthy missionaries and those that feel burdened to help the missionaries can send your offerings here and we shall be glad to send it on to them.

Bro. Wesley Armstrong is having us to print him a tract entitled "The Baptism of the Holy Ghost and the Gift of Tongues." He treats this subject in a Biblical manner by fortifying his statements with liberal quotations from the Bible.

We recommend the reading of this tract to our readers, that they may gain light and knowledge on a much talked of, and misunderstood subject. This tract contains more than forty pages and can be secured from Wesley Armstrong, Mitchell, S. Dak. after the first of Dec. Enclose Postage with your order.

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In the September Faith and Victory we printed some questions to be answered by our readers and a number have responded with answers.

We have printed some of the answers in this paper praying that they might be a help to our readers. Those that do not see their answer in print, need not think that we do not appreciate them for this is not the case, as we can not give space to all of them and so we print those that seem to be the most helpful and clear.

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Bro. Pruitt: I notice in this month's Faith and Victory on page five; "*questions to be answered*" I might say that in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth, the seas, the dry lands, the sun moon and stars for day and night, for signs and seasons. The grasses, herbs and all growths of fruits and vegetations, the fishes in the waters, the fowls in the air, the beasts of the field, and lastly He said "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness, and let them have dominion over all the earth." Now "God is Spirit," says Jesus in John 4: 24. When He said "Let us make man in our image," that US, implied the whole heavenly realm, the angelical host, Christ was there, but one of this host sined after man was made of the earth and God cast this evil spirit out of heaven and gave its abode in the earth, and this evil became an adversary to God for it was spirit too and it took on the name of "the sun of the morning," being there in the earliest of the existence of man. God was evidently with the people in the early days of creation in that Enoch of old walked with God. Gen. 5: 24. And I would not be suprised if when God wiped all of the early generations off the earth as with the slap of the hand that their carcasses have been found by our generations since Noah was saved in the ark and these are what Paul speaks of when he says, "Beware of science so called." For science coming up on the bluster of Darwinism and evolution are raising a great cloud for the devil, this evil spirit to draw away so many that are not of the "Elect."

Now this evil spirit is posing as God and has a power in spirit as the power of God. Isa. 14: 13, says "For thou hast said in thine heart I will assend in to heaven I will exalt my throne above the stars of God." Paul tells the Cor. that satan is transformed into an angle of light; we can see him in the person of theological preachers, teaching in the pulpits.

God has three institutions. First He gives a man a wife, a family, they spread out in the earth, and then they need a government, that government is of God, then there is some of all these people that will worship God, and God has a Church and it is known as THE CHURCH OF GOD, and that Church has a government, the same as the other two named.

Q. 1. What is the Word? Would say that God gave a law under the old dispensation and in that law Christ was prophesied of, it was a WORD. And when Christ came that Word was manifested. The prophets of old were God's ministers, when Christ's (who was God in the flesh) time was fulfilled He chose apostles who were His ministers and He sent them forth to teach those erring people that were drawn away by the evil spirit in the world concerning the real Spirit of God. John 17: 17 says "Thy Word is truth." This is the WORD.

Q. 2. Is it not the Holy Spirit that searcheth out all things? When we are born again, we are born of God, John 4: 24, "God is Spirit." The thing born partakes of the nature of the thing given birth, hence we are born of Spirit. We are dead to the things of the world which was our spirit, and now alive to the things of God, His Spirit being in us. Now the Holy Ghost is a Holy being of the trinity and a ghostly being the image of Christ, He dwells in us, 1 Cor 6: 19. We are born of God, so God's Spirit is in us, 1 Cor. 3: 6. This indwelling of the Spirit of God being taught of the Holy Ghost, John 14: 26. For the Holy Ghost is our teacher. This makes us know the truth of the Word of God.

Q. 3. Who is it that knoweth the intents of the heart? God. I think Paul says so and then we gather from Rev. 2: 23. "I am he which searcheth the reins and the heart." Acts 1: 24, "Which knoweth hearts."

Q. 4. Who is it that judgeth every man according to his works and how? Acts 10: 42 says, "That it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead," quickened in the spirit and dead to the world. Christ says, John 5: 22. "For the Father judgeth no man, but has committed all judgment unto the Son." And how? "But I say unto you that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account for in the day of judgment." "For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned," Matt. 12: 36,37.

Q. 5. Why are we told not to judge one another any more? This is to condemnation, and not to sin. Matt. 7: 1 says, "Judge not that ye be not judged, The Word, the Fiat, the law of God is given and we are under obligations to it. Christ takes the place of the written law, hence we are to be judged by Him.

Q. 6. What is the stumbling block spoken of in Rom. 14: 13? The 15th Ch. of Acts treats on disputations of eating certain things, so does the 8th Ch. of 1 Cor. Here we are not to render on judgment as in the 3th Ch. 1 Cor. for here is a matter of sin and it is being worked in the Church of God, which thing cannot be done and have the sanction of God put on it.

Q. 7. Why did Paul tell the Romans not to judge another man's servant? James 4: 11 says, "Speak not evil one of another, brethren, He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge." We can give counsel in the case of an error but judgment is left with the Lord. We are the servants of God that have been born of God, and as evil comes to our light, we are then sinners, debtors before God. The reason the saints are not under the law is because they do not violate the law, hence they are not brought under the law.

Q. 8. Why did Paul in his epistle to Timothy tell him how women should be attired? This was in keeping with the admonition on prayer, the instruction first was to the man and then to the woman, parallel is Matt. 6: 21, "Where your treasures are there will your heart be also." We, as holy people must free ourselves from worldly adoration.

Q. 9. Is there any other scriptures forbidding the wearing of gold? All scriptures treating on the separation from the world, as first Pet. 3: 3, etc.

Q. 10. Why do people professing godliness make a fuss about giving up worldly dress and other adornments? My experience is that those people are not fully resigned to the teaching of the Word. And in that they sin if they have been taught on this line. Christ says, "I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy Word is truth."

Q. 11. What are we to contend for? And not to contend for? Jude 3. "And exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered to the saints." Matt. 6: 24, "Ye cannot serve God and mammon." We can not contend for the things of the world and please God.

Q. 13. Should a minister that is and overseer to a flock force them to obey the commandments laid down as he sees them; or show them the Word of God, praying for the Holy Ghost to open up their understanding and lead them into the truth? Paul says to the Romans 10: 14,15. "And how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent."

Every man is accountable before God, thereby no compulsion should be used to get a change of heart on our part, but as the admonition in the law is to teach, and not to compel obedience.

—J. T. Cullor.

Unionville, Mo.

Q. 1. What is the Word? "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Prov. 4: 18. "But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." The Word is a free gift. Rom. 5: 18.

The free gift come upon all men unto justification of life. John 14: 6, I am the way, the truth and the life, no man cometh unto the Father but by me.

John 5: 24, Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

Q. 3. Who is it that knoweth the intents of the heart? The Pharisees brought unto Him a woman taken in adultery, tempting Him—Jesus with his finger wrote on the ground saying; “he that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her,” all were gone—“no man condemn thee.” She said, “no man Lord.” And Jesus said unto her. “Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.”

Q. 4. Who is it that judgeth every man according to his works? When the Son of man shall come in His glory: and before Him shall be gathered all nations, and He shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats.

—Martin Schanz. Bloomington, Ill.

THE ANTHONY MEETING

Anthony, Kans.:—Greetings of love and fellowship to all the saints and readers of Faith and Victory scattered abroad. May your hearts be encouraged to continue on in the one true way, the strait narrow way, and to fight the good fight of faith unto the end, for the crown of everlasting life and righteousness is laid up in store for all who are ready for and love the appearing of Jesus. The Lord has been blessing us here with refreshing times from His presence; and all who love the truth are rejoicing in the benefits and blessings which obedience to the truth brings.

During the first week of September, the Lord sent Bro. and sister J. D. Llewellyn here to Anthony. Some of the saints here had met them at Okla. City two years ago and since that time had been praying to the Lord to send them this way, and all praise be unto God who always answers in due time. Bro. and sister Llewellyn were very worn and wearied in body from their long journey in their Gospel Car, having traveled from near Harrisburg, Pa. with only a few days stop at a time along the way, and a few days stay at two Camp Meetings along the way. So it pleased the Lord for them to rest a few days and visit among the saints before the meeting started; Also what seemed good to all who saw the hand of God working in this matter, was that the Lord returned Bro. Helm to Anthony on the same day that Bro. and sister Llewellyn arrived; so that he could be here at the beginning of the meeting. Bro. Helm had been attending the Carthage Camp Meeting.

The series of meetings begin Sunday, Sept. 13th and continued for four weeks, with meeting every night at the Chapel, except that each Saturday night open air meetings were held on the streets. Also during this time one Sunday afternoon the County Farm out five or six miles from town was visited and a meeting held for the benefit of the inmates. Then on two Sunday afternoons quite a number of the saints gathered at the jail and had meeting with the prisoners.

The Lord sent forth His Word plain, clear and definite, and this of course is what the devil hates and fights hardest against. He made many and varied attacks but thanks be to God who always gives the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. God sent forth His judgment against all the workings of Satan, yet in love and mercy, in and through the ones whom He was working, for truly we fight not against flesh and blood, but principalities, and powers of darkness and wicked spirits in high places, which present themselves to resist and oppose the truth; working undiscerned to many; in spite of and over all the powers of the enemy, the Lord worked to the saving and setting at liberty from the bondage of Satan and sin four precious souls, also two or three were sanctified and established in the standing grace of God.

Several noticeable things occurred that brought a holy fear upon all and showed God's seal of approval upon the work, and upon the preaching of His Word. These happenings were the works of God's own hand, or were permitted by Him for a purpose, and are truly marvelous to all who are led by the Holy Spirit. One of the most marvelous things occurred on the night of Sept. the 14th, the second night of the meeting: Bro. Llewellyn was preaching a powerful message on “The Purpose and Power of the Cross,” and the Holy Ghost was anointing in setting forth the great sufferings of Jesus on the cross, the purpose of destroying the devil and his works, thus tasting death for every man, that all men through Him might be saved. As he was at the climax, and near the close of the sermon and was quoting the scripture in Rev. 5: 12: “Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor,” etc., when suddenly the electric lights went out and all was dark in the building. This was about 9: 30 P. M. The meeting continued on with testimonies and exhortations for about the space of forty-five minutes or an hour longer. This was indeed a very solemn time for all present, and all minds were directed to the time when Jesus was crucified and darkness came over the land from the sixth to the ninth hour.

What was more marvellous also was the fact that the lights in the streets and all other buildings were burning. Some thought at first that a fuse plug had burned out, and so as the congregation began to go home one brother pushed the switch button to turn the lights off in case the power came on again. Another, not knowing the button had been pushed to turn the lights off, pushed it again, and so the building was left dark. About 12: 30, A. M. a brother living two blocks from the Chapel awoke and saw the lights were burning and arose, went and turned them out. So nothing at all was wrong with the fuse or wiring, and also the lights were burning in other buildings, thus showing the current was not cut off from the power house. This incident was a small repetition of the great darkness that God permitted at the time of the crucifixion of Jesus, and was of the same duration, three hours, from 9: 30 to 12: 30.

Bro. and sister Llewellyn will be stationed here

during the winter months, as the Lord has answered prayer in providing for them two rooms up stairs in the house of one of the saints here, for they suffered much last winter by sleeping in the Van during cold weather. They will work here and in near by places as the Lord opens the way during the winter. Also the Lord has led them to start a Bible reading and study on tuesday evenings of each week, which we trust and believe will prove very profitable to all. All the saints at Anthony join in sending warmest greetings to those abroad, with prayers for your welfare and prosperity in the things of the Kingdom of God, and also ask your prayers that God's cause and truth grow and prosper in the hearts of all here.

—Robert Longley.

I.

The "man-rule" age has met its fall
The Church her Husband knows and loves,
In vain do Master-traitors plot and bawl,
To lure her feet to lust-stained grooves!

II.

So brightly fires the light in evening time,
It glories e'en the inmost pillars of the Church,
Revealing who stand true; and who love crime,—
The devil's angels, truth-smitten in the lurch.

III.

Heralds now the Church to Truth do call,
While God-trained pastors serve for love, not hire,
Such have heard and do believe of Babel's
sinful fall,
And follow their true "Head" though most
men prove a liar!

—R F. L.

AN OPEN LETTER

Dear Bro. in Christ:—We send greetings of holy love to you in the precious name of Jesus, who tread the wine press alone, finishing the mystery that had been hid for ages and making believers, heirs with himself, precious thought; blessed are those whose sins are covered.

We have been informed that you are passing through some hard trials; we felt moved on by the Lord to write you a letter at this time, as we are not ignorant of Satan's devices, always fighting the pure in heart; sometimes in very cunning ways, but we exhort you not to become discouraged in the way, for remember that God our kind Father is tending the furnace and will lift you out at the proper time in spite of the will and desire of the devil, God has schools for each of us according to our need and let us not question God concerning the need, but just sink down in Him and let all dross be removed by His gentle hand of love.

When Paul was troubled with "The thorn in the flesh" he took the matter to the Lord and kept it there until he heard the voice of God saying "My grace is sufficient for thee," while the thorn was not removed and circumstances were just the same, yet when he came to the point when he could say "Not

my will, but thine be done" and with assurance and calmness leave all with our faithful creator, he then could rejoice in afflictions, in persecutions and in all things that trouble and pricked.

"Beloved think it not strange concerning the firey trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, insomuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that when His glory shall be revealed ye may be glad with exceeding joy." 1 Pet. 4: 12,13.

"That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ." 1 Pet. 1: 7.

Now dear brother these things come to us, not by chance nor by luck as the worldly minded would reckon, but they come to us that we might: by being exercised thereby; be established and settled in Him more and more, and be partakers of His holiness. So we beg you to let the scriptures comfort you in this time of waiting for God is all-wise and His leadings and dealings are oftimes very opposite to our wishes, thoughts or desires, and the way up is down in the valley of humility for "The meek will He guide in judgment, the meek will He teach His way," and the scripture is still true, in spite of seeming things, "All things work together for good, to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose" God's word can not be broken, let us look for the good and be careful not to charge God foolishly, for our days are spent as a tale that is told and God warns us in His word that "The thing formed should not reply against the thing that formed it."

Keep your heart on Jesus who is our great high priest, who has been tempted as we are, and knows how to succor those that are tempted, He will have compassion, He is our only hope, a refuge, a present help. Honor Him, reverence Him, praise Him, He is worthy and also able to deliver and give us the victory again and again, bless His name.

We have often thought of you, and prayed for you and you can rest assured that we shall continue to talk to God in your behalf.

We are in need of your prayers as Satan hates a clean work and we often meet with his opposing forces. We always find the strength, of the Lord more than a match for the devil.

We shall close with heart felt prayers that God will bless you with special favors in this time of need. Shall be glad to hear from you at any time.

Your brother, kept by divine power.

Fred Pruitt.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

"Whosoever will may come,"

A promise sweet and blest.

Come weary one and lay thy head

Upon His loving breast.

LITTLE FOLKS' PAGE

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

SHADOWS AND SUNSHINE.

There are shadows in the valley,
But there's sunshine on the hill;
For I know that Jesus loves me,
And He ever, ever will.

There are sorrows in the earth-life,
But there's glory in the sky
For I know that Jesus loves me,
And He's ever, ever nigh.

All the shadows and the sorrows
Are transfigured by His light;
For I know that Jesus loves me,
And He'll make all wrong things right.

C. H. P.

SHE DIED FOR HIM

A poor emigrant had gone to Australia to "make his fortune," leaving a wife and little son in England. When he had made some money, he wrote home to his wife: "Come out to me here; I send the money for your passage; I want to see you and my boy." The wife took ship as soon as she could, and started for her new home. One night, as they were all asleep, the dreaded cry of "Fire, fire!" Everyone rushed on deck and the boats were soon filled. The last one was just pushing off, when a cry of "there are two men on deck," arose. They were the mother and the son. Alas! "Only room for one," the sailors shouted. Which was to go? The mother thought of her far away home, her husband looking out lovingly and longingly for his wife. Then she glanced down at the boy, clinging frightened to her skirts. She could not let him die. There was no time to lose. Quick! quick! the flames were getting around. Snatching the child she held him to her a moment. "Willie, tell fathcr I died for you!" Then the boy was lowered into the sailors' willing arms. She died for him.

Sel. By aunt Loey McKay.

THE LOVE OF GOD

We who are Christians, I mean those who know God for themselves can see what a wicked age we are living in. The longer God lets us live here, the more sin we see. Some people have a desire to be Christians, but are afraid of being laughed at. But, oh, bless God: the sooner people get that out of their heads, the better this world will be. I, myself was the same way once; but thank God I have risen from that stage to a higher plain. The closer I live to God, the happier I am; things have happened that has almost caused me to give up, but when I would look up in the face of God, from whence cometh my help; I'd say,

no I'll not give up. I will follow Jesus to the end. I am a girl of fourteen; my mother has passed to the great beyond. There is not a day passes that I do not think of her. I am living with my father and aunt who are both christians; I am still going to school and never forget God.

My pastor is such a good man, I can not see how people can stay away from church without a cause. If I am sick and have to stay home one Sunday, I feel as lonesome as though I had lost my last friend on earth. I used to go to the shows once in a while, after I joined church, but, bless God, He got in my heart and soul until I am not even tempted to ask my folks to let me go to shows, parties and dances. I am living on the Kings high-way. When we really get the love of God in our hearts, we can not keep still. We have to let the world know we are living for God. Some people say we have to have a determination in our minds when we are young as to what we are going to make of our selves; but along with that determination to be successful, we have to look to God. I do not care who talks about me or may laugh. I know in my soul there is one who will neither laugh nor talk about His own child and that is my Lord; glory be to God! I am so happy, I could almost shout. The question that flies through the world, from souls that want God is "what shall I do to have the love of God in my life." The simplest way to explain it; is to think of your sins, get down on your knees and ask God to forgive; God will always answer prayer; wait with God alone, let Jesus have His way with you, He knows all our sorrows and heart aches, God cares for His own.

Those who are not in Christ, how I pray for them, and also I pray for the Christians. There is nothing so good as talking to God; and then listen while He talks to you. Many people think they are having their happiest time in life by going to shows, dances and parties; but when they go just so far, God will stop them; maybe it will be too late and maybe it will not. But, oh, how happy I am to think I turned to God while it is yet early, I would not give up my Saviour for all the world; even life its self could not make me give up my Lord; I used to go to church for the sake of going, to see and be seen. I praise God to day finds me saved and kept.

—Sarah Strader. Scranton, Pa.

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Twity, Tex.—Dear ones at Faith and Victory: Today finds me saved and encouraged to live for the dear Lord. I have found him a present help in time of need. I enjoy reading the little paper and get much good out of it.

I feel like telling how the Lord saved me a girl to run with. When the meeting started this summer I asked the Lord to save one girl to be with me. During the meeting He saved one, in which I give the Lord

all the praise. The Lord has promised to give us what we ask. And He sure will if we but ask him. I am fifteen years old, and I find many things hard to bear, if it was not for the dear Lord but he makes them light to bear.

I ask the prayers of all the dear saints, that I will be just what the dear Lord would have me to be and be a shining light in this darkened place.

Your Sister in Christ—Margaret Johnson.

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West Liberty, Ohio—Dear ones in the Lord: I want to write a few lines to thank you for the paper Faith and Victory and the bunch of tracts. The paper has proved a blessing to me many times and I get new light from every one I receive. I am distributing tracts every place I can and also mail them out as I am able. Have used a great many in revivals.

It is time for God's children to get busy and keep busy. The world is in an awful shape and we as the children of God should spend much time in prayer to find out just what God would have us do. So many profess to be saved today that are an abomination in the sight of God. They go to dances, card parties, fairs and shows. They lie, steal and do many other sinful things; but on Sunday they go to church and take part, maybe teach a Sunday school class and the church and the pastor uphold them in it. So it is up to the children of God to set an example that will show to the world the difference between the professed and the genuine Christian life. I am praying that God will rouse his children up to have a great zeal and determination to work harder for the salvation of souls.

LET'S PRAY MORE. Your sister in Christ.
—Lula I. McIntire.

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Gause, Tex.—Greeting in Jesus' name: I have been receiving your good paper for some time; enjoy reading the paper real well. I received one copy today and will say the lesson on sanctification is in line with "thus saith the Lord." I truly enjoy such articles for it is in line with my experience. I can say Amen to the will of my heavenly Father. I hold no membership in any church. I belong to God, having been purchased with the precious blood of Jesus, my Savior and keeper, sanctifier and healer. Amen.

We have a lot of false doctrine in these days. People are falling away from God and denying the faith of God and bringing in heresy. Oh, may we that are really living a life of faith be true to the cause of God. My experience and testimony is: I was converted, then three years afterward I offered my body to God a living sacrifice, having been made alive in the new birth, consecrated my all to God. Christ is my sanctifier just now, glory! I am poor in this world's goods but rich in faith and an heir of the Kingdom. Glory to God. W. J. Green, saved by grace through faith in the blood of Jesus. Just now, moment by moment, bless God. Send me some tracts to hand out.—Your brother in Jesus.

Center, Ala.—With greetings to the saints scattered abroad I attempt to write you again in Faith and Victory as it has been a welcome visitor in my home. I thought I would let you all know how well I appreciate it.

It brings me much good from the dear saints that is real food for my soul. I had to send an offering to help it along. I am a bad cripple but that is all right, dear saints, I am a two by four preacher myself and have been for the last fifteen years. We should all be kings and priests. Well I shall proceed to pick up the prophesy of our dear Savior and notice in the old Bible something like this: "Watchman, watchman, what of the night? The morning cometh and also the night." (Isa. 21: 11,12.)

Dear saints, can you see Him down there in Bethlehem, born in the manger (Luke 2:13), come to bring peace and good will to all men. Dear saints, we read in Daniel He says, "And behold I saw a stone cut out of the mountain without hands that shall fill the whole earth." Oh, dear saints, do you see Him wrapt in swaddling clothes in the manger. And we notice in Isa. 35: 8 "And there shall be away and a way and it shall be called the way of holiness." Oh, do you not see Him talking to the lawyers and doctors doing his Fathers' work.—L. B. Pollard.

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Perkasie, Pa.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: The congregation at Silverdale, Pa. sends greetings in Jesus' name to all who are abiding in Jesus there. May the Lord richly bless you, as you continue your work of faith and labor of love for Jesus.

The Lord surely is blessing the saints here—above measure, it seems. The blessed Holy Spirit is faithful in leading us to do our part, and we are praising the Lord for willing hearts to obey the Lord in all things. I trust we shall ever keep low and humble at Jesus' feet and learn of Him daily.

Thus far the dear Lord has kept us living trustful lives. We take pleasure in obeying Prov. 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not to thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him. (We rejoice because of the promise that follows) and he shall direct thy paths." How sad to know that many people do not desire the Lord to direct their paths, but as for us, we delight to walk in the ways of the Lord and to meet the Lord's conditions of direction. Praise the Lord. His will is indeed sweet, and His commandments are not grievous.

The saints here desire an interest in your prayers as the blessed Holy Spirit leads. We are waiting to be directed of the Lord in a certain matter at this time. We rejoice to know the Lord will make His will plain, but realize we need to pray much, and we surely appreciate the prayers of others who are righteous.

In closing I want to praise the Lord for a yielded spirit, and a heart that says amen to the will of the Lord. Holy love is sent to all.

—From the Church at Silverdale, Pa.

Wethersfield, Conn., My dear Bro. Pruitt and all the dear workers at Faith Publishing House, greeting to you all in Jesus' dear name. My prayer is, this will find you all well and strong at the work the Lord has put in your hands to do, amen. Your dear little paper Faith and Victory I love very much. It always brings me help and comfort and does my soul good to read it.

I have been going through hard places but Jesus is teaching me how I must suffer for Him. I am willing to suffer so long as I be true and faithful to God and man. No one knows what they are doing away from God for the old devil rules their hearts. He has kept me in darkness and a prisoner most all my life, lost home and dear ones and do not know if I have one friend of my own living. I have been very low down in sin. The Evil One had me on the run that I did not know I was on the broad road that leads to hell. Many a poor soul is on that road today. Oh, but what a wonderful change God is waiting to do in the poor sinner if he is willing to forsake his wicked ways and take God's ways. Isa. 55:7-8 and John 1:9.

Tonight finds me a saved man. A little over three years ago Jesus showed me through true suffering how sinful I was. And He was my only friend and would save me if I was willing to forsake my sinful ways. Oh, how thankful I was to get on my knees and cry to God for to have mercy on me and forgive me. Oh, the joy that came into my poor heart no one knows that joy, save those who are willing to let Jesus rule their heart. I am so thankful I have found a true friend in Jesus. I don't know what would become of me in this place if it was not for Jesus Christ being my friend. This is a place where they need the Lord Jesus Christ. So please pray for us and God will answer. And dear ones I suffer with bodily pain, so I especially need your prayers. I had a spell of illness with my stomach, bowels and side all troubling me. I did not eat for ten days. But after a dear brother had prayed for me the Lord healed me, and I give to Him all the glory for it. Dear brothers and sisters, think of me in your prayers, I always pray for you.

May the Lord bless you all and the work he has put in your hands to do. And may the Lord bless all that read this testimony, this is my prayer, amen. I remain your brother in Christ by His grace faithful to the end, amen. Would be very thankful to hear from anyone that cares to write me, Christian love to all and may God bless you.—Albert Lambert.

My dear friends at Faith Publishing House: Greetings to all in the name of the blessed Lord. I am writing this letter to you as a call for help. Yes, I need help and I am again appealing to you for the same help that you have so often rendered me: Yes, I am almost out of tracts and I would like to have some as I am busily engaged in distributing these. Wonderful printed gospels of the Lord's which he has caused you dear ones at "Faith Pub. House" to broadcast throughout the country as good drink to a hungry and thirsty world. Yes, brother I tell you I love the work that God has called me to and I know

you all find joy and happiness in furnishing the little silent preachers that go from house to house on their silent missions of mercy, declaring God's mighty truths as no human tongue could do or speak as those of us whom He has called have answered to the call of duty. Now my dears you will please find enclosed \$1.00 for postage for more of God's little printed gospels, for there are so many starving for these very truths which you send us and more passing them out in the name of the Lord and for his glory.

May God bless you and yours and all the dear workers at Faith and Victory Publishing House. I am thanking you in advance. I remain your brother
—C. C. Smith, Clinton Place, Scranton, Pa.

Lamar, Ark.—Dear Sister and family and to all the brothers and sisters in Christ: I just received the little paper, Faith and Victory this morning. It is food to my soul and I am like the Psalmist this morning, "Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord." My soul doth magnify His name this morning for I know that He saves and sanctifies me this morning. I don't get to go out much to hear any preaching but God is with me at home. I take him as my healer. He is all and in all with me, praise His name. The devil sends his agents to my house to trip me but I have got the victory in my soul and I am in that kingdom than cannot be shaken, praise His holy name. He saves me from all of the worldly adornment and from all the worldly pleasures. I have a time here by myself, but I am not by myself, God's Holy Spirit is with me. He guides me in all truths.

I will close for this time, hoping to hear from you soon. Your sister saved in the Lord. Pray that I may hold out faithful.—Sarah E. Matthews.

Purdy, Mo.—Dear Brother and sister Pruitt: Greeting in our dear Savior's name. May the Lord bless and encourage your hearts to be true to him and supply all your needs both spiritual and temporal, is my prayer. Today finds me rejoicing in a Savior's love who has done so much for me—saved my soul from the vain things of this wicked world and gives me victory through trials.

I have received the September number of Faith and Victory and enjoy reading its contents. It is a means by which the saints can keep in touch with each other and be such an encouragement to each other by their testimonies and articles. We want you to still send us the paper and will send you some more names that we would like to have the paper for a while.

The Word of God says where there is strife and envy among you are ye not carnal and walk as men? We can't make fellowship except by walking in the light and I know we can't compromise the Word of God on any line to try to have fellowship.

I ask you to pray for me that I may be what the Lord would have me to be at all times and in all places. Your Sister in Christ—Artie Bowers.

Stewartsville, Mo.—Dear Sister Pruitt: Greet-

ing in Jesus' dear name. I have thought of you so often and just delayed writing. I wish I was there tonight to go to church with you. I have not been to church since I was there in March. We got the little paper, Faith and Victory this week. We sure enjoy it. I don't do much work till I read it through when it comes. I have been feeling fairly well but my main trouble is still with me, but have been able to work every day this summer so far but the delay has been a great blessing to me.

I have more settled faith than I ever had before, praise the Lord. I am not so easily disturbed at every little thing. My faith is settled and I have a settled peace in my soul I never had before, praise His dear name. I can better understand why the delay but I feel when the dear Lord tries me sufficient he will take away the other disease that is still bothering me. I only have a greater desire to get closer to the Lord and that I can just live a surrendered life what time I am here. Yet in this world I just want the Lord to have His way in my life and when I am completely healed, I pray that it will be to His glory.

I am enclosing one dollar to be used as you see best for the work of the Master. Pray for me that I may grow in faith and love in our dear Saviour. That is the greatest desire in my life.

In Jesus' dear name. —Mrs. M.L. Knour.

Parthenon, Ark.—Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, greeting in His dear name. I thought I would write a few lines to Faith and Victory, as I love so much to read the many testimonies of the dear saints and the gospel truths it contains. I feel like adding some of my travels in the Christian life. I was raised by Baptist parents. I was saved at the age of twenty, joined the Baptist church and afterwards became a preacher of the gospel in that denomination and lived to all the light I had. About eighteen years ago the Lord gave me light on the one church and sanctification through reading the Gospel Trumpet and I sent for Brother Hugh Caudel at Webb City, Mo. to come and hold a meeting. I accepted the whole truth and was baptised by Brother Caudel. I have been trying to teach the glorious truths of His precious Word ever since; and am still praising the dear Lord for his saving and healing power

I became afflicted with rheumatism so badly I had to use crutches. I sent for the saints to come and pray for me. The good Lord touched my body by his mighty power, so I can walk without crutches now. I still suffer some but He makes me able to go to church. Have been going every night but one for two weeks—had a glorious meeting. I am seventy-two years old now but am still able to go. I give Him all the glory. I am still reading the Gospel Trumpet, but don't think it is as pure as it used to be. It advocates salary preaching. Now I can't see that way for Jesus said, "Freely ye have received, freely give." I know that He will supply all our needs if we will only trust Him. So I want all the dear saints to pray for my healing and that He may use me to

His glory. Still send the little paper. Yours for the lost.—J. J. Casey.

Woodburn, Oregon—Faith and Victory. Dear ones in the Lord: I take this means of showing to you my appreciation of your little paper. It sure is a wonderful help to any earnest soul. I was born again nearly five years ago and God has seen fit to send me out to work for him in his harvest field. He surely is good to me and blesses me when I do his will.

Enclosed find one dollar to help in the Lord's work. Would you kindly send me a supply of tracts? I use thousands of tracts in the work of the Lord. May God bless you and yours is my prayer.

—C. E. Yoder.

Venice, Cal.—Dear Brother and Sister: I am enclosing fifty cents to show my appreciation of your little paper. It is an inspiration to my soul and I welcome its coming.

I was "born again" in Chicago, Ill. four years ago last month and was filled with the blessed Holy Spirit. Praise the Lord for ever!

Trusting my testimony may encourage others to press on I remain

Your Sister in Christ, Miss Esther Deane.

Blackburn, Ark.—Dear Sisters and Brothers in the precious name of Jesus: I feel led today to write my testimony in the little Faith and Victory. I am writing to tell others about how wonderful the dear Savior is to me. I am praising the dear Lord today that I am still saved, still wanting to do more for Jesus. I am seventeen years old and have been serving Jesus over a year now. This past year has been a wonderful year to me. You know, dear ones, as I travel along life's road I realize Jesus gets dearer and nearer to me each day of my life. You know the way seems rough sometimes but, oh, if we just look to Jesus he is going to make the rough places smooth. Oh glory, it is a wonderful thing and means something to trust in the Almighty God. You know the precious Word says it is a fearful thing to fall in the hands of the Lord and we have got to be careful and watch our steps. We have got no time to tarry or to sit down—we have got to keep climbing, keep going higher. I know I am awful weak in the Lord but I know I will grow stronger if I just look to the blessed Savior and trust in him.

I realize today I don't live as close to the Lord as I should but I am trying to do my best. I want to live my life down here on this old earth before the unsaved that they may know I am living a pure and clean Christian life. Oh glory, you know dear ones when I get to writing and telling how precious Jesus is to me I just want to shout.

Your Sister in Christ Jesus. —May Parrish.

Mitchell, S. Dak.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: "Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah." Psalms 68: 19. "And blessed be His glorious name for ever;

and let the whole earth be filled with His glory; Amen, and Amen." Psalms 72: 19.

I thank God that Jesus Christ is an "uttermost Saviour." His precious blood can and does cleanse from all sin.

I am thankful for the privilege of walking and talking with Him and of serving Him with a perfect heart. I praise His name for a complete salvation that takes the inclination and propensity to sin out of us, and makes us dead to the world, the flesh, and the devil; to the lusts of the flesh, the lusts of the eyes, and the pride of life. I am rejoicing at the privilege of sitting together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus, "Far above all PRINCIPALITY, and POWER, and DOMINION, and EVERY NAME that is named, not only in this world but in that which is to come; and hath put all things under HIS feet, and gave Him to be the head over ALL THINGS to the church." Eph. 1: 21,22.

If you want to shout "Hallelujah" with me just consider Matt. 28: 18, Jesus says, "All power is given unto ME in heaven and in earth." Then Luke 15: 31,

"And He said unto Him, Son, thou art ever with me, AND ALL THAT I HAVE IS THINE." So, we can have all the power we want. Just continue the praises to God as you consider, "ALL things are yours" 2 Cor. 5: 18, "All things are for your sakes." 2 Cor 4: 15, "ALL things work together for good." Rom. 8: 28. and "ALL things are yours." 1 Cor. 3: 21-23; then for desert take 2 Cor. 9: 8. "And God is able to make ALL GRACE ABOUND towards you; that we, ALWAYS having ALL SUFFICIENCY in ALL THINGS may ABOUND to EVERY good work." Isn't that enough to make one rejoice?

There is no reason why a Christian should not always be joyful, full of peace, and resting in sweet contentment, trusting the Father's love and protection.

Your little paper is a great blessing. I read it, and then place it in the reading-room of the faith Home and School for our students to enjoy. Papers and magazines with real soul-food in them are not as plentiful as we could wish. Thank God for a fearless press, and for all the editors who are publishing the Truth in terms that can be easily grasped.

Yours under the blood. —C. H. Gibbons.

(Faith Home,) Mitchell, S. Dak.

P. S.-Would be glad to hear from Christian friends. Please enclose postage for reply.

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St. Milton, Pa.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: I just finished your good paper, I love it dearly. All of it is so good and true. I have been getting it every month now for several years. I can't do without. Its truth brings healing blessing to me. Do not drop me from your list. I saw in your paper your statement that you drop them from the list who do not write for the paper within the year. So I write that you will keep me on your mailing list.

I need your good help. I can't pay. I am a poor shut in all year around, sixty years old. I have no home or money. On care and charge of others

helping me for many years. I work hard on Divine healings. I can only help cure the few I get to have faith in God. Some day I expect God in his power to heal my own body. Keep me on your mailing list my life time. I will help you with others sure. As soon as I am done reading it all I mail it to other poor, sick or give it to friends who make good use of it. I would like to write you lots more. I am busy. I am sending you a few addresses. Please mail them each a sample.—Robert Rothermell.

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Witty, Mo.—Dear saints scattered abroad: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I am praising Him today for a salvation that keeps me sweet in my soul from day to day and with a strong determination to be true to Him at any cost. Praise the Lord, I do love to read the testimonies in the little papers. Of course some skeptics will accuse us of overstepping or claiming more than we spiritually possess. But God who knows the intents of every heart knows just what we possess. "Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another." Gal. 5:26.

You see we must not testify in order to get glory ourselves. But have nothing in view but to glorify God nor can we testify directly at a brother or sister; neither can we envy each other. God help us to get so filled with His Spirit that the fruits of our lives will show to the world that we are in the hands of the Lord, subject to His whole will.

Yours in His name. —Lury Rousseau.

HIS LOVE

Dear souls scattered abroad: I feel led in my weak way to tell you about our dear Saviour, who is waiting patiently, pleading for you to come unto Him, accept His loving forgiveness, guidance and care, let Him be your guide and oh, the blessed peace to your sin weary souls. Oh, how we need Jesus, for He is the only way to life everlasting, and if we try to climb up some other way, we are sure to fall, read John, 14: 6. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble, Psalms. 46: 1.

Dear ones, did you ever stop to think that God has given you all you have: food, shelter, clothing, strength and the very breath you breathe: oh, how much we owe to our dear Saviour, for He paid it "all" for us. Him, who is without sin suffered, bleed and died on the cross that ALL sinners who would might be saved from everlasting torment; and then how little he requires of us. We are to fear God and keep His commandments, which are not grievous, for God does not command us to do any thing which is impossible for us to do; with our own weak simple self, it would be impossible, but the Lord is waiting, longing to give us strength to do all of God's commandments; "For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3: 16. "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not

with Him also freely give us all things, Rom. 8: 32.

Satan in many different ways tries to overthrow our faith, get us discouraged, cause us to despair; he is here present to take advantage of our weakness; when we make a mis-step or do a wrong, he would rejoice to make us believe that God will not forgive us. But dear ones He will; if we go to Him and humbly confess our sins and ask Him, in Jesus' name to forgive us. Rom. 8: 31.

I greatly desire the prayers of the saints, that I may do ALL the will of God.

—Mrs. C. C. Wesson

THE CHRISTIAN'S CHECKER GAME

“And He said unto them, take heed, and beware of covetousness, for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of things which he possesseth.” Luke 12: 15.

“Beware of covetousness”—yes, truly, for our God says to take no thought for our needs, much less for an abundance of things, but seek first the Kingdom of God. Covetousness, like many other things that seem right to the world, are a substitute for what God would have for His children, Sometimes it seems like a game of checkers, we hold the ones given us through Jesus Christ when He saved us. Satan holds the ones he would put in our “King-row” if he could.

“Whatsoever things are true, —honest,—pure,—lovely—of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.” Phil. 4: 8. And the enemy has a “checker” named “gossip” that he would give to you, “jumping” the gospel “checker” and removing it from you if he can.

“Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say, rejoice” (5: 4). Serve the Lord with gladness; a blessed checker to hold—then why accept discouragement and grieving when it is contrary to God's word, “complaining” is the devil's own checker, “rejoice” is the Lord's.

Love—“beareth all things, believeth all things—never faileth.” What a precious thing to hold, divine love for the lost, for the erring, the weak, for one another—the very mark of discipleship given by our Lord Himself: yet God's children let the enemy take from them their checker of love, and hold onto the one he gives them of distrust, dislike, discord among brethren and even lust. Watch over that checker Christ gave you and for which He prayed to the Father that you might always keep, or you will be defeated by Satan.

“Without faith it is impossible to please God.” And when the enemy brings in tests to weaken our hold on the faith checker, and quietly slip in its place the one called “doubt” remember that the letting go of one's faith in God's all wise care is more than just lack of faith, Rom. 14: 3 says that “Whatsoever is not of faith is sin.”

“For by grace are ye saved, through faith, and not of ourselves, it is the gift of God; not of works,

lest any man should boast.” Eph. 2: 8,9. Self righteousness is one of Satan's last chances, when God gets us to where we are absolutely done with all manner of sin and uncleanness, he then tries fanaticism and the working out of our own holiness. “Not by works of righteousness which we have done but according to his mercy He saved us.” and keeps us. Self righteousness has a tendency to a “holier than thou” checker, and we forget that the Master said to be humble and lowly. R. G. A.

HAVE YOU FAITH?

(If our heart condemn us not, then we have confidence toward God. 1 John 3: 21.)

Very often when speaking to others about trusting God to heal, or telling them of trusting God for something else, or telling them of some one else trusting God to heal, or trusting Him for something else; they will say, “Oh, I wish I had that faith, but I just haven't got it, so that is all there is to it,” they will say. But faith lacks quite a lot of being all there is lacking, for our text says, “If our hearts condemn us not then we have confidence toward God,” so we see condemnation will keep people from having faith in God. Oh, there is so much in this text, but people have drifted so far from God; they are so ignorant of the truth; so bowed down to the God of this world and so taken up and carried away with its ways, until they have absolutely got to the place where they think it quite a small thing not to have faith at all: in fact, think it the most insignificant part of religion; it seems some times, only just enough to believe Jesus died to save their soul after death; regardless of how they live in this life; in other words they think so long as faith is all that is lacking they will get through the pearly gates alright.

Oh, man and woman of God; is not this a fearful condition for our loved ones, kindred and friends to be in? Oh, man and woman of God almighty, what could be worse? Oh, can you tell me of any thing in this world that would damm a soul more than unbelief? Oh, what an awful condition for any one to be in; to believe they will fianlly see and live with God without faith, and on top of all that, their hearts and lives full of sin, ungodliness and woldliness. Oh, man and woman of God, if we do not tell them, woe unto us, for they can not see God in that condition. We might as well tell them the devil and all his angels will spend eternity with God, for one will stand as good chance as the other. Oh, brethren and sisters these are facts and it should alarm every one of us until we will loose sleep and deny ourselves of food in fasting and praying God to help show them how and where they stand, yea, deny ourselves of the real needs of life to have the gospel sent to those we can not see ourselves; and I believe every true child of God can see this as I see it; and I believe every true child of God will make every sacrifice they can to redeem them, praise God.

Dear reader, how is it with you? Have you got faith in God? If you have not faith, that is not all that is lacking; it is because you are under condemnation before God; our text says, "If our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God." Paul says, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus," then he says, "who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." Rom. 8: 1.

So then dear reader, if you have not got faith in God, it is because you are living after the flesh; you are not keeping His commands; you are not doing the things that are pleasing in His sight; you have sin in your heart; you are ungodly and worldly minded; you have not over come the world, and dear reader, in the sight of God almighty; you are only an unbeliever. You may have your name on some so called church record; you may be a very good man, woman, boy or girl in the eyes of the world; you may have done many good works and deeds of charity; you may fill some pulpit; you may think you will live with God and all the redeemed; but that will not make it so; you will not be any better off when you stand before God in the morning of the resurrection. If you have not faith; you are living after the flesh. Paul says, "If ye live after the flesh, ye shall die." If you have not got faith, it is because you are carnal minded and Paul says, in the same Ch. 6th verse. "For to be carnal minded is death." Oh, dear reader, if you have not got faith to believe Jesus can save you from all sin, ungodliness and the world, and heal your body, what else can you be but an unbeliever; just unbelief alone will damm your poor benighted soul; that alone will put you under condemnation before God almighty.

Jesus said, "He that believeth on Him is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already." Oh, reader, hear me, the only way to have joy, peace, happiness and contentment in this life is through faith in Jesus; faith in Him is the only gate-way to heaven. You may have quite a lot of faith in your creed; you may have faith in your preacher; you may have faith in your self and lots of others; but dear reader, that is not faith in God. That is not the kind that will save your poor soul. Your faith must be in God, if you are ever to see Him, if you are ever to live with God. It is by faith in Him, we are saved as I have said, and then we are to walk by faith. Just to have enough faith to believe God can save the soul after death, and to believe God can heal the body, when or if we have the Dr. and take medicine, is not faith at all in the sight of God almighty.

Oh, dear reader, what kind of faith have you today? Oh, let me beg you to examine your faith and see if it is the true denying kind, the kind that will carry you through the pearly gates to live forever with God. Paul says, "Be thou an example of faith unto the believer." Oh, dear reader, can the unbelievers around you, say you have faith in God. In Heb. 10: 38, we are told, "The just shall live by faith; but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him." May God help you to see that without faith you will not see Him.

All for Jesus.

—Ida Lee.

"YE ARE DEAD"

(Colossians 3 :3.)

Who are dead? I wish it were the devil, but it is not, though he has been judged. If we were dead 'TO the devil we would be in a happy state, but we are not, although we should be. God will take care of the one who lives so completely IN CHRIST as to totally ignore the devil. This pleases God and discourages Lucifer.

Now, a dead man kicks no shins, backbites nobody, steals no sheep. He swears no more. He is dead to the pipe, and the cigarette is dead to him. He has chewed up his last chew, got drunk for the last time, has drawn a line under the long list of past sins, and a cross-scarred Hand has cancelled them. He is dead. Who made him dead? INFINITE LOVE!

The Apostle in this chapter was addressing a congregation of dead folks. They had onced lived IN sin but now they are dead TO sin. They once drank deep from sin's fountains, but they sickened of it and died with Christ on the Cross and were raised with Him unto Life Eternal. Were you one of them? Sin could not pursue a man beyond DEATH. There ended the battle, the pursuit, the score against us. Praise God! Death did a perfect job of it, and truly it severed from all the past. For this sweet reason Paul said "Ye are dead!" Who can condemn a man who has died of his own sins in Jesus? Who can lay a charge against God's Elect? If God gives a clean sheet, who can besmear it? Oh child of many fears, hunted by feelings, condemned unjustly, listen to what God says about you. "He that is in Christ Jesus is a NEW CREATURE. Old things are passed away; behold all things are become NEW and ALL THINGS are (Now) of God." Is this not consoling? Does it not put life into you to know that God has NOTHING against the man or woman who has died with Christ? All the old past is under the Blood. All the wrong thoughts atoned for, the old account settled. A new life begun. Dead and yet living.

Let me tell you a story. In the dark days of last century there was a man whom we will call Tom Sawyer for convenience sake, who was a soldier of the regular army. When war broke out he was lying very ill and unable to answer the call to arms. With some difficulty a man was procured as a substitute for Sawyer who took Sawyer's name and place in his regiment. One day Sawyer's regiment received rough handling and when the roll was called Sawyer's substitute was missing. "Killed in action" was entered opposite Sawyer's name and since that day Sawyer has never been called upon by the military authorities. He is reckoned dead, though he still lives an old man and full of days. He is reckoned dead because another died in his place. The claims of the past could not pursue him beyond death. Tom Sawyer died on the field of battle IN HIS SUBSTITUTE yet Tom still lives. Read it as an allegory. Christ died as our substitute. We are as dead to the past as if we

physically died, for God made Calvary the end of all things sinful, and the Resurrection He made the be-
ginning of all things righteous—for those who died with
Him. Sin cannot pursue one beyond DEATH, for
one cannot do more than DIE, and if we have died in
Christ we are free from sin and a New Creature in-
deed. A step further, "Ye are dead, and your life is
hid with Christ."

By one transaction we were made free and carried
through the experience of death, burial, and resur-
rection while we live. Wonderful salvation! The
man that is therefore in Christ is hidden. When he
crawls out of this "grave" back into himself again,
he is crucifying the son of God afresh "for unto God
the Lord belong the issues from death." Psalms 68:
20. Let us walk therefore as those who have been
raised FROM THE DEAD ***** "for sin shall have
no more dominion over us." —Edgar M. Scurrah.

INDIA

Dear Brethren: I wish to call your attention
to India. India is by no means a small country. It
is equal to half the area of the United States. It
has been termed a "continent of nations" and it is a
sort of world of itself containing some 340,000,000
people. The study of the people of this wonderful land
is interesting in itself. He, who is able to solve the
problems of missionary work in this land is able to
solve them for the world. The Indian type of civi-
lization, its manners and customs, its social system,
its educational standards, its philosophical systems etc.,
its religion differ so materially from the standards of
western civilization that the difficulties confronting
the western missionary appear well nigh insurmount-
able.

The planting of western culture among another
people is comparatively easy if they have no developed
culture of their own. But in India the task is dif-
ferent.

The caste system is one of the most rigid things
bound on Indian society, is divided into distinct
sections. Originally there were four main castes or
divisions: the Priests, the Warriors, the Merchants
and the Staves, each keeping his own caste pure by
not intermingling with another. There are now over
2000 castes differing in tastes and customs and more
or less hating and despising one another. They never
eat the food prepared by another caste; in fact people
of one caste will often starve to death in times of fa-
mine rather than eat food from the hand of a man of
another caste. This system has taken such deep
hold on Indian life, and they love it so well, that it is
a most difficult problem to overcome its evil effects.

To become a Christian involves the breaking of
caste; a most terrible sin; which entails not only the
expulsion of the offender from his own family and
caste group, but also his entire social connections as
well. But Christianity knows no such distinctions,
it insists on unity of race and common brotherhood.

CHRISTIAN WORK IN INDIA

Many western christian missionaries and workers
under them, besides the old Syrian churches who
entered the southern parts very early in A. D. are
working here in India. But sorry to note that very
few of these workers work on the principals that all
the children of God are one in Christ and that the New
Testament is the only religious law book for them.
They work for their sects, one for Paul, one for Peter,
one for Appolos, one for Thomas, one for the sect
named Christ's or God's church and so on. A clean
work seeking only the salvation of people and not
being under any sect laws or rules but wholly under
the New Testament is what is needed here. The
people are disgusted with sect preachers.

Praise the Lord for the few here and there who
realize the truth that Christ has built His Church, in
which all the children of God are, and that they
should love each other and should come to the New
Testament standard discarding all kinds of man-made
organism and compromising.

PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

Very early in life I got saved, since that time I
began to seek the Kingdom of God. I experienced
various kinds of trials. God helps me to go through
all trials with the determination to serve God in spirit
and in truth at any cost. I left the Church to which
I belonged to be in no other as long as I live. I am
in the Church that Christ purchased with His own
blood. It makes me sorry indeed to think of the
compromising spirit which entered in this "Last Re-
formation" work and deceived many mighty ones.
I love them and pray for them that they may get their
eyes opened to see clearly that their so called organ-
ization is just like sectism and that their so called
wisdom is compromising with the flesh and the world.
O! God help them who have fled from the wrath to
come to stand true to the end for Thy glory.

MALAYALAM RELIGIOUS MAGAZINE

I am publishing a Malayalam Magazine called
"Suvantha Dhutham" (*Gospel Message*) to raise the
standard of truth before a great number of people
who speak Malayalan in south India. Many copies
of the Magazine are needed but very few copies only
are being printed because of lack of money. Also
a house for meeting is in urgent need. I have bought
the plot of land for it. The building is not yet begun.
I appeal to all brothers and sisters who feel the neces-
sity of a clean work for the Lord to do what they can
hastily towards the work here which is suffering be-
cause of lack of money. Do not think that money is
needed only for the above mentioned two items.
But in several other ways of the work the question
of money stands as a barrier.

Yours in the blessed service of the Lord.

—K.V.Churian. (*Church of God*).
Kunnamkulam, S. Malabar, India.