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the world, even our FAITH." 1 Jno. 5: 4.

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CHRISTMAS CAROL

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Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him
Nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away
When He comes to reign:
In the bleak mid-winter
A stable-place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty
Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels
May have gathered there,
Cherubim and Seraphim
Thronged the air,
But only His mother
In her maiden bliss,
Worshipped her Beloved
With a kiss.

What can I give Him,
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb,
If I were a wise man
I would do my part,—
Yet what I can I give Him,
Give my heart.
—Christina Rossetti.

THINGS THAT CONCERNE US.

There are a number of incidents recorded in the Bible (God's sacred Word) that are of vital importance to every living being on earth, and with the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit we shall try to write of a few of them that our minds and hearts may be stirred up concerning the great love that God has manifested toward His weak feeble creation that fell into traps and snares of Satan, and thereby losing the knowledge of the greatness of God our creator together with His communion and fellowship; and so man went drooping in darkness and despair. But God through his great mercy and love, kindled and revived

a hope in their hearts by saying, "It shall bruise thy head," (Gen. 3: 15) this He spoke to Satan who had tempted Adam and Eve to disobey God and meaning that the seed of the woman, or her off-spring, would bruise Satan's head, which reference was to Christ who was to be born into the world for the purpose of destroying the works of the devil, and place man back in communion and fellowship with his righteous Father.

As we look through our Bibles (God's book) we find that God was faithful and true to his created beings and through his holy prophets and anointed ones, encouraged their hearts through all generations, of the coming of the Messiah, the deliverer, the rest giver, and life preserver. Deuteronomy, the eighteenth chapter and eighteenth verse we read, "*I will rise them up a prophet from among their brethren like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I command Him.*"

In the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah the prophet gives, with a clear vision the work and purpose of the coming of Jesus, calls Him, "The arm of the Lord," and truly Jesus is the arm of the Lord that God has used to reach down after man with, to raise him up out of sin and shame and cause him to sit in heavenly places, for His soul was made an offering for our transgressions, or sins, Isaiah 53: 10, and all through the Psalms and by the other prophets, the coming of Jesus was spoken of in one manner and another, keeping alive a hope in the bosom of God fearing men and women, giving cheer and comfort to the oppressed.

The true incident that we are leading up to, the thoughts that were most upon our hearts at this time of the year, was the birth of the Son of God, that John says, (speaking of Jesus) "Takes away the sins of the world." When John the Baptist was born and the tongue of his father was loosened, he was filled with the Holy Ghost and spake saying, "Blessed be the God of Israel; for He hath visited and redeemed His people, and hath raised up an Horn of salvation for us, in the house of his servant David; as He spake by the

mouth of His holy prophets, *which have been since the world began*: that we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us; to perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember His holy covenant; the oath which He swore to our father Abraham, that He would grant unto us, that we, being delivered out of the hand of the enemies, might serve Him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before Him, all the days of our life." This he spake concerning Jesus that was soon to be born, and then turning to his infant son said, "And thy child shall be called the prophet of the Highest, for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways."

Six months later when little Jesus, the Son of God, was born in the stable, was wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger; there was quite a stir made in some respects; the angel of the Lord suddenly appeared to the shepherds that were watching their flocks that night, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them and they were much frightened; but the angel of the Lord said, "Fear not for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people for unto us is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord," and as the angel was telling them where the child could be found there suddenly appeared a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "*Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.*"

The shepherds were much stirred about the matter and hastened to Bethlehem to find the little child Jesus; whose birth had stirred the angles of heaven in praise and declaration; when they had found and seen this child, they made known abroad the things they had heard and seen and all wondered on hearing the words of the shepherds.

This event was so important that there were wise men in the east that saw His star and were stirred about the matter and set out on a long journey to find, visit, and worship this child, whom they understood was born king of the Jews. As they came to Jerusalem searching for the young child, King Herod heard about the matter and he also was stirred concerning this child and cleverly plotted to find and slay this child whom he feared would take his place as king, and so we find that both the good and evil were much concerned when Jesus was born into the world, the good sought Him to worship and adore Him but the evil sought Him to slay or destroy His young life. Thus we see the good working in the hearts of those that fear God and also we see the evil working in the hearts of those that rebel against the

government of Jesus. Now when the wise men had found the young child, it is stated or written, that they fell down and worshiped Him and opened their treasures, presenting unto Him gifts, gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Because of this giving, unquestionably, we have a practice or custom of giving one to another on the twenty-fifth of December which is supposed to be the day of the year in which Jesus, the Son of God, was born.

Now it is well and good that we rejoice and be glad in remembrance of the birth of Christ, and give gifts to others on that day in a sincere way, is approvable, but there is some things that a great many need to learn concerning their giving and that is; to be watchful and prayerful that *all* is acceptable with God. We notice that these wise men worshiped Christ and gave gifts unto Him; while we have not the Lord here in person as they had yet the scriptures teach us, "*To give unto the poor is like lending to the Lord*" and "*As ye do unto the least of these, my brethren, ye do it unto me,*" and so we should seek God and give our gifts to those, that would be like giving it unto the Lord. Much of the giving and the great display of dinners and intertainments that are given on Christmas-day is a sham and a grief to the tender heart of God, so we find to-day as it was in the days when Jesus was born; the people are stirred on Christmas-day, the righteous with a joyful soul and gladness, and as the wise men, they want to give of their store to Jesus as they worship Him who has taken away all their sins and given them peace with God; also the evil or worldly-minded are stirred to make a fair show in the flesh by great spreads and worldly intertainments together with much giving. Often-times they give to those who need not, with a heart expecting as much again in return. Many others who are more debased will drink liquor, smoke and chew poison weeds, swear, curse, and carouse in different dissipating ways and say that they are celebrating Christmas. Oh, how sad all this is to the redeemed of earth, to those who are heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, to those who really know and continue in the joys of salvation which is brought about by the slaying and pouring out of the blameless blood of this same child; to them this mockery is great indeed.

Now the birth of Christ was a very important occurrence and deserves our attention and consideration for it was the beginning of the plan of God to save men from their fallen state. Indeed God's people have an inward joy and appreciation because of the workings of God in this humble way (*unknown to the wisdom of this world*). When we recall to mind how

God frustrated the plans of the wicked king that sought to slay the child Jesus, and while he was at his bloody work of slaying the children under two years of age, we find that our Saviour was safe down in Egypt, protected by the hand of God, our righteous Father.

Another very important occurrence in the plan and purpose of God, was the crucifixion of Jesus, the Son of God, for without the shedding of His blood, there would be no remission of our sins. We find that the wicked were finally permitted of God to slay and shed the blood of this innocent man that our sins be atoned for, giving us peace with God, restoring to us communion and fellowship with our righteous Father whom we had transgressed against, and thus we find the promise of God fulfilled, "*the seed of the woman shall bruise the serpent's head,*" for of a truth this comes to pass in the hearts of those who make HIS SOUL an offering for their sins and iniquities. Oh, that poor miserable souls would look to Him and see his pure blameless blood which was poured out, acting as a covering, hiding, as it were, their sins from God, making them innocent as in childhood days when they knew no sin.

One more occurrence that is of great concern to us to-day is the ascension of Jesus. The disciples witnessed His going up and as they gazed upward the angles of the Lord appeared with a message and comforted their hearts with the assurance that He would come again.

The Lord ascended up to heaven and it is written of Him that, He is seated at the right hand, of God that He has all power both in heaven and in earth, that He is our great high priest and is touched by the feeling of our infirmities, will succor those that are in need, is a present help, and tells us to come boldly unto the throne of grace. Blessed be his name.

Though He may seem dead to many, yet to the redeemed He is risen, He is a living and abiding Christ, a King, and a governor whom they delight to have rule over them and move them about in this world for His pleasure and glory.

And thus we know that the plan and mystery of God is finished and He is waiting patiently for the precious fruit of the earth, which is yielded souls to His sovereign power, believers in the sacrifice made. May you be a partaker of this heavenly benefit.

The babe that was born in Bethlehem
 Many, many long years gone by,
 Had many sorrows and griefs to bear;
 But we hear Him, with much confidence, say,
 'Was endured for the joy that was set before.'
 And now with Him we triumph o'er the foe.
 —Fred Pruitt.

TAKE WARNING, DEAR CHILDREN

Beloved, we find among the children of God to-day that there are too many that are ready to judge one another. Come, let us reason together on a portion of God's Word, beginning at Romans 2: 1, "Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself."

Now we will go to 2 Cor. 10: 7, "Do ye look on things after the outward appearance? If any man trust to himself that he is Christ's, let him of himself think this again, that as he is Christ's even so are we Christ's." While you, dear brother or sister that know you belong to Christ, just remember that the one you are judging is Christ's also, and though they are cast down, they are not forsaken by our Lord.

Now let us read 1 Sam. 16: 7, "But the Lord said unto Samuel, look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him; for the Lord seeth not as man seeth, for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart." You, my dearly beloved, may look on the outward appearance of someone who would appear to be so good, but would only be a whited sepulchre, which indeed is beautiful outward, but is within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness (Matt. 23: 27). While again, you may look upon someone who has had a great fight of some kind with the enemy, and it may be that he was overcome in some things, yet is striving and trying to overcome, and who is begging for forgiveness every day, and God is blessing them. You and I don't know their heart nor the secret prayers that are going up.

So we ought to be very, very careful about our judging. While the Word says in Matt. 7: 13, "Ye shall know them by their fruits," yet it does not say for us to go around judging, condemning, and disfellowshipping a brother or sister. "But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1: 7). But, my beloved, if we fail to have fellowship with one of God's little ones, though ever so weak, then the blood fails to any longer cleanse us, so we are left in darkness. O, how careful we ought to be and be sure when we judge, that it is righteous judgment, and that we first go to them and then take one or two more, and then if they are contentious and will not hear, take it to the Church (Matt. 18: 15), and even there the Word says if thy brother trespass against

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Christmas time has come again and our hearts are refreshed with thoughts of a scene that took place over nineteen hundred years ago when a tender babe was born, wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger; a scene that stirred the angles of heaven, the sheperds on the hills of Judia, the wise men of the East, to-gether with the envious King Herod.

As we meditate upon the birth of this young child, whose name is Jesus, our hearts are stirred with love to our righteous Father and faithful Creator for looking in mercy upon us and sending a Saviour that would break Satan's power and give us peace with God.

As we are made happy and filled with joy we also wish (as the wise men did) to give gifts that others may be made happy and in this way we honor, respect, and observe the day of the birth of the most important person that ever lived in a human body, even our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. While much of the giving at Christmas time may be in form and without real devotion, yet the Christian will give with joy and gladness and rejoice with others that are made happy at this particualar time of the year. The girls like dolls, the boys like toys, and they all like candy and nuts, while the parents rejoice when the children are made happy with these things.

A Christmas spent at home with father, mother, sister, and brother; to-gether with the children, can be very pleasing to God if conducted in the proper manner; if prayers and thanks-giving is rendered, if reading of the Word and the singing of sacred songs are indulged in, to-gether with temperence in our eating, all can be done to the glory of God with our souls edified and built up.

The wrong in the great spread of dinners with good things to eat is the spirit that generally prevails, which is a spirit of revelry, jesting, joking, and eating and craming is the order of the day, without any, if ever, a thought of heavenly things or how God would have us do or be in this present world. May the Lord save us from such a worldly Christmas spirit.

The Lord has been blessing us of late both in the office work and also in the meetings. The last meet-

ing at the county poor farm was preciously given of the Lord and as we were singing in the commencing service, there came into the room twenty-five or thirty souls from Guthrie, mostly young people of the east side Methodist Church. These, with the aged inmates of the home, made the large diningroom full and many were standing. The Lord anointed and gave liberty in the preaching of His word and the attention was first class. As we returned home to Guthrie, we rejoiced that God had so preciously planned and sustained for this meeting.

Last Suday, November 29th, we had a meeting at the jail, in which the Lord again showed His hand of love and mercy to men. The Holy Ghost done His office work in convicting, and three hearts were so touched that they knelt down, confessed their sins, repented of them and got up with relief and joy in their souls through belief in the blood of Jesus Christ as an atonment for their sins.

The meetings at the chapel have been heavenly and good too.

We are looking forward to a good meeting which will begin on Christmas-day, God willing, and will last over two Sundays. Come, if it is possible.

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The Lord has favored us with office help, sending us Walter Quinn of Morrison, Mo. who has been with us for over two weeks at this writing. He is taking right hold of the work just-like one the Lord would send; has a good experience of salvation and is deeply concerned in getting the pure gospel to the needy souls. We claim an interest in your prayers for him and the work in general.

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While God has been blessing us in this way He has also been working in other ways that will mean a seperation from one who has been working with us for years, from one who has become very dear to us because of his warm devotion to Jesus whom we love and serve, and because of his tenderness and thoughtfulness for the well-fare of others, his faithfulness and trueness to God under severe trials and tests which God in His mercy has permitted us to passthrough. Parting from one like this pulls hard on the tender cords of our hearts, yet God has given grace and we have surrendered to His will; praying that others may be blessed by his presence and life of devotion to God even as we have. As Bro. Longley will sail for Australia this month, we bid him God speed in the missionary work in that country. We do not know of one better qualified or able to impart Bible-truth to sinners and introduce them to Jesus and His work for them. He is truly worthy of your prayers and support. You will find his report of God's leading him to go, elsewhere in this paper. May God bless him and make him a blessing to all that he comes in contact with.

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Grandma Spradling who has been living near us for quite a few years has been obliged to vacate the rooms that she occupied and as there was no suitable and convenient place for her near by, we have moved

things around and packed in such away that we have been able to give her two small rooms in the office building where we can look after her as is needful. Grandma is aged and feeble in body and possesses none of this world's goods but we are sure that she has riches in heaven, as she is like Dorcus to the needy, her testimonies of God's dealings with her are wonderful and she never tires of talking of the good things that are given to us through Christ. We shall do all we can by the grace and the help of God, to make her last days on earth happy and joyful, and as comfortable as possible for her. Pray for Grandma and write her an encouraging letter as God lays it upon your heart.

While grandma is not able to write very well she does love to hear from the saints, and we are sure that God will bless all who interest themselves in her well-fare.

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We are much encouraged in the work that the Lord has laid upon our hearts, though others may blow about by winds of doctrine, may compromise with the powers that control the worldly minded or may become fanatic, cold, cruel and lawified, yet we have deep decisions to follow on in the humble and despised way which keeps the heart tender and filled with love divine for all man-kind. The Psalmist David, after magnifying the greatness of God, exclaimed, "O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise, even with my glory" (Psalms 108:1). In the one hundred and twelfth chapter, in speaking of the righteous he says, "He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting the Lord." Paul's heart was so fixed and his purpose so strong to fight until the end, that he could truthfully say, "I bear about in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus." Jesus was so thoroughly given up to the Father that he could calmly say, "I do alway those things that please the Father." What blessed and encouraging testimonies these are to us who are called of God to set an example of Christ-likeness in this time when nearly all people are cold, indifferent, and ungodly; where many who once knew God are now compromising with the evil one are putting evil for good and good for evil, and are reasoning themselves astray, not discerning the cunningness of the spirit that is working. Yes, we can say as the Psalmist David, *our heart is fixed, or set to do the whole will of God*, for He has fully won our heart and His greatness is greater than all of our comprehension, and we again say as David said, "*let every-thing that has breath, praise the Lord.*"

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If you want extra papers to hand out, we have them. If you want some tracts to carefully distribute, we have them. Send your order and we shall be glad to fill it as God bids. If you have a good poem or an article that has been given you by the Holy Ghost, send it in, for it might be that God would have us use some of them in print form, and thus others would be blessed.

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Our desire and aim is to seek the mind of Christ and His leadings, that the Faith and Victory will be

filled up with soul food and will be a blessing, a help, and a strength to every one that reads, and that the clear Bible truth will be so taught, that the sinner can readily see his deliverance in Christ, the sacrifice made for sin and uncleanness; that the gospel of Christ, the glad tidings of a risen Lord be carried to the ends of the earth, to the poor as well as those who can pay. We desire your co-operation in every way and manner that God lays it upon your heart. God does not call men to idleness nor selfish gratification, but He does fill our hearts with love, and we gladly and willingly serve Him, knowing that our reward is over there where pain and sorrow end and the wicked cease to trouble. Brethren let us lay up our treasures in heaven, "*for where our treasures are, there will our heart be also.*"

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The tract, written by Wesley Armstrong, entitled, "The Baptism of the Holy Ghost and the Gift of Tongues," has been printed and shipped to him.

We recommend the reading of this tract for the gaining of light and knowledge on a much talked of, and misunderstood subject. This tract contains thirty-six pages of reading matter, and can be secured from Wesley Armstrong, 911 E. 4th. Ave., Mitchell, S. Dak. Enclose postage with your order.

ASSEMBLY NOTICE

Guthrie, Okla.: Assembly Meeting Dec. 25 to Jan. 3. We are looking and trusting the Lord for an old-fashioned gospel meeting, where brotherly love, the spirit of peace, and harmony will prevail. We are praying and expecting the burden of lost souls will weigh so heavily on the hearts of His children and that the desire for the unity of saints so great that there will be no room in the assembly for the spirit of controversy. We are praying and believing that the Holy Ghost will have the leadership of the services, and that He will put preachers in the pulpit who will be under His control and who will preach neither compromise or extremism, but the Word of God rightly divided. Let everyone who can, come, praying, and believing for a feast of fat things. Let the saints help the ministers get to and from the meeting, also send what provisions you can, also money to help defray the expense of the meeting. Send all provisions to G. W. Winn, 1300 block W. Mansur St., Guthrie, Okla. Send money for meeting to Fred Pruitt, 611 W. Mansur St., Guthrie, Okla. For further information write W. H. Shoot, R. 6, Box 18, Guthrie, Okla.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Mattie Drummond, wife of F. M. Drummond, departed from this life, Nov. 17, 1925. She left sweet testimonies in the faith of her Christ. I ask the prayers of all praying people in my lonely hours.
Your Brother, F. M. Drummond,
Childress, Texas.

THE MARRIED LIFE IN EGYPT

In order for the dear readers of Faith and Victory to understand rightly the true condition of the married life in Egypt, it is necessary for them to know something of the social customs of the Egyptian nation as well as the position of woman in society. Therefore, we shall briefly state a few facts before entering upon our subject.

It is a very unusual thing for a father in Egypt to desire a daughter, for she is supposed to be of no use in the world and to be a great burden. It is not strange then, that at the birth of a girl, the poor mother should be in great distress, even the neighbors turn up their nose at such phenomenon. The poor mother having lost favor with her husband, because of giving birth to girls, in many cases hardens her heart and grows indifferent to the needs of the little ones, not thinking that they are a comfort instead of a curse.

On the contrary, when a son is born the mother is held in high esteem, for sons are greatly desired for the perpetuation of the family name and for occupying some position in the world to help support his worthy parents, unlike the girl who can neither be employed nor fill any function in society. A girl is thus destined to a life-long seperation. She is not allowed to keep company nor mix herself with the male sex, whether at home or at school. When a girl reaches the age of eleven or twelve she is kept secluded at home within the four walls, not being seen but very seldom and in many places not being seen at all, even by the female sex, for fear lest she is not to be admired by them. Thus a young man seeking a life companion feels himself puzzled in a detached and solitary situation, having no access nor any association with the female sex, and not knowing whom he may choose.

On account of this, the choice in this important matter is attended by the parents who select a wife that suits their taste and is understood to remain loyal and obedient to them in all circumstances, even at the loss of their son's happiness. But sad to say that such a system as this produces oftentimes many occasions for quarrels, unhappiness, and divorce. Many friends and relatives are invited to attend the marriage ceremony, where the most delicious meals are liberally served according to the rank and position of the family in society. If the bride is poor and happens to live in a village, she is brought in a palanquin carried on a camel's back, or in a litter suspended by four men. But in case she is rich, then she comes in an automobile displaying great pomp and show, surrounded with lighted candles; the drum beats, the music plays with the most melodious tunes and women squeal aloud with the exclamation of joy on such occasion.

On her arrival at the bridegroom's home, she is met by her mother-in-law, a mid-wife and a few other women who escort her to a private room so as to be tested whether she is a virgin or not, according to the

heinous and one of the most shameful customs that is still prevailing here even among the most enlightened in this country. No sooner those women lay hold on the bride's feet in such a way that she might not be able to move or resist, then the bridegroom terribly and in a dreadful manner rushes upon his frightened bride, piercing sharply and repeatedly his right finger without any mercy and compassion in her virginity. If the blood issues out freely, then she is surely a virgin, but in case no sign of blood should appear, then she is not a virgin and is unworthy to become his companion, hence she must necessarily be divorced. On such a heart-rending scene, the bride cries out pitifully and vehemently at the top of her voice on account of her severe pain and extreme suffering. In order that her cry at such occurrence might not be heard by the guests, the music plays, the drum beats, guns are fired and women with the highest pitch of nervous demonstration and excitement cry aloud with joyous shrieks and shouts that fill the whole air.

As marriage is an indispensable necessity, therefore a sweet gentle, maiden is often given to a man void of all good qualities and in no way worthy of the girl; and many a bright young man is married with an illiterate, ignorant companion, for the satisfaction of his parents who might disinherit him should he disobey. Should a young damsel refuse the choice of the parents in her marriage, on some occasions she is beaten severely until she complies to their wishes and inclinations. After a young woman marries she is under the control of her mother-in-law. Often-times a husband may take his mother's part in a quarrel and not his wife's. For this reason and on account of this baneful custom many families are deprived and void of the joy and pleasure that the women of other lands enjoy. There is nothing but the uplifting, enlightening, transforming power of the gospel of Christ that will burst open the prison doors and bring the dear women of Egypt out of the bondage and oppression of darkness and superstition into the full light and liberty of the children of God. May the God of all grace through the power of His Holy Spirit and the agency of His dear Church in America speedily send forth the rays of light that will dispell the darkness and bring joy, freedom and hope to these helpless, hopeless sisters of ours. May God stir every dear brother and sister to do all they can in liberating these sin benighted dear souls, thus bringing hope to them in this life through the knowledge of our Redeemer's love.

Brethren and sisters of this last reformation! The responsibility for the evangelization of this lost world is wholly laid upon you. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." He has provided no other agency for the promulgation of this truth. God leaves to-day with you (His Church) the responsibility of receiving or or rejecting the above mentioned commission. Who is ready to respond to the call of the blessed Master and give his life and means to the cause of Christ and

souls? There is ample work here to be accomplished. Will you have part in it, my dear brothers and sisters in America? Destitute fields must be supplied with earnest laborers and with means, by those whose hearts are warm with love of Christ and with love for souls. Who is ready to come to rescue perishing souls, and who is willing to sacrifice?

—HANNAH ARSANIOUS.

Guthrie, Okla.—Nov. 24, 1925. To the dear saints and readers of Faith and Victory, Greetings: I feel that it would be pleasing to the Lord for me to write a little account and explanation of some of the Lord's dealings and call brought unto my heart during the past year, of which I have not spoken much to anyone only a few close friends and dear brothers and sisters in the Lord, but have pondered them in my heart in much prayer and waiting upon God. He, having led me into the deepest surrender and consecration of my life, began to talk to me of His will concerning me, though I didn't expect it to be as He has thus far worked it. On Sunday after-noon, Dec. 14, last year, I felt a strong drawing to be in my room alone with the Lord, and I told Bro. Pruitt I did not feel led to go out with them that after-noon to the country to visit some saints. After being in my room awhile, and meditating and looking into God's Word, I began to weep, but I felt happy and realized the nearness of the presence of the Lord. The question came into my heart as the Lord asked Peter: "Lovest thou Me more than these?" The understanding of what *these* meant began to come into my mind. My heart responded with a glad "Yes, Lord, I do love Thee more than all in this world." He blessed me as I answered Him, and said: "Feed my lambs and my sheep." I reviewed my past for a time—pit from which He dug me, and the rock from which I was hewn. It seemed almost too much to think that God would condescend to my low estate, call me from my course of life, then destroy my own plans and will and enthrone His holy and divine plan and will. Surely I felt like the weakest vessel and unworthy to be counted even as less than the least of all saints.

Later in the after-noon I opened my Bible and was reading in Acts, first chapter, where Jesus said: "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Again the question came to me, "Will you witness for me in the uttermost part of the earth?" My heart's answer was, Yes, that I would if He would let me know the place He wanted me, and make the way, I would witness for Him the best He gave ability. Another rich blessing filled my soul and continued on through that night, and on the next morning, Dec. 15, I was here working at helping to get the Faith and Victory paper ready for the mails, and naturally the experiences of the day before were fresh upon my heart and mind, when a clear visionary map seemed to open before me of Australia and the

surrounding islands of the South Sea, and with it the understanding that I should go to Australia and then I would be shown where else among those islands to go. This was a precious experience to me, for the call had come so plain and definite and now the place was also made as unmistakably clear, and my heart was filled with thanksgiving for it. Now I began to ask the Lord to make His time as definitely known as the call and place and to open the way before me if this was His will for me. I said nothing to anyone of this for a few weeks, though these experiences meant more to me than I can speak.

Bro. Pruitt and I have been working together here for several years, and have been through many tests and trials and battles together, and have won many victories in prayer and especially since the Lord led Bro. Pruitt to start the printing of the gospel through the Faith and Victory. I have enjoyed setting the type for the testimonies and articles that came from the saints, and if God's call had not come to go for Him to a foreign field of labor, I would gladly labor on in this work.

The Lord permitted me to go to my home in Texas the past summer to visit my dear mother, brothers and sisters, which was in a way a solemn visit to me, not knowing if I would see them all again in this world. Also I was led to go to Anthony, Kan. a few months ago and have enjoyed my stay and acquaintance with the dear saints there. While there the Lord brought some precious promises to me, assuring me of His care and protection and presence, the most precious of which is found in Exodus 33: 12-14, and especially the 14th verse. As my human nature thought of the distance, being among strangers etc., the Lord so comforted me by this: "My presence shall go with thee, and I will give the rest." While praying to the Lord also concerning the time of my going, the date of Dec. 15 was brought to my mind, being just one year from the time of God's call. As far as I know and have made inquiry, I will leave from the port of San Francisco, and have thought if the Lord willed I may stop a short time at Hawaii and Samoa on my way to Sydney, Australia. I do not know what is awaiting me or what the future holds, and the unknown is left in God's hands. I do praise the Lord for the calm rest He gives concerning it all, and that He has protected from doubts and fears attending my going, but my heart is filled with love for the Lord and souls and my heart is happy in obedience to this call, or an effort at it. I ask the agreement and co-operation in prayers of the saints that I may be able to lift up Jesus in deed and word wherever He places me, that I may finish my course with victory and joy. With prayers and holy love to all. I remain yours and His servant.

—ROBERT LONGLEY.

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Guthrie, Okla.—Dear saints of the Most High: Greetings in the name of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus, who shed His pure and innocent blood upon Calvary's rugged cross, to the end that as many as

believe on Him might be saved; from the sins of this world and the wrath to come. Bless His Holy name forever.

I feel God's approval in writing a testimony for His dear Son Jesus. These words encourage me to be not backward in saying anything for His sake, "*Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy,*" (Psalms 107: 2). Praise His dear name.

I write not that I may boast of being saved or redeemed, God forbid, "*for God is no respecter of persons,* not that I have merited or done any great deeds to receive this great gift, "*For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God*" (Eph. 2: 8), but I do thank and praise God for reaching down His mighty arm and lifting me out of the miry clay, and for the blessedness of this *wonderful salvation*. How glad I am to know that the dear Lord has redeemed me from that enemy, who for so long a time, held me captive in the prison of sin and darkness.

Dear souls, it's no wonder that the children of the Lord have so much to rejoice over and so much to be thanking and praising the Lord for. What *great joy and peace rings* throughout our hearts and souls to know that we have been "*made free from the bondage of that evil master,*" whom we served while we were journeying along that broad-road to destruction and everlasting torment. Oh, I thank God to-day that He anointed my eyes that I might see the end of the road which I was so unheedingly, unconcerned, and so blindly swaying on-ward and down-ward on that broad road to everlasting destruction. How I thank and praise the precious Saviour that He ever permitted me to see my lost and undone condition, without God and without hope, in this world or the world to come, as long as I followed the ways of the unregenerated multitudes.

I am rejoicing to-day in the freedom of God's pure and holy way. What freedom we can enjoy in serving and living for the *Good Master* whom we now serve, love, trust, and obey. Dear ones, ought not our hearts rejoice and glorify Him who has broken loose the chains which for so long a time bound us to sin and the lusts thereof, to serve the evil-one and to be under his control? *Freedom, freedom!* Who is he that is seeking to free, but he that is bound, locked behind the prison bars of sin and darkness, shut up in the dark cell of the devil's deceitfulness and a condemning conscience, weighted down under the great load of sin, shame, and the lusts of this corrupt and sin polluted world, or those whose souls and bodies are stung and poisoned with the lusts of the eyes and the lusts of the flesh, which Satan laughs, rejoices, and desires to see humanity indulge in. What a shame that the devil is leading so many down that wide, well beaten, and worn pathway which has been trod since the fall of man, and which ends in the lake burning with fire and brimstone, and ever-lasting punishment, with its bitter remorse and untold agonies. Oh, that the eyes of all men were opened, that they might see the lost and bound condition in which they exist, that

the enemy of souls would be completely overthrown and cast into his own pit, bound with the eternal chains of God's wrath, weighted down, and cast into the pit forever and forever, that souls would be deceived no more, and that all could serve God in the fullness of love and obedience to Him. *Freedom!* Why, we are enjoying freedom to-day in walking with the dear Lord. Glory to God forever. "*If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed,*" (John 2: 36) and, "*His yoke is easy and His burden is light*" (Matt. 11: 30). How true and how good these words are to those who seek to know and do the will of the Lord, desiring to please Him regardless of the reproach of the crowd, and living up to the light which is given from time to time as the Holy Spirit gives it.

When we desire to take with, or cleave to those things which are not pleasing and acceptable to our holy and righteous Father as we journey on to that glorious abode; we bring upon ourselves sorrow, grief, and disappointment, and are unblessed with the richness of His unbounded love. His desiring that we "*love not the world, neither the things that are in the world,—*" is only for our good. Instead of making the way hard to travel, He is showing us the way to go that we might find "*His yoke easy and His burden light;*" also that we might keep our affections upon Him, and to be so yielded and so pliable in His hands that He can mold us and make us according to His good will and pleasure, that He might have first place in our hearts at all times, and that we may appear without spot or blemish on that day in which He will *thoroughly cleanse* His thrashing-floor.

I am glad that I have ever taken up my cross to follow Jesus, for I have found the way full of joy, comfort, peace, and happiness; such as the world cannot give, and neither can the world take it away. Praise His holy name. The trials, the siftings and testing, and the cleansing and purging have only drawn me closer to the Lord, with an encouraged and determined heart to continue on in the "*better-way.*"

I ask an interest in your prayers, that I might ever be found faithful, true, and loyal unto the One who has made us "*free.*" Your Bro., washed in the Blood of the Lamb.

—Walter Quinn.

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Enid, Okla.—My dear Brothers and Sisters at Faith Pub. House. I will send you greetings in the blessed name of Jesus who has shed His precious blood to redeem us from everlasting punishment. He has been so merciful unto us that he came down from His glorious home above to redeem us from our sinful lives. So, as we are living in the latter days let us not get discouraged and let loose of our faith. Let us ask the Lord to keep us and protect us from sin. Will you please send me another paper, Faith and Victory, as I am glad when I get it that I can read more about the Lord's children. Let us keep on working for the Lord with more strength and love. May the grace of the Lord be with you all.

—JAKE J. BECKER.

LITTLE FOLKS' PAGE

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

GLAD TIDINGS

'Twas a star which had shone so radiant and bright,
As angles to earth, their tidings brought;
That lead the three wise men through the night
To a newly born King whom they eagerly sought.

'Twas in the city of Bethlehem, they had found
Where the newly born Saviour was laid.
Then with glad hearts they gather 'round,
And with precious gifts, a homage paid.

By—W. Q.

Utica, Penn.—Dear children readers of Faith and Victory. I am going to follow the leading of the dear Holy One, for He has put in my heart a desire to talk to you a little while this morning of His loving tender care to us all, yes, all that love and serve Him. Oh, how He watches over and protects us even during our defenceless moments while we slumber upon our pillows. I often, as I lay me down to sleep, say, "Still in my dreams I'll be nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee," and then often what precious dreams He gives us. And through the day He is so near and dear to us, prompting nothing but kindness to our loved ones. How He helps each trusting child with his studies at school. It is just wonderful how He clears the mind, brightens the intellect, helps you to understand and to remember too. It is just wonderful how He helps us in everything through our whole lives, and then how precious to think of the life to come, the bright home where all is love.

But just now it comes to my mind that when writing you last, the thought that I would love to tell you of how the dear Lord protected little Will's sight. When he was, I think, about 7 or 8 years old, he was making a little set of legging tools by hammering them out of bullets, using matches for handles. He had his little set all made but 2 pieces and found he lacked one bullet, so he mixed with water some plaster paris and made a mold. When the hot lead struck the cold damp plaster paris it just cracked and the lead flew, covering his right eye entirely. Oh, how it frightened me! I took him into my arms, dropped into a chair asking the dear Lord to spare his sight. The dear little fellow said, "O, Mama, don't be frightened. I know God will spare my sight," but I still continued calling on the dear Lord for help. The dear child then said, "O, mamma dear don't get nervous, for I know God will spare my sight," and so He did. He rewarded the dear child's faith. Oh, that we all might have such perfect child-like faith. When I removed the thin sheet of lead from his little eye it was not hurt one bit. The lead had not even gone down into the lid of his eye at all. Of course the lead took the skin right with it, but it was marvelous how quickly the dear Lord healed it right up. Is not such a kind loving Father

worthy of praise, love and honor? Yes, dear children He is, and let us all love and serve Him with our whole heart. O, praise His holy name. From one that loves you all and prays for you too.

—Aunt Loey McKay.

Twitty, Texas.—Dear ones at the Faith Pub. House. I am glad to say that I am still saved and encouraged to fight the battle on, for the Bible says, "*And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake; but he that endureth to the end shall be saved*" (Matt. 10:22). I want you all to pray for me that I will endure to the end.

I would be glad to hear from some of the little girls. Will close. As ever, your little sister,

—Hattie B. Johnson.

Beaver Dam, Ky.—Dear saints of God. I am writing a letter to let you know that I am still wanting your Faith and Victory paper.

I am a little girl thirteen years old, and I believe that God can save if we believe. I want all of you to pray for me that I may do what God wants me to do.

My aunt and uncle have received the Holy Ghost.

I also want you to pray for my mother, for she has nervous spells.

—Flossie Mae Kissinger.

Herrin, Ill.—My dear children of Faith and Victory: The Lord has blessed me a great deal lately. It seems to me that he has been more to me this month than ever.

Two or three nights before I got saved, a house just across the street got on fire and burned down. I was afraid that our house would burn down and I would be burned to death and go to hell. So it kept me afraid of my soul being lost, so I got to sleep with mother that night. The next night I had to sleep with my little brother, who was four years old, and I was afraid, so I began to cry and mother heard me and asked what was wrong. I said, "Mother I am afraid of our house burning down and I will be lost." She asked me if I wanted her to pray for me and I said, "yes". Then she prayed for me two or three times every night; and one night I was lying on my bed looking at a big picture that was given to me at Sunday school, and it was pretty too, it was Jesus healing blind people, and I was praying, and all at once a great change came over me and it seemed to me that I could fly away and I never got such a blessing in all my life, for the Lord had saved me.

He saved me when I was ten years old and I am twelve now. So pray for me; and my papa that he may get closer to the Lord.

I thank you for the Faith and Victory paper. I love to read the little folk's page. Pray for me, and also, please send me some of your tracts.

—Ira A. Burlison.

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thee, not against God, but *thee*. Yet we find when they trespass against *God* and not *thee*, that their brother and sister are ready to cast them out, or in other words to stone them to death, but if the children would examine themselves and be sure they were without sin before they cast the first stone, there would not be many stones cast, but all would flee from the thought.

Beloved, let us as children of God be very careful and prayerful before we disfellowship one of God's little ones, for if we fail to fellowship one whom God fellowships, we ourselves are on dangerous ground. Now let us read Matt. 7: 1-2, "Judge not that ye be not judged, for with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged." Ask yourself the question: "If I am judged with the same judgment that I judge others, where will I spend eternity?" O, how bad we need more charity so we could do unto others as we would that others should do unto us.

Now let us read St. Luke 6: 37, "Judge not, and ye shall not be judged, condemn not and ye shall not be condemned, forgive and ye shall be forgiven." Wouldn't it be wonderful for us not to be judged or condemned? Well then, let us not judge according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment. The Word says in James 3: 2, "For in many things we offend all; if any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man and able also to bridle the whole body." Don't you want to be perfect? If so, in James 2: 9, you will find these words: "But if ye have respect to persons ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors."

But why dost thou judge thy brother? Or why dost thou set at naught thy brother? for we shall *all* stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written, As I live saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give an account of himself to God. Let us therefore not judge one another any more; but judge this rather that no man put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his brother's way" (Romans 14: 10-14).

So let us remember that when we are mistreating one of God's little ones, we are liable to cause them to fall. God's Word says in St. Luke 17: 2, "It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck and he cast into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones." So let us be careful, for in Matt. 13: 41, the Word says, "The Son of man shall send forth his angels and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend and them which do iniquity," and remember that "a

brother offended is harder to be won than a strong city, and their contentions are like the bars of a castle" (Prov. 18: 19). So we ought to be very careful not to offend in word, deed, or act.

—MRS. ELLEN STEPHEN.

CORRESPONDENCE

Woodburn, Ore.—My testimony to-day is; I am saved, sanctified, and satisfied and kept by power divine. The blood of Jesus cleanseth me and keeps me pure within. "*The pure in heart shall see God*" (Matt. 5: 8). I have victory over all the works of darkness and sin by the grace and love of my blessed Savior. My feet press the solid rock and by His grace I am enabled to keep all on the altar, and whether I live or die I am the Lord's and the life I now live I live by faith in the Son of God, and by His grace I can run and not be weary and walk and not faint, praise His holy name. I am proving His promise is true that "All things work together for good to them that love the Lord" (Rom. 8: 28), and I know I love Him with all my heart and soul (Deut 6: 5).

I know if I prove to the world that the Bible is true and the gospel is the power of God unto salvation (Rom. 1: 16), I must live it before those I live among. I must let my light shine out that they may see the light and come to the dear Savior, accept His salvation and be saved. Oh, when I see the sin and wickedness it seems we are living in the time of the end as is spoken of in Matt. 24: 24; Eph. 4: 14. But the Lord is daily revealing to me new beauties of His grace. He helps me to stand more boldly for the truth of the gospel. I am determined to stand for Bible holiness and purity that the Word demands. It seems sometimes like I would have to stand alone. I find I must lean on my blessed Savior more, and less on human teaching and wisdom. I see the need of keeping on the whole armor of God (Eph. 6: 11). How these Scriptures have been held before me of late, especially the 16th and 17th verses. I am a soldier of the cross, and a soldier must have the whole armor required of them.

I am on my way to heaven, to the mansions in Father's house (John 14: 2). I am in the enemies' land so I must fight if I would win. Oh, that I had the voice of a trumpet that I might tell to all the world there is power in Jesus' blood to cleanse from all sin. I feel its power avails for me. I am drinking from that fountain of living water that satisfies my every longing. I expect to gain heaven by the way of the cross. I am dead to the world, to self, and I am one with Christ. I am praising God for the strait gate and narrow way (Matt. 7: 13-14). Thank God, I am in the narrow way, watching for Jesus' steps (1 Pet. 2: 21), and by His help and grace I will go with Him all the way, for He loves me and His promise is that He will never leave thee nor forsake thee (Heb. 13: 5). We have another good promise in Psalms 37: 25. "I have been young and now

am old, yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken nor His seed begging bread." I can say I am happy. As I write, my soul is filled with His love and glory. I can sing "I ought to love my Savior; He loved me long ago, and looked on my soul with favor when deep in sin and woe. Oh, Christ I can but love Thee, What heart could e'er withhold a love that cost so dearly the offering of Thy soul? Oh, King of love immortal, reign in my heart alone, and flood this earthen temple with glory from thy throne."

I can say God's will be done in all things, for I know His way is best for me. It gives me much joy to know I have no choice of my own. I have committed everything to my Savior and I have the assurance supported, protected, and defended by Him and my faith and confidence is so strong in His love and power, if a miracle were required to help me in some extremity, I believe it would be done. I would not exchange places with any crowned monarch of earth. The King of all kingdoms is the King of kings and Lord of lords (1 Tim. 6: 15). Your Sister in Christ.

—PIEBE GREEN.

Charleston, W. Va.—Greetings in Jesus' dear name to the beloved saints of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Dear saints, I am still walking in the light into which I stepped at the age of 15. At that age I was so wonderfully healed and my afflicted leg was restored from four years of suffering, after all remedies and hospital aid had failed to relieve me. My believing mother asked me if I couldn't believe in the dear Lord. I said "Yes." I wrote at once to the saints at Faith Pub. House for the prayer of faith in my behalf, and praise the Lord, I didn't have to wait to see whether my leg was going to get well or not, I just looked to Jesus, and through the prayers and faith of the Lord's workers my leg was well.

I am now 19 years of age, praising God for His goodness, and I am trying to live a life in which I know Jesus will be delighted to walk close by my side each day and will be pleased to lead me all the way through. Dear brothers, I could use a few more gospel tracts if the Lord wills you to send them. They help me wonderfully to get the truth unto the people. I so often use them as fore-runners. They are mighty to cut loose the strong holds of Satan, and in helping me to plant the Word of God here and there. I use the Faith and Victory as another weapon against Satan, and the dear little paper works wonderfully. I thank the Lord for His dear and faithful workers, and I thank Him for the help which I receive through His saints. Asking you dear ones to pray for me as your Brother and young worker in Jesus' dear name.

—BARTLEY SALYERS.

Winslow, Ark.—To the dear saints of God at Faith Pub. House and to all who are scattered abroad: Greetings in the most holy name of our Father. I thank God for a chance of telling the people about the love of God. I surely thank the Lord for the help that Brother and Sister Pruitt are to me and to many others. I haven't received the Holy

Spirit yet and I want the prayers of all the saints that I may. Please send me a few tracts to read and to give away. Your Brother in Christ.

—LORENZO WHITNEY.

Lititz, Pa.—Dear Bro. in Christ Jesus: Greeting to you and to all that are connected with the work at the office: Grace be unto you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We give thanks to God always for you all, and making mention of you in our prayers. Amen.

Not having written to you for a long time, it was not because of the lack of interest, but I had been so busy all the time.

Dear Bro., we need to keep wide awake and sober for the days are evil in which we are now living. The devil has spun his web to trap precious souls for whom Christ died. Oh, the avenues that are open which lead to the wrong. The masses are kept busy and are attracted by the follies and the vanities of the world. They are not giving any attention to the interests of the soul, but are rushing down the current of time, in sin and blindness, without giving it a thought.

What a blessing salvation from sin is; it is *peace and joy in the Holy Ghost*. Oh, the many that are not doing what they *ought* or *must do* to inherit eternal life.

Let us continue to pray for the dead in trespasses and sin, that a mighty awakening may bring them to a sense of their condition.

I enjoy reading the Faith and Victory.

Let us saints continue to pray for each other. I remain your Bro. under the Blood,

—M. L. Baker.

Charleston, W. Va.—To all the dear saints at Faith Pub. House, and all who love our Lord who gave His life a ransom for many: Dear ones, I am yet saved and walking a closer walk with God each day. Jesus keeps me free from sin, although sin may be heaped all around us, yet His precious blood has cleansed us from sin and His grace is sufficient to keep us free from sin, praise His precious name. The Lord healed me of a cough and lung trouble several months ago and I am yet healed. My baby's leg which at the same time also received a burn which seemed as if the burn was going to leave him with an afflicted limb, but praise the name of Jesus our Lord, that burned leg is now as the other leg: not even a scar on it. How wonderfully Jesus can heal, yes, both soul and body. Since that time, and even before, the Lord has healed the members of my family of different kinds of afflictions. We just trust Him for all His loving benefits. Dear brothers and sisters, the place where I am now living seems awfully wicked. The people will tell me they are Christians, but they say they know nothing about the divine power. I have talked to some and asked them if they had been fed or had tasted of the hidden manna of the Spirit, but poor souls did not seem to know what I was talking about. They have a form of Godliness but with-

out understanding, denying the power thereof.

I have been working around in this little neighborhood with my dear little helper, Faith and Victory, with the dear Lord helping and blessing us both. I have received the paper each month and it is so much help to me and helps me to help others. I thank the Lord for the dear paper and truly ask His tender blessings upon His true workers at Faith Pub. House laboring in His cause. I am at this time passing through a night of poverty, the deepest poverty that I have ever had to befall me, but dear saints I am praising our Lord the more and the louder, thanking Him for what I do receive and also what I don't receive, knowing that it is by faith we live, and not by the perishable things of this world. I know I shall be holden up by the mighty hand of Him in whom I trust. I will send in an offering as soon as the blessed Lord wills. Asking His blessings to be bestowed upon His dear saints everywhere, I remain your Sister and earnest helper in the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. —MARGARET SMITH.

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Blooming Rose, Mo.—Dear saints one and all: I greet you once more in the dear name of Jesus. This morning finds me saved and with victory over all sin. I am still determined to go on and live for the Lord. But I can only do so by His help and grace. The devil is always at work to try to discourage and overcome us and also has many cunning ways but if we watch and pray and stay close to the Lord He will give us victory, and He has promised that we will never be tried only as we are able to endure. Sometimes we are tested until it seems it is all we can endure, but when the burdens seem heavy we can just take it to the Lord in prayer and roll the burdens on Jesus and He will lift them and encourage us and give us peace.

I am glad I ever found a true friend in Jesus, although He is good to everyone if they only realized it. He even protects and cares for those who are in sin. I can look back over my life and can see now how He protected and cared for me and kept me out of some things that I thought would be best for me, but I know the Lord knew best. If He cares for and loves those who are not serving Him and who are not living for Him, how much more will He guide and help all who put their trust in Him. He has promised to supply all our needs and heals us when sick and blesses us, and above all has gone to prepare a place for us so we can be with Him after this life is over, so what more can we ask? Let us be encouraged and press on and keep close to the Lord. Pray earnestly for me, dear ones, that I may get closer to God and be true to Him. Your Sister,

—MARY GLOVER.

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Hennessey, Okla.—I am glad today to write my testimony in the little Faith and Victory. To-day finds me saved and living for the dear Lord up to all I know and understand. By His grace I mean to continue to live a faithful life. Dear ones pray for me that I be faithful until death. I realize more and

more this is a dressing room. As I dress, I want to dress right. I am praising the good Lord for His wonderful healing power. I was afflicted on the 4th Sunday of September in my finger, and blood poison set in. I did just like the Word of God says: called for the elders of the Church, was anointed and the prayer of faith was prayed and the Lord wonderfully healed my hand. Praise His name forever. What a wonderful God we serve. From your Sister in the one body. —ANNIE WILEY.

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Lititz, Pa.—Dear Brother and family and all helpers: In Jesus' dear name I will try to tell some of the Lord's doings for me. All, I cannot tell, because what the poet saith is true: "The half has never yet been told." Neither can I tell it, but the good Lord did wonders for me just in saving my soul alone. I am so glad for salvation this morning. I am bound for heaven through trials and troubles. At the same time I am glad for the faithful few that we can depend on. Will you pray for me that I hold on a short time longer at the longest. I am determined to go through at any cost, let come what will. It means something to say that. It goes deep. I have seen four of my daughters and my wife going in their graves. I have seen some very, very dear saints of God going away from us because we stuck to the truth. But shall all this move me? No. Why should I lose my soul on account of trials and troubles? I am so glad God gave me grace to overcome so far, and I am glad for the promise that He will be with me to the end, praise His holy name. Glory be to God! May the good Lord bless you all and your good work. I never saw any of you dear ones, but if we don't meet here on earth, let us be faithful so that we can meet in heaven is my prayer. Your Brother. —H. H. SHANK.

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Bloomington, Ind.—Dear Christian workers at Faith Pub. House: May the Lord bless you in this Christian work. I love to read this blessed paper, Faith and Victory. I love to read the testimonies of the saved and sanctified people. I am saved and sanctified through the blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. I have no desire for the things of this world. I am so glad the Lord saw fit to pick me up out of sin and set my feet on a solid Rock. Christ Jesus. I look forward each month for the Faith and Victory to appear. I enjoy reading it. I don't get to go to church every Sunday. I live 5 miles from town, but I read the blessed Bible and the Faith and Victory paper which I enjoy so much. May God bless you in this work is my prayer. Your Sister in Christ Jesus. —ALICE JOHNSTON.

Bonham, Texas.—Dear sanits: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. Just a few lines to the dear little paper. It is food to my soul. To-night finds me still a child of God, praising Him for His saving and keeping grace. It is one thing to be saved, and another to be kept. This has been the hardest year of my life to keep sweet in my soul. The devil has tried me hard through my children, but thank God His grace is sufficient, and I am never lonely. "Alone

with God, O blest retreat, to hold with Him communion sweet." The deep sweet lessons He teaches me comfort my heart in the deepest trials and conflicts of life. I have almost been down this week, but I have put all my trust in Jesus, so this morning finds me feeling fine, praise His name forever. We read in 1 Peter, second chapter and 24th verse where He who his own self bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we being dead to sins should live unto righteousness, by whose stripes ye were healed. Glory to God. We find in James five and sixteen: "The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Matt. 9: 29: "According to your faith be it unto you." So pray for me and my family that we do God's biddings. I am sending you a little offering. May God bless you all in your work. Send me more tracts as you see fit. As ever your Sister in Christ.

—MAY COONRAD.

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Elora, Tenn.—Dear Bro. and Sister in Christ: To-day finds me lifting up Christ. Although we are cast out for His name's sake, we have no time to spend for Satan. I am on the King's highway to stand until Christ comes. Thank God for peace and love in my heart. I thank God for the 6th chapter of 2 Cor., 17th and 18th verses which brought this great light to me. I am saved to the uttermost. Thank God for you that brought your little Faith and Victory to me. It has made me stronger in the faith. There are only three of us saints in this place, my husband, little daughter and myself. We pray God may bless you more and more and keep you clean and pure. Now I want you to send us some tracts. Be sure to send us some of that tract, "Forty-Eight Hours in Hell." You will find an offering to help God's holy Word go out unto this wicked world. I want to help block the devil. From your Sister in Christ.

—MRS. J. M. McCRARY.

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Cloutierville, La.—Greetings of love and fellowship to all the saints and readers of Faith and Victory. I have been getting the paper nearly one year and I never get tired reading it over again. It surely encourages me so much. It makes me look back about fifteen years ago when Jesus set me free from sin. It was the happiest day that I had ever seen. I am praying to the Lord every day to help you to keep sending the little paper to His loved ones scattered abroad. Dear Brother, I have been saying I was going to write you a letter. I was delayed someway. Please don't take my name off the list.

—OCTAVIA BENJAMIN.

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Zadock, Ark.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all saints of God scattered abroad: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. It seems good tonight to myself and the good Lord to write my testimony, and He has done so much for even unworthy me. I surely must tell you how He has just healed an awful bad sore foot for me. I bumped my foot against a car fender as I started to get in the car. In about 8 days my foot began to hurt and swell, and it was in time of the

very hot days in Sept., and in a few days it looked like it was bordering close on to blood poison. One neighbor told me a remedy, another told me something else to do, and so on. But as I was pretty well acquainted with my good old Book, called the Bible, (and I would to God that everybody would read and believe its teachings) I knew that their remedies were not to be found in that good Book. I also read in the first chapter of Psalms that, "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly." I also read in Jer. 17th chapter, that "Cursed is the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm. But blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord." I also read in the 5th chapter of James what the Lord says for His people to do who are either afflicted or sick. So I just set aside the counsel of the ungodly and took the Lord's advise, and fasted and prayed for more than 3 days and nights. Also a good Bro. and his wife, a good Sister, came and prayed for me and the 4th night I suffered awfully bad, but along towards day I spread my hands towards High Heaven and prayed earnestly, and oh, such an experience as I had with the Lord. Glory! Such a thrill that began to creep over and through my body and down the affected limb and into my foot, and just seemed to push all th suffering right up to one place and on out of my body, glory be to God! I began to sing, and I reckon I awoke my wife who, in a few minutes came into my room and asked me how I felt. I told her I felt better and that I thought the place was ready for opening. She unwrapped my foot and exclaimed, "Oh, I think so." Then she got a needle and gently lifted the edge of the scab that had formed over it, and what a lot of corruption rolled from that foot. As we read in the Bible of one who began to amend from that selfsame hour, so it was with me, and to-day I am able to be about my work again, giving all the praise and glory to the Lord and not to man. Amen. Praise the Lord. Hallelujah to His name.

Now, dear ones who read this, please get your Bibles and read 2 Peter, 1st chapter, down to the 12th verse, and let us all examine ourselves and see if we have yet been able to enter into the everlasting kingdom. Please notice in the 1st verse who the Apostle Peter is writing to. He is not addressing sinners, but those who have obtained the like precious faith as he. And now notice carefully the 4th verse tells us that through His glory and virtue (3rd verse) we are to be made partakers of His Divine nature, which of course will destroy, or take the place of the Adamic nature which we have all possessed up to this turning point in our lives. And now notice what we are to add to this "like precious faith" (and of course a sinner who has no faith could not do this adding). Please notice that virtue is the first principle to add to faith. Read St. Luke 8: 43-49 and 6: 18-19, and here you will see what virtue is, and what it will do. Now turn back to 2 Peter, 1st chapter and see the glorious promise in the 8th verse. Also look at the 9th verse and see who are the blind leaders of the blind. Now look at the glorious, yea, most glorious

promise in the 10th verse. Notice closely also the 11th verse and see if we cannot now understand why Paul said, "Through much tribulations do we enter into the kingdom of God, and we also understand why Jesus said, "Strive to enter in at the strait gate, for many, I say unto you shall seek to enter in and shall not be able" (Luke 13: 24; Matt. 7: 13-14).

The next thing in this adding is knowledge to virtue. What knowledge, and how much knowledge are we to add? Turn to Eph. 4th chapter and read the 8, 11, 12, 13, and 14 verses. Here you see that we all have something to do yet. And notice in the 14th verse what a glorious position we then may occupy. Also read 1 Cor. 2: 16. Now the next to add is temperance, and it surely does seem that a great many of us need to be more temperate in many things. The next to add is patience, and it seems also that many of us need more patience. One of the New Testament writers said, "In your patience possess ye your souls." And now we must next add Godliness, and as God is a Spirit, so we must live and learn more of the spiritual life and less of this world until we be completely separated from it. To Godliness we must add brotherly kindness. Oh! this one principle seems to be so badly overlooked with many. And last of all, but not least, comes the adding of charity, that wonderful principle, which Paul tells us of in 1 Cor. 13, that if we fail to possess it we are nothing. That wonderful love of God of which he tells us is shed abroad in our hearts by the Ho'y Ghost which is given unto us (Rom. 5: 5). He also tells us that it is the bond of perfectness, that finishing touch which which places us where we shall never fall. Amen. It is that perfect bond of love which unites us to each other so firm and compact that the gates of hell cannot prevail against us (Matt. 16: 18). Praise His name.

I do enjoy reading the testimonies of the dear children of God, and I hope this will be a benefit to someone, to cause them to wake up and look deep into the mysteries of Godliness and be diligent to make your calling and election sure. All please pray for me and mine. Your saved Bro. in the one body.

—W. H. STORMS.

AN OPEN LETTER

Guthrie, Okla.—Dear unsaved friend: I am in receipt of your letter a few days ago, and it is truly sad to know of your condition. But I thank God this morning that He so loved the world, that *whosoever* will repent and believe in the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross should not perish, but have everlasting life. Oh, dear soul, bitten and poisoned by the devil, that old serpent, behold this morning the Lamb of God! He suffered and died to destroy the works of the devil and He is no respecter of persons: He tasted death for every man and woman. Read in St. John 3: 14: "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up, that *whosoever* (God help you to grasp the greatness of

His love in this word) believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." You know to-day the serpent has bitten and poisoned many souls, and there is absolutely no other cure only by making the sacrifice of Jesus and His blood shed on Calvary's cross an offering for your sin. Read also John 3: 16. Oh! the good news to the lost sinner in these words. Millions have found life, rest and deliverance through them. Of course, real heart belief causes people to put in practice and action what they believe.

We have had agreement of prayer here: at the printing office for you and rebuked the powers of the devil and believe God sets you free that you can call on His name in faith now, and He will hear and grant your salvation. Read also Romans 10: 9-10, and Romans 5: 8. How wonderful! It is good news to the heavy laden heart. Freedom! Freedom! to the captives. Praise God. "He commendeth His love toward us, (you, me, and every creature under heaven) in that, *while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*"

Jesus taught and said that "All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven, except the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost." Now the way I understand is that if one never has received the Holy Ghost, they likely have not blasphemed against Him and therefore if they repent they can be pardoned and saved from whatever sins they have done; and though your sins are black and red like crimson, God promises in Isa 1: 18, to wash them as white as the snow. Read that Scripture for yourself, and remember that Satan is rebuked and you are at liberty to seek God and claim His promises for yourself. Jesus forgave the thief and murderer on the cross and surely He will you. The devil wants to drag your soul and the souls of others down into that lake of fire and the outer darkness of that bottomless pit. Here is another Scripture please read, Heb. 11: 6: "But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he that *cometh to God must believe that He is* (which you do) and that He *is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.*" Praise God, and it is true as He has said. Please also notice this precious Scripture in Heb. 7: 25, "Wherefore He *is able* to save them *to the uttermost* that come to God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them." Also notice in 1 John 1: 9, "If we *confess* our sins, He *is faithful and just to forgive* us our sins, and to *cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*" If the great sufferings of Jesus were not able or sufficient to save and pardon *to the uttermost*, I wouldn't feel like so fearlessly, freely and undoubtedly representing it to lost souls. For of a truth the grace and mercy of God found me deep in the miry clay of sin, and I know by experience that God is able to save the vilest of sinners, for I surely saw myself a lost, ruined, wretched sinner, though I was saved when 19 years of age. God does not look with favor on sin of any kind, and no one can enter heaven spotted by it. Of course, the Spirit of God will not always strive with men and women, and now while conviction is strong upon your conscience and heart

is time to repent and turn to God, for He will have mercy and abundantly pardon you, and also the members of your family.

The Word of God speaks of some souls in this way: "And others save with fear, *pulling them out of the fire*; hating even the garments spotted by the flesh" (Jude 23). There are many more Scriptures telling of God's mercy and forgiveness to lost souls as they repent. Remember, neither you nor anyone are worthy of, nor merit anything from God, but God gives us freely of His unmeasured grace (unmerited favor from God). "For by grace are ye saved, through faith; and that *not of yourselves*, it is the *gift of God*" (Eph. 2:8). Now I commend you unto the free and offered grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us to wash us from our sins in His on precious blood. By repentance and faith plunge beneath this flood, and surely you will be cleansed and lose all your guilty stains. We shall continue to pray for you, and expect to hear the glad news of your salvation. I remain a friend to sinners. —Robert Longley.

HOPE

For the Son of man is come to *save* that which was lost. How think ye? If a man have an hundred sheep and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray? And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray. Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish. The Father in heaven sent His Son into this world to save His people from their sins (Matt. 1: 21).

Coming to this world first, the Son of God died to reconcile the world to the Father, and to take away the sins of many, by the blood-shedding of our Lord Jesus Christ. Much more then, being now justified by His blood, *we shall be saved from wrath through Him*. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more being reconciled, *We shall be saved by His life*.—Rom. 5: 9-10. (Flesh and blood can not enter heaven). "For ye see your calling, brethren, how not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble are called. But God hath chosen the weak things of the world, to confound the things which are mighty, that no flesh should glory in His presence. But of Him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us: wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, redemption, that according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord" (1 Cor. 26 to 31).

But sin is not imputed when there is no law (Rom. 5: 13). So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many, and unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation (Heb. 9: 28). All who come before Him are thieves and robbers. There is hope for all who

wait on Him. The only sin is that they do not believe in Him to accept the Life. This is He that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness because the Spirit is truth, and Jesus Christ is the *way*, the *truth*, and the *life*. This is the true God and eternal life. From one who stands for His people. Yours in Christ.

—MARTIN SCHANZ.

MEDITATION

"Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work" (Heb. 13: 20-21).

These words form a part of the blessed apostolic benediction at the close of the book of the Hebrews. Therein the Apostle Paul makes a final appeal in behalf of the New Covenant, certifying its utility, and declaring its lasting benefits. Through and by the blood of the everlasting Covenant God is going to perfect His people.

The Jews stumbled at the New Covenant because they thought they could be made perfect by the Old Covenant, i. e., the Law. Law is in antithesis to the Grace of God, which saves aside from works (Eph. 2: -10), just as the Old Testament is temporary in contrast with the eternity of the New Testament or Covenant. The goal of salvation is ever perfection. If perfection were possible under the Law, by the sprinkling of the blood of bulls and of goats, then there was no need of the ignominious death of Christ upon the accursed tree. Guilty sinners, men who considered themselves perfect under the Old Covenant, cried "Crucify Him!"—but God sees one thing, *The Blood of Christ*, and declares that through His blood all who call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved and made perfect. Our text carries no reference to man's part in connection with the Crucifixion, save as to the benefits of the redeemed derive therefrom, viz., eternal perfection through the blood.

The Holy Spirit speaks "the God of peace," or of all peace. The Law could not bring nor establish peace between a guilty race and its holy Creator. The Jew knew a God strong and mighty, whose sword was ever in His hand, swift to punish. God was not one of peace, under the Old Covenant, but rather, of unrest; for the holiness of the Law had to be vindicated and His justice satisfied. Sin had broken God's Sabbath rest and peace centuries before, and it was not till Christ cried "It is finished!" that God could be at peace with a sin-cursed earth. This peace, however, is only between God and those who are reconciled through the blood of the Cross. "Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord" (Rom. 5: 1).

Christ is spoken of as "that great Shepherd of the sheep." The beauty and excellence of the New

Covenant are apparent as we study this phrase. The Old Covenant was between God and an elect nation. The New Covenant is between God and Christ as Shepherd in behalf of an elect people, *The Redeemed*, Christ's body, the true Church, His sheep. The New Covenant is eternal, since it rests upon a finished work, sealed by the blood. The blessings of the New Covenant are enjoyed by all who abide in Christ.

The blood is not the only seal; the other is the resurrection. Christ in death was the Good Shepherd, giving His life for the sheep; in His resurrection He becomes the Great Shepherd, Who lives for His sheep. On the cross sin conquered; by the Resurrection, the grave was rent: and so we enjoy eternal security in the Beloved.

The Old Covenant was a shadow. Its chief feast was the Great Day of Atonement, when once each year the High Priest entered the Holy of Holies and sprinkled the blood upon the mercy seat. Christ became our High Priest and once for all has sprinkled His blood in the Holy of Holies; His blood is ever before the Throne of Grace, our hope, our surety, our guarantee of full salvation here and hereafter. God gave His Son, and the Son gave His blood—our part is to believe, to stand upon the solid rock.

Faith in Christ is not a leap in the dark. Faith is justified by the resurrection of Christ, the first-fruits of a perfected creation. Sin is not always going to curse the world. The day is drawing nigh when there will be a new heaven and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness. The new order began at the tomb when Christ arose. Throughout this Church age God is cleansing all who call upon Him by the blood, thereby laying the foundation for that complete recreating and hallowing of our lives until we shall be presented spotless in His sight.

The hope of the Church is not world-betterment; it is *Completeness in Christ*. Christ is our all-sufficient Savior. What we lost in the fall, through the depravity of the race, is fully and eternally restored to us through the blood of Christ. Little wonder the Apostle breaks forth with the words, "To whom be glory forever and ever, amen." The wonder of salvation is that God will glorify us, and that we can glorify Him. God help us to remember, "A charge to keep, I have a God to glorify." Amen.—C. A. B.

OUR RESPONSIBILITY TOWARD SOULS

One evening when I was enjoying a revival within my soul, I asked the Lord in secret prayer to show me a heavenly vision according to Joel 2: 28. God in His infinite love and compassion granted my petition, which I shall relate as follows:

I saw that I was sitting at home with my dear mother and some other ladies. The world was in peace and safety, no indication of any convulsion or agitation. Suddenly a violent emotion shook the whole universe, causing me quite a terror, that I was induced to hide myself in some place. But my mother said, "Don't be dismayed, Jesus is coming." At this I leaped out of my hiding-place and gazing up toward

heaven, I saw an exceeding bright cloud and multitudes of those who were dead rise and flock together in that cloud until it was filled. The stars became dyed with red colors and were about to fall down. I then cried at the top of my voice saying, "Hallelujah! Amen, Lord Jesus, come." People imagined that these stars should tumble down to the earth, but I explained to them that such occurrence would not be accomplished until believers are taken up, and then such catastrophe that tends for the destruction of the world will take place. I felt at that time an extraordinary unseen power that drew me upward and therefore I was exceedingly glad. But soon I remembered the lost souls that are being alienated from God through sin. I became very sad and felt great responsibility toward those lost souls for whom Christ died and came to save.

Then I said, "Lord, are there not two more spare days to proclaim Christ to lost, dying humanity?" No sooner had I said this then I felt myself on my errand, going here and there with great speed speaking to men about their souls' salvation. I spoke to my mother. She replied that she was ready. I then spoke to other women near a burial place and who were Mohamedans, about salvation through faith in Christ, some of whom accepted and some refused as if I were a mocker.

When I woke up in the morning, I remembered the vision and therefore I felt the great responsibility in stirring the camp of the saints down here for the salvation of precious souls. I therefore left for Mittertares by train and told one of our dear brethren in the Lord concerning our responsibility as believers toward the salvation of precious souls, then he at once started to speak to men about the free salvation of God. From there I went to Bro. Mikhail Hanna, the post master at Tamia, and my Brother in the Lord, and related to him something of my vision and our responsibility toward fallen men. He therefore got encouraged and opened up a public meeting where men and women attend every night to hear the preaching of the pure gospel of Christ. God is working with him and there are from fifteen to thirty souls attend.

I then went to Fayoum and related the vision to the beloved children of God, which was the means of a great revival and the enjoying of greater responsibility upon their hearts concerning the salvation of precious souls. I went also to Beni Suef to labor in the vineyard of the Lord. I spoke with our Bro. Hanna Arsanious. God gave us glorious meetings in which the presence of God was manifest. We rejoiced much in the Lord, so that after we dismissed the meeting, we were accompanied by the brethren to more calls. We did not sing and pray in the homes of the people only, but on our way home, in order to stir up the indifferent and awaken the sleepy, we began to have a street singing. May God awaken all His dear saints to do their duty in holy fear to rescue fallen humanity before the great coming of the Lord. Amen.

—SHIHATTA GUIRGIS.

Fayoum, Egypt.