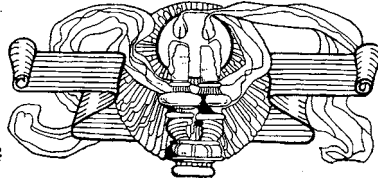


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Jesus

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"GRACE BE UNTO YOU, AND PEACE"

From the "House of Faith,"
Whence the gospel is sent forth,
Comes to you this season
A message of cheer,
To comfort your soul
As you go on your way.

The message was told
By angels who sang,
And appeared to shepherds
Who herded their sheep
On the hills near the town
O'er which the star shone.

The truth was made known,
That a Savior was born,
In Bethlehem town,
And as king He was crowned
For wise men bowed down—
Shepherds noised it about.

He would give us peace
By taking our place,
Appeasing God's wrath
While we may go free
From the bondage of sin
In which the devil held us.

Because of this Babe
Who has paid our great debt,
Our hearts are ablaze
With fullness of peace,
And ever flowing love
With good will to you all.

THE GIFT OF GOD

As this is Christmas time again and many people are very busy fixing, planning and preparing gifts to give with the thought of making some one happy and to honor the supposed birth-day of Jesus Christ our Lord, we want to consider Jesus for a while, the greatest gift that was ever given to man.

The inspired writer of the Hebrew letter, in the third chapter and first verse, in addressing holy brethren and partakers of the heavenly calling says, "Consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession,

Christ Jesus", declaring Him to be faithful to Him that appointed Him, precious thought and blessed truth.

To consider this "Gift of God" properly, we shall begin with the miraculous birth of Jesus which came about by the direct work of God and not through natural causes, for we read in the first chapter of Matthew that Mary his mother was espoused to Joseph and before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. When Joseph was considering her condition and was thinking of putting her away, the Lord appeared to Him in a dream and said: "Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife; for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins."

The wisdom of this world would try to do away with the divinity of Christ and claim that His birth was the result of natural causes; but we believe God even as it is written in His word, and we know that He is almighty, that there is nothing too hard for Him to do for the things that are impossible with man are all possible with God. All glory be to His holy name.

Now, when this God given child was born in the little town of Bethlehem as it was prophesied, "Out of thee shall come a governor, that shall rule my people Israel." Matt. 2: 6, there was quite a stir made among the heavenly beings as the angel of the Lord suddenly appeared to the shepherds who were in the field nearby watching their sheep, saying, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day, in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." At that moment there appeared on the scene a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

According to the heavenly host, Jesus, the "Gift of God" was to bring glory to Him and peace on earth, with good will toward men, and thus many give to others at Christmas time in honor of this God "Gift" who has brought peace to them causing them

to have a good will toward all men and they rejoice as did the "wise men" who, when they had found the babe, fell down and worshiped Him, "Opened their treasure and presented unto Him Gifts." Matt. 2: 11.

While the heavenly host was stirred to great rejoicing and of spreading the glad news of a new born King, and righteous men were worshiping and giving praise and honor to God for this GIFT, there were others that were stirred about the matter because of evil in their hearts. King Herod was greatly troubled when he heard of this new born King, and sought to slay the child. He sent his soldiers to Bethlehem and slew the male children under two years of age, thus, we see that Satan working in the hearts of his subjects sought to kill Jesus from His very birth, but God who has power over all the power of the enemy, frustrated the plans of Satan and sent Jesus, "the Gift" by night, with his mother and Joseph into Egypt. Satan could not kill Christ until the time appointed, when He was to pour out His blood for the atoning of our sins.

After Joseph and Mary returned from Egypt with Jesus we hear nothing more of Him until He was twelve years old when they went up to Jerusalem to be taxed and at that time He tarried behind and when they returned to hunt for Him, they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions, and they were all astonished at His *understanding* and answers. And so it is to-day, the learned men and those who possess much wisdom of the world are astonished and confounded at the wisdom and understanding given to the unlearned who, by faith, receive Christ into their hearts; Christ, the cross, the atoning blood, the Gift of God, the resurrection of Jesus and the Holy Ghost given, are all a great mystery to the majority of men who possess wisdom of this world, are looked up to as great men of our time, it is all rather foolishness to them, because it has pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. 1 Cor. 1: 21. And again we read, "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them because they are spiritually discerned."

It is not hard to see and discern that a very large amount of the hustle and bustle, planning, buying and giving, the loading of tables and eating, together with a large display of Christmas trees and program are just a sham and many of those who participate in them have no knowledge of spiritual life in God.

Those who come together in the name of the Lord on Christmas day and sing spiritual songs with prayers, looking unto God and eat their dinner

with thankful hearts to God the giver of all good things can be pleasing in the sight of God, or gifts given out of a heart that desires to show their good will toward men can be honoring to God and a proper way of celebrating the supposed birth-day of Jesus who has redeemed those that believe, back to God.

—Fred Pruitt.

Held for ransom

"For there is one God, and one Mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time" 1 Tim. 2: 5-6. Sin has put the handcuffs and shackles, as it were, on all of Adam's race. We are led and held captive by the devil because Adam and Eve believed his lie, surrendered their Godlikeness of purity and innocency, and of course were caught in his snare and became bond subjects of the realm of his dark and hideous kingdom. Oh, yes, the bait looked very nice and enticing, but just think what this has meant to all the human family. A trapper wouldn't get much game if he set his grim, ugly looking steel traps bare to the view of his coveted prey. He conceals them, sometimes under water or light leaves and grass. The animals only see or smell the sweet meats, and just about the time they begin to enjoy the easily found food the trap or snare is doing its captivating or death-dealing work.

God set about to redeem and reclaim His heritage back to Himself, but the blindness and deception was so great and the fallen nature so bent to evil and fleshly lusts and pleasures, that the sacrifices and deaths of innocent little lambs, being led so willingly and dumbly to shed their blood, was not able to fully break up man's hard and stony heart, accomplish God's purpose, nor portray His wonderful love. Men seemed to choose to stay in the captive servitude of the enemy, or through lack of perfection of heart were drawn back, and year by year had to make sacrifices. This all pointing to the time of One Great Sacrifice, that many prophets and righteous men who died in the faith desired to see. But praise God, it did come. —"In due time"—a time when a great spiritual dearth was over the earth. God's love to mankind reached its climax when He sent His own Son, the incarnate Word who became as one with us—"In the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh." He, the blessed Christ, tasting of the weakness of the flesh, the various and divers temptations, just as you and I are heir to.—Why? God SO loved us. Dear soul can't you behold it? "For He hath made Him

to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him" 2 Cor. 5: 21.

Suppose, my friend, you were snared and taken captive by the bandits of lawless China, Mexico, or some other country; stripped of all your pocket money and little valuables you might have, and held till a great ransom price is paid. You surely couldn't look to your own means or physical strength to escape or redeem your self. They will take no promise of yours to pay by and by. Cash is what they are after, and cash they must have or you don't go. Your only hope would be the kindness and hospitality of some friends who so love you that they are willing to pay the sum if only you are set at liberty. So it is with us in the spiritual captivity. We were stripped of all righteousness and wealth of Godly image and likeness in the fall. We are in miserable despair if we begin to look at ourselves,—our filthy selves, unrighteous, unholy, corrupt. But one servant of God calls us to behold what manner of love our Father has bestowed upon us. Let us look away from ourselves unto Jesus, the blessed Lamb of God, without spot or blemish, who gave HIMSELF to pay our ransom price. Bless Him forevermore. Does not this love win your heart to Him? "For when we were yet *without strength*, in due time Christ died for the *ungodly*" Rom. 5: 6. Your redemption is purchased, friends; the price has been paid. There is no other way of freedom and liberty and salvation but through the name and merits of Jesus. Humble yourself; repent in sorrow for your sins, give your heart to Jesus and He will translate you out of the awful kingdom of darkness, sin and despair, into His own kingdom of light, peace and liberty, where righteousness dwells.

Someone might say, "I once enjoyed that peace and joy and liberty, but now my feet are entangled in one of the cunning snares of the enemy." There is deliverance through the love and mercies of Jesus. Repent; do thy first works, and be recovered out of the snare of the devil. There is not a friend like Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for ALL to be testified in due time,—the needed time. If you will be His friend while living, He will be your friend in death. "He will see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied" Isa. 53: 11, and nothing else will satisfy or suffice.

"Oh, people of God, who have His blest Word,
Will you not heed the command of your Lord,
And publish to all of Adam's lost race
Pardon, forgiveness, salvation through grace."

May God bless each captive soul and help you to behold His wondrous love, and appropriate the great

Sacrifice and Ransom price of the blood of Jesus for the delivery, freedom and salvation of your own soul is my prayer.

—Robert Longley.

THE DEVIL'S ANAESTHETIC.

"And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, 'Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee'" (Acts 24: 25).

There is no record that the convenient season ever arrived. And so it is today: Satan stood at Felix's shoulder, while Paul gave forth the message, and with an opiate dulled his conscience and he did not get right with God then—or perhaps ever. Satan is ever on the job, and one of his tasks, self-appointed, is to defeat as well as to deceive "the very elect if it were possible" and it is possible in too many lives.

It is said of John Bunyon that he told of how every time he got hold of one of God's promises, that the devil got hold of the other end, and the fight began, he pulled one way...the devil pulled the other; he won because he had hold of something that will never fail if you hold fast to them...God's promises. But if you let Satan slip around with a little vial of anaesthetic and use it on you—then begin to believe that God's promises are for someone else, or for some other time.

Souls are going down into eternal hell, you get stirred about it as its awfulness is revealed to you; but the impression grows fainter as you wait for a "convenient season," and souls continue to go down to eternity without Christ, while you sit singing, lustily, "Rescue the perishing, care for the dying—."

The missionaries send pleas for prayer and means to carry on the work of God in the darkness of heathendom, you resolve to pray more earnestly and frequently, to be more regular and faithful in your offerings to God for that work...yes, you THINK you will, but unless you DO, Satan will put you to sleep on THAT question and will gain a victory over not only you, but it effects many others also.

Jesus knew what He was talking about when He cautioned His disciples so frequently to WATCH. The enemy never sleeps, he has anaesthetics and stupifiers for every occasion, ready to administer, and he is just as willing to use them on you as anyone. So Jesus bids even you to WATCH.

These are the last days of this dispensation of God's grace, and the enemy of our souls is wide awake. He would put such a lethargy on God's people that no one will be ready when Jesus comes...if he can. There is power in the Blood, praise God; power over all his power, his anaesthetics can do no harm to one who keeps under the protection of the blood of Christ, it avails for everything. Filled with the Spirit...and will not take effect, on fire for God...and you will feel them making you drowsy in His service. The full armour of God, keep it on all the time, you will need it before long if you do not now. And "WATCH!"

—R. G. A.

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EDITORIALS

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The saints at Guthrie are active in making preparation for the assembly meeting that is to be held during the holidays. The chapel building has been wired for electricity, so there will be better lights for natural use, and we are praying that heavens light will shine bright in the soul of every saint that attends, and that they will have good connection with the power house in heaven. All are welcome.

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Those who have not ordered the little book "STEPS TO CHRIST", should consider this book as it will feed your soul or some one elses during Christmas and Holidays. We send them out for twenty-five cents, postage paid to you.

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When we put the last issue of FAITH and VICTORY in the mails, there was a burden lifted from our souls and we rejoiced in God that He had made us able to get another paper ready and mailed out to our readers and we continued in earnest pray that God would work and make the paper as great a blessing as possible to every reader, we felt assured in our hearts that He would do this; consequently, many letters has been coming in from all directions, in which they speak of the blessings and help received through the reading of the *Faith and Victory* paper. A great many of these dear souls are very poor, not only in purse, but in health, some of them being invalids and others in alms houses and in jails; but they are precious souls in God's sight for He gave His Son for them. "He has chosen the poor of this world, rich in faith, and heirs to the kingdom which He has promised to them that love Him," James 2: 5. And so we rejoice to know that we can be workers together with Him, to feed and to bless those whom He loves.

We have received a large amount of good testimonies and have read them with interest and encouragement to our souls; but it is not possible for us to put only a small portion of them in the Faith and Victory paper, but we assure you that we appreciate you writ-

ing us as it encourages our hearts to know that God is making the paper a blessing to your soul and your prayers have not been in vain as we have felt the prayers of our readers who have called upon God in our behalf, for He does hear your cry.

It takes real faith in God to move on with a work like this where there is no charges made and God alone is leaned on and looked to for all things. The expenses are continually to be met and Satan is doing all he can to hinder and discourage one who would look wholly to God, as he hates a faith work, does not want God honored and magnified in this definite manner, will often tell us (when one paper is mailed out and resources are exhausted that God will not supply for another. We resist him in the name and power of God and go on getting ready another paper as God makes us able and in due time (His time) another paper is mailed out. It is true that we have not got the paper out every month as we would like but with your prayers and God's hand working we want to be able to get more papers out this coming year, at least there is one thing that we desire above all else and that is when it does go out that it be filled with plain simple truth of the Bible that will feed your souls and nourish you in His kingdom and also that sinners reading it will be able to see their way clearly to Christ the life giver, and encourage you to possess a co-operative spirit and feel that you have a part in this work of feeding the multitudes that may perish and die in their sins unless we use "What we have in our hands" to get truth to our fellow creatures. May God bless each one of you this coming New year.

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In looking back over this past year of battle we can see some Ebenezers set up along the way, where God undertook in a precious way, causing some one to feel "The pull of prayer" and special needs were met by the direct work of God, bodies have been healed, yes very many, threatened afflictions have been resisted and over come in His strength, sinners have been convicted and thoroughly saved and the increased number of subscribers to Faith and Victory, together with a steady increase of tracts sent out is all caused by the special working of God in making grace abound to His glory and honor.

We are thankful to God to see the co-operating spirit that many of our readers have, in so much that they give of their substance, and in many other ways to the work, and we are assured in our hearts that you will not lose your reward as God is a faithful creator. We desire your continued agreement in prayer as it seems sometimes we have to meet Satan face to face in conflict, for the trials of faith are many and often prolonged as the common enemy is very persistent at times; but thanks be unto God who gives us the victory through the Lord Jesus Christ. All praise be unto our God who reigns above all the powers of darkness.

In this morning's mail, in one of the letters a dear soul encouraged our hearts, by enclosing a slip of paper containing this verse: "The Lord shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face * * * * and flee before thee

seven ways," Deut. 28:7. This is truly so, as we keep our eyes on Jesus our enemies will flee, bless the Lord for victory through Christ.

Another dear brother who is zealous of good works, sent us a little tract entitled "The pull of Prayer" which is very encouraging to those who walk by faith in God.

The Pull Of Prayer

In a foreign land one of God's children sorely pressed by the enemy and much in need of financial relief, turned to the Source from whence he had often received help, and prayed that God would send what he so much needed. He prayed for a definite number of dollars, for the need was definite. This was the assurance he received—"But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Phil. 4:19. And he went on his way trusting in that promise.

In the home-land a dear child of God—a "shut in"—but rejoicing in Christ, and spending much of her time in communion with her precious Lord, felt strongly the pull of prayer. "What is it, Lord?" she asked. Then God spoke to her of His child in a foreign land and reminded her of a sum of money she would not need, and she who loved Jesus needed but just a gentle reminder from her Lord. So she sent this message to that waiting, trusting one: "I realize the pull of prayer and so send you this sum to be used for what you are most earnestly praying for." It was exactly the sum asked for. How this cheered the hearts of those who realized afresh God was "keeping watch above His own," and He had those who realized the "pull of prayer" and were quick to respond.

God in mercy hears His children
When they cry to Him;
Hears and quickly sends the answer
Back again to them.

But in sending, oft He chooses
Some dear child of His,
Who knows naught save "Jesus calls me,"
"Pull of Prayer" is this.

Some one weak and heavy-laden,
Full of pain and care;
Yet is quick to hear the Master,
This is "pull of prayer."

Out upon the field of battle
Some one cries in pain.
Jesus hears and sends a healer.
"Pull of prayer" again.

Messengers to heathen darkness,
Through the land be fair—
Stand and wait. Oh, are they waiting
For "the pull of prayer?"

Will you pray the Lord to send forth
Men to do and dare?
You shall know the blessed power
Of "the Pull of prayer."

Will you trust and tell the Master
All your grief and care?
You shall know as others cannot
Of "the pull of prayer."

—Sel.

OBITUARY

Louisa Cary, born at Spring, Mo., July 1, 1864, departed this life at her home near Manchester Okla., Nov. 13, 1926; age 62 yrs., 4 months, 13 days. She was married to Wm. Reed, Nov. 19, 1881 at Anthony, Kans. To this union 8 children were born, 2 sons and six daughters, two daughters preceeded her in death. She is survived by her husband, six children, nine grand children, three brothers, two sisters and a host of friends.

Sister Reed was converted nearly forty years ago and later was led out into the light of the full gospel, and has for many long years been a very devout saint. She has been a mother in Israel, and a succorer of many, as was attested by a host of friends who sincerely mourned her departure.

Funeral services conducted by the writer. Text Psa. 116: 15.

She was laid to rest beneath a wilderness of flowers in the cemetery at Manchester, Okla. May God comfort the bereaved,
—W. H. Shoot.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Sister Sidonia Benjamin of Natchitoches, La. requests the prayers of the saints that the Lord heal her of an affliction which is upon her body.

Bro. E. Myers of El Reno, Okla. desires the prayers of the saints that he will be healed of the Palsy.

Giving things worth while

Then Peter said, "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. (Acts 3:6).

How thankful I am that Jesus gave love, kindness, friendship and every thing worth while to the souls of earth. Peter was abiding in Jesus at the time he met the lame man, therefore Christ in him (Peter) gave the lame man the wonderful gift of health.

Christ desires to work in and through us to the extent that wonderful gifts be given to poor lost humanity.

Many gifts are given at this time of the year. Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord are your hearts not made to feel sad as you note the spirit in back of a large percent of the giving? Oh the giving to receive as much again makes the child of God feel sick at heart. The spirit that is within us causes us to shrink from

the very thought of giving thus, while we are drawn close to God to intercede with tears for those who are blind to the Christ-like way of giving and to give thus.

May the grace of God fill all of our hearts. There are souls who are seeking the gifts we will then be in a position to give. I saw the following experience of a soul for whom Christ died, in print. I will give it in condensed form.

A child was reared in a home where misery abounded. He grew to be a young man and went out into the world void of the qualities that make friends. He soon committed a crime and was sent to prison. While there he received some bible teaching and got to the place where he longed to have friends, or a friend, and be friendly. He entertained hopes of living thus when free. He was released from prison a short time before Christmas. Christmas Eve found him friendless. He entered a lighted building, believing he would be among Christians and find a friend.

A program was being rendered. He took a seat near the door. Soon cries of horror arose. The decorated tree in the front of the room was ablaze. The children near were in danger. Each adult seemed to rush forward for a child. The ex-prisoner noticed a little girl run frantically to a far corner of the room. Her clothing was burning. He ran toward her pulling off his over-coat as he went. He reached the child, wrapped his over-coat about her, bore her safely to the door, then collapsed.

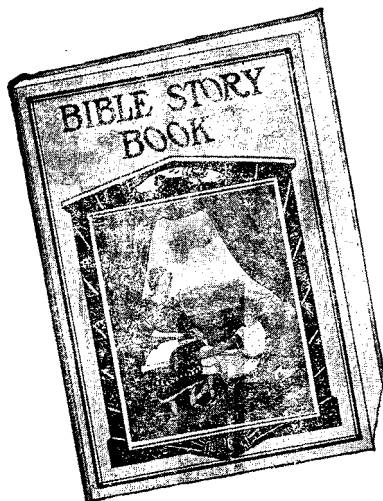
He gained consciousness on a hospital cot. His hopes of now having a friend in person of the child's father, were bright. The expectation of having him sit beside the bed and gently clasp his badly burned hand, gave him much joy. But instead an envelope was brought to his bed-side containing a check of \$1,000 and a note. The sum substance of the note was as follows: "I trust you will understand that, because of our stations in life, real friendship can not spring up between us. I however heartily appreciate the fact that you have saved my child's life and am enclosing a reward."

Never was a soul more disappointed. He got well and left the hospital still friendless. The ex-prisoner decided that life in the prison with the friendless was at least tolerable. He could not bear it outside. In a short time he again fell in to sin. He was in possession of the check that he received in the hospital at the time he was to return to prison. He cared nothing for it, therefore he mailed it back to the man who had sent it, with lines that I trust caused the man to pray through to God and become indwelt by Christ, fitted to give to souls what they really hunger and thirst for.

Dear saint of God let us not become weary of rowing against the current—give up and drift a bit with it. Let us cry mightily to God to fill us with His Spirit that some poor souls may see the error of their way and turn to Christ, so that He in them can give to this world things worth while. Yours, desiring to be true and faithful,
—Rosella Slifer.

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THE BRIGHT AND MORNING STAR

(Rev. 22: 16.)

"I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the Churches. I am the root and offspring of David, the bright and morning star."

The year of our Lord, 1926 is soon coming to a close; yet, before its close it brings to our minds a great event, the birth of Christ.

As the star of Bethlehem pointed to the place of His birth; so He as our great day-star points us to our eternal rest. As Peter puts it, "We have also a more

sure word of Prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day-star arise in our hearts." 2 Pet. 1: 19, so we see by this scripture that He is a star that not only shines in the night as other stars; but one that shines in the day. A star that we can look to all the time. Praise His name.

He also is the star that is spoken of in Num. 24: 17, "I shall see him, but not now; I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel."

So dearly beloved, let us look unto Him and not to man, let us see Him as He is without spot and blameless, the great Shepherd of the sheep. To be one of His sheep we must keep our eyes on our great Day-star. Amen.

—Geo. F. Hartzell.

UNITY

"That they all may be one; as thou, Father, are in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." John 17: 21.

As we listen to these words spoken by our Saviour in His last prayer for His disciples before He was crucified, we feel the desire of His heart; that they all may be one, not divided into many different bodies or churches, but one. Why did He want them to be one? That the world may believe that thou hast sent me. But sad indeed, we see so much division and strife that many have ceased to believe. But praise God, He still has a people who are one in doctrine, heart and spirit. "Thy watchman shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye when the Lord shall bring again Zion." Isa. 52: 8. So they must all see alike. God's Spirit will not show us something, and show our brother something opposite or contrary to what He showed us.

But what shall we say of those who claim to be in God's Church and yet have strife and divisions among them? There are some who have let self get between them and God and lost the sweet spirit of unity and love that should dwell in their hearts and have forgotten to "Be kindly affectioned one to another, with brotherly love: In honor preferring one another." Rom. 12: 10. Not feeling we should be above some one else but with love and honor preferring another above our selves. If we are saved and sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost, we will all be one. Let us be endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace. Eph. 4: 3. That the world may believe on Christ and that they may see the beautiful Church of the living God all built together in one Christ Jesus. So we being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. Rom. 12: 5. Finally, be ye all of one mind. 1 Pet. 3: 8. Finally brethren, farewell, be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you. 2 Cor. 13: 11.

—Susie Whipple.

DOERS OF THE WORD

"Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving your own souls." Jas. 1: 22.

This article is written with a prayer that the Holy Spirit may open the eyes of those who say they believe God's word and love Jesus as their personal Saviour, yet whose lives are so *inconsistent* with the teachings of the word that they follow after the lusts of the flesh to the eternal damnation of their souls. 1 Jno. 2: 15-16; also Rom. 2: 13.

"He that saith I know Him, and keepeth not His commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him." 1 John 2: 4. All such have their part in the lake of fire. Rev. 21: 8.

"My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth." 1 John 3: 18. "They hear thy words, but they will not do them, for with their mouth they show much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness." Eze. 33: 31.

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." Matt. 7: 21.

Let the Word of God judge us. Let our work be done, "not with eye service as men pleasers, but as the servants of Christ, *doing the will of God from the heart.*" Eph. 6: 6.

But good works will not save our souls.

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but *according to his mercy he saved us*, by the washing of regeneration and *renewing* of the Holy Ghost. Titus: 5. Also Eph. 2: 8-10 and 2 Cor. 5: 17. "Then said they unto him, what shall we do that we might work the works of God? Jesus answered and said unto them, *This is the work of God that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.*" John 6: 28-29

Dear friends, remember that "He that is of God heareth God's words," also, "ye hear them not because ye are not of God." John 8: 47. So then let us search the scriptures daily, Acts 17: 11, for "all scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto every good work." 2 Tim. 3: 16-17.

"For the Word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a *discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*" Heb. 4: 12.

REUBEN or "AN INHERITANCE FORFEITED"

Genesis 49: 34. *Reuben means (See a son!).*

Many bright hopes clustered around this first born, entitled to birthright, preeminent in dignity and power.

1. What the birthright meant: 1. A double portion of the father's goods. 2. Chieftainship over younger brothers. 3. Family priesthood. Such was Reuben's inheritance.

2. What proof have we of his instability of character? "Unstable as water." He only mildly protested when his brothers intended to kill Joseph; that was not an isolated act, but the symptom of an undisciplined character. Frothy, effervescent like some of Syria's streams leaping up strongly at the source but soon drying up and failing.

3. Righteousness must be regal and supreme in the life. Reuben, a weak fickle nature. A feeble stand for the right is no stand at all. Many modern Reubens. God needs men who are moral Protestants of the Luther and Wesley type; men of conscience who will nail their principles to the church door in the face of a gain-saying world, declaring, "I can do no other, so help me God."

4. The sequel in the history of Reuben's tribe is instructive. The land of their choice was one that closely hugged the Dead Sea. They were nominal Israelites, not true. Their lands far from Shiloh where God's tabernacle was set. They knew well that the land of God's purpose and promise was territory between the Jordan and the Mediterranean, but they wanted to settle east of the Jordan for they liked Moab's rolling plains for their cattle. God hates half heartedness.

1. We cannot pitch our tent in some neutral zone (no man's land) between church & world. Christian principle must hold supreme authority. The course of compromise may seem eminently wise, but no!

—W. J. Hawley.

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Bro. W. S. Gardner arrived here last Monday (Nov. 29) from Webb City, Mo. where he has been conducting a series of meetings. He held several services in the Chapel here, which was very edifying and helpful to our souls and left this morning for Anthony, Kans. to preach the word at that place. He expects to get back to the Assembly Meeting during holidays.

THE BRAZEN SERPENT.

The Brazen Serpent was placed in the midst of Israel after they had been bitten by the fiery serpents sent among them on account of their sin. That sin was one of peculiar heinousness. They had found its occasion in one of their chief and most distinctive blessings—the gift of the manna, that heavenly food. Yet they preferred the flesh-pots of Egypt (for nature loves nature's food) and they murmured saying, "Our soul abhorreth this light bread." It was a sin which none, except those privileged as Israel were, could have committed: a sin therefore so aggravated by its circumstances that it was visited by a peculiar judgment. Fiery serpents were sent: their bite was certain death. Human power could interpose no protection, nor provide any remedy.

But God in His mercy pitied them, and proposed to them a remedy. It was provided for them in an object altogether external to themselves. The healing power placed in the Serpent of Brass in no way emanated from—in no way depended on, those to whom it was proposed. The Brazen Serpent had its efficacy in itself. God had placed it there: and it was an efficacy

so potent, so certain in its operation, that all who were reached by it were healed, and that effectually. Death departed and life came.

But who were reached by it? All who were not too proud, or too indifferent, or too mistrustful to look to it. In order that all might look to it, it was raised on high, in the very midst of, and in close proximity to, those who were perishing. It was concealed in no secret sanctuary: it was hidden by no veil. No messenger was needed to seek and bring it from afar. It was not in the height, that they should inquire after it there; nor in the depth that they should seek it there; but it was nigh them, present before their eyes. And lest there should be any one ignorant of its healing virtue, or any one who should question whether that virtue was designed, individually, for him, Moses was sent as the authorized interpreter of God's will, respecting this. Moses as sent from God, authoritatively declared that fulness of healing power was there: and he invited—nay commanded all the bitten to look. He did not limit the invitation. He did not restrict it to those who felt acutely the pain of the bite, and deny it to others who felt it less. He did not prescribe what should be the nearness of the look, of its steadiness or its clearness. He made no such distinctions either as to the character of the look, or as to the degree of apprehended pain; but he commanded all who were bitten to look. Their title to look, therefore, was found in the fact of their misery—in the fact that they were bitten and were perishing. How important to observe this: for this is a point on which many souls are, not infrequently, greatly exercised. "We believe, say they, 'that all fulness of salvation is in Christ, and in Him alone. That we doubt not. But our question is, whether we have a title to look. If we found in ourselves any evidence of good—if we felt the burden of our sins more—if we appreciated more deeply our sinfulness and better estimated the preciousness of Christ—if our motives in seeking Christ were pure or less selfish—if, in a word, we could find in ourselves any evidence of our election, then we should feel confidence to look: but, feeling as we do, we cannot. We fear that salvation is not intended for us.'" Thus although they acknowledge their need of Christ, and own that all salvation is in Christ, they yet stand aloof, looking on themselves as if they were cut off from it. Now, what is the error here? It consists in not seeing that our title to look is found in the fact of our ruin. If our title to look were grounded on the strength or adequacy of our appreciations, we certainly should have no title. The question is not this, but whether the soul knows that its ruin is such that there can be no hope except in God. It was this that the dying Israelites recognized. They knew that the poison was in their veins and there was in themselves no remedy. Therefore when they found that God had visited them and placed before them an object in which healing power was, and had appointed as the means of connection with that healing power, a look; and had sent His servant to bid them all to look, they hesitated not. They did look and they were healed.

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LITTLE FOLKS' PAGE

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

Hilda's Christmas

Standing apart from the child'sh throng,
Little Hilda was slient and sad;
She could not join in the happy song,
She could not echo the voices glad.

"What can I do on Christmas Day?
I am so little and we are so poor,"
She said to herself in a dreary way:
"I wish there never was a Christmas more.

"Mother is sick, and father can't know
How children talk of their gifts and joy,
Or he'd surely try, he loves me so,
To get me just one single toy."

"But Christmas is not for what you get,"
She heard a small, sweet, tender voice—
"It's for what you give," said wee Janet,
And the words made Hilda's heart rejoice.

"It isn't our b'irthday," went on the mite,
"It is Christ's, you know; and I think He'd say
If He were to talk to us to-night,
That He'd wish us to keep it His own way."

A plan came into Hilda's head;
It seemed to her she could hardly wait:
"I can't give nice things," she bravely said,
"But I'll do what I can to celebrate.

"I can give the baby a day of fun;
I can take my plant to the poor lame boy;
I can do mother's errands—every one;
And my old kite I can mend for Roy.

"I can read to father and save his eyes;
I can feed the b'irds in the locust grove;
I can give the squirrels a fine surprise,
And grandma shall have a letter of love."

Dear children:

As I sit here writing I remember that it is only six weeks until Christmas. Let us think much of our Heavenly Father's gift to this world—His own Son, Jesus our Savior.

The psalmist said, "I will be glad in the Lord." (Psa. 104: 34). Dear children, let us be glad in the Lord during this Christmas season, forgetting ourselves, let us try to make others happy as Hilda of the above poem did.

Some years ago a little girl was taken sick some time before Christmas. She seemed very anxious to live until Christmas, as she often asked her mama,

how far off it was. But Christmas morning did not find little Laura handling a new toy or eating cookies and candy. Jesus came for her before Christmas. Those who were left behind, who loved her, were made happy to believe that the r darling had a glad Christmas with Jesus.

Those of us who can say from the bottom of our hearts that we love Jesus will be glad in Him for we will do those things that please Him for which we will receive His smile and be glad.

I fear unforgiven sins or the sinful nature will spoil this glad season for some dear children. Jesus wants to save you now so that you can be glad in Him on Christmas day.

I should be glad to hear from any child at this time. Some of you have real sorrow, I know. Please write if Jesus leads, obey Him, He will comfort you. Lovingly yours. —Rosella Slifer.

Utica, Pa. Dear children, it has been some time since I wrote you last but I think of you much and especially the dear ones whose last letters are yet unanswered. But I trust I may answer in the near future. God knows that I love you all and I think of you oh, so much and talk to the dear Lord about you too, asking Him to help each one of you dear saved ones as in the hollow of His loving hand and you dear children that are not yet saved.

May His loving voice be heard calling you unto His own dear heart.

O, it is so precious to know that Jesus is our friend. His dear loving spirit is with us all the time and you can know that He is with you.

A dear sister was telling me a few days ago of her little grand-son in Pittsburg. The little fellow often had errands to do after school such as going for milk or to the grocery, she said to him, you need not be afraid just ask the dear Lord to be with you and take care of you. The little fellow said so heartily, O, Grandma I always do.

At another time she was speaking of the near coming of our blessed Lord for us, yes for all those that know and love Him. The little fellow said, well Grandma, I am ready, yes I know I am ready. How glad we are that we can know that every one of us are ready and oh, how our hearts will rejoice when we see Jesus coming for us. I dreamed one night I was sitting by the window up stairs looking out and all of a sudden the heavens looked so beautiful, oh, so beautiful and I saw Jesus coming in the clouds and oh, how beautiful He looked. I just began to praise Him aloud just as we will do when He really does come. We would be glad to see Him coming any day would we not, dear children. Then Satan's wicked work would all come to an end. Our joy would be for ever with Jesus and all of the redeemed ones of

earth. While we are waiting for Him we want to be helping others to get saved.

It may be that some of you dear boys and girls who read these lines may some day hear the voice of the holy One calling you unto foreign lands to tell those in heathen darkness about the dear Jesus that you so much love as He has called even dear Bro. Longley and many, many others.

I will say good-by for this time dear children.

—AUNT LOEY Mc KAY.

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Williamsport, Ind.—Dear sister Pruitt: Greeting in Jesus' dear name. I enjoy reading the little folk's page. I am glad so many children love Jesus, because He loved the children. I am sending you a little offering and I am going to send you more as soon as I can. I would like for you to send me some tracts.

I am sending some names for you to send the Faith and Victory paper to. Tell all the saints to pray for me.

—Dorothy Evans, age nine.

Correspondence

Suva, Fiji Islands. Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt and family: May our almighty Father and eternal God ever be your Refuge and strength and keep His everlasting arms underneath to bear you up over the rough and stony places and keep your strength renewed as you wait upon Him, for all He calls to be and do in His Kingdom. I send you all greetings in His dear and reverend name, feeling that blessed assurance and persuasion that whatsoever He has promised He is able also to fulfill. Praise His name.

I certainly was glad and encouraged to get your good letters and to hear of the news about the good camp meeting and also of how the Lord is so blessing all of you there in the work at the office and also in the meetings and at the jail and also visiting at private houses ministering some blessings to the sick and those in distress. May the Lord keep blessing you and making you a blessing. A letter is almost like having a little season of fellowship and you know that is just like having a good square spiritual meal. The dear Lord is keeping me well and I am encouraged to live and labor on as He leads. My soul is contented and satisfied with His will and ways and true happiness and delight comes only in them. Oh, no, it is not always pleasant to the flesh, but for the joy set before we have all to beckon and inspire us on. I was glad also to get the roll of papers and the articles and testimonies were good food for my soul. I guess that piece on Divine Patience was to and for me, as the Lord has been teaching me some things along that line. Praise the Lord.

I received the offerings you sent also and want to return my thanks and appreciation of them—the one from Sister Mc Kay and the other party that you sent Bro. Pruitt, and the \$5 from Sister Crist that Sister Pruitt sent.

Well, since I last wrote you, the Lord has been blessing my soul and though it seems that the real definite work of the regenerating power of the gospel of Jesus is slow in working definite effects in

the hearts here, yet God is taking care. Praise His name. I have been out to several villages—one out about 25 miles away and one Saturday I was having a little meeting in the bazaar among the Indians and was speaking on the text in 1 Tim. 2:5-6, of there being but one God and also one Mediator between God and men, that is Christ Jesus. An Indian Bro. was interpreting for me. After I was through an Indian man began to talk to me and said he liked what I had been saying alright and that he too was a missionary among his own people and believed in the one God and one mediator. I feel that he is a good man in his way, but I asked him who he taught as the one mediator and he said Mohammed. I told him if he would truly repent and turn to God and accept salvation through Jesus the one and only Mediator and then teach accordingly that God would bless him. I have seen him once or twice since then, but not to have a conversation with him. A little over a week ago I was out to a village 12 miles away and stayed 3 days and had some little meetings, especially one in the village under a tree near the bazaar and quite a number were there. This same Indian Bro. interpreted for me. The Indians as a rule will listen and say that is all very good but that they will wait and see if we live and do like we teach. Praise the Lord for that. I am so glad that this gospel of Jesus and the salvation derived through its mighty power will bear investigation and it gives no shame for souls to enquire and investigate, but the real worth and value is best demonstrated when we are under test and trial. Oh just to be pliable clay and vessels meet for His use. The Lord is teaching me more how to be "gentle toward all men, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those who oppose themselves", etc. So please pray for me. Last Sunday I went out to a Solomon Islander village 5 miles away and I feel the Lord was pleased in my going—not so must seemingly done, but Willie, the Solomon young man whom I feel is saved, we had some prayer and good talk together on the things of God. Sang a little in the Fijian language too. He can speak English very well. God bless them and lead by His own hand and Spirit. On my way out I came to where some Indian people were having some kind of sacrifice out side of one of their houses. I stopped and turned aside to see it and found that a young man and his wife and the young woman's mother were sitting on the ground. The young woman was sick and the mother was helping her to sit up. One priest was reading in a Hindi book and the other was keeping a little fire going and burning ghee (a kind of oil) and sugar and also plates of bananas and cucumbers were cut up to sacrifice and I gathered that it was for the health of this sick woman. I stayed almost an hour thinking that I might have some little opportunity to help them in some way and bring a little light and blessing to them, but as this sacrificing would last quite a long time I had to go on to get to the other village. I would be very glad to be able to speak in their language to impart some light and truth and spiritual blessing. I may take up a more diligent study. God is helping me that I have a few words

and by making a few signs and gestures some understanding is conveyed. Praise the Lord. Bro. Sperber is now away at the other large island of this group, Vanua Levu, and perhaps will be gone several months. There is a little sheet iron hall down here on a little street they call All Nation street, that a wealthy man donated for gospel work for a time, till he wants the space for something else. It was idle and only about half floored and Bro. Sperber got some old boards and he and I finished the flooring suitable for meeting. Sunday night one young Indian man came up for prayers and I feel he was earnest, though it seemed he couldn't pray alone, I feel that he turned from his sinful life and made a start for the Lord. I have written to Bro. Cherian and expect to have some gospels in his language when he has time to send them. God bless him in his labors there.

Last night a young man from Australia came up to my room as I had met him before, and I feel that he is a Christian man. Is only here for a short time I understand on business, but we had a good season of reading the Scriptures and prayers and talked together.

Yes, Bro. Pruitt, I'd like to be there to help also what I could, had not the Lord led as He has, and I feel assured that He thus far has been pleased with my coming and I want to do the best I can to accomplish His will and live closer to Him that I might know that true Shepherd voice that calls each sheep and leads them that will follow. Please continue to pray for me. Weather is getting some hotter here as the sun is now returning back down this way. Yesterday was the hottest I've experienced in Fiji, yet not as oppressive hot as we sometimes have there.

Well I must close for this time, trusting this reaches you all safe and finds all well. I remain as ever your Bro. in true Christian love, prayers, fellowship and faith,
—Robert Longley.

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Marshall, Mich.—Dear brethren in Christ: Please continue to send me the Faith and Victory paper as I enjoy reading it. I have been reading it for some time. I think it preaches the truth. When I read it I think of your good camp-meetings and wish I could be there. We do not have any of the Church of God people here now, so I have no Church to go to; but I take lots of comfort reading the Faith and Victory which feeds my soul.

Please pray for me that I may be healed of heart trouble and a broken shoulder. My health is very poor; but I trust God to heal me.

Enclose find two dollars to use in any way you need it most.

Your sister in Christ. —Anna Lindom.

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Dixon, Ky.—Faith Pub. House: Greetings to all the saints scattered abroad every where. This leaves me in the bed. I have been bed-fast for two years and a half. I don't know who sent you my name but I got the blessed little paper this A. M. and sure was a proud boy to get it. I have already read it through. Oh, it sure was food to my soul. I wish that I had a love

offering to send you. I am like the women, have spent all; so here I am Lord take me and do as thou wilt.

I earnestly ask you good people to pray for the healing of my body in the name of the holy child Jesus. The blessed comforter still abides with me today, praise his holy name forever.

Now dear Bro. in Christ as I can't send you anything but love and best wishes if it is the Lord's will, let my name stay on your mailing list; for I sure enjoy the Gospel as I am bed-fast. I am expecting the Lord to heal me. Please send me some tracts and papers to hand to my sinner friends that come to see me. May God's richest blessing rest up on you in the cause of this great work now and forever more.

I thank God for giving men and women wisdom enough to publish the blessed word. I haven't heard a good sermon in twelve months. If it was not for the word being published, I don't know what a fellow like me would do. Please pray for me and may God bless you in this great work.

Yours in Jesus Christ,
—Joe Trusty.

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To the dear saints, greeting in Jesus name. Wish we could tell you how much we love the truth as it is in Jesus. The truth has made us free, free from the love of this world with all its pride and foolishness, honor and riches. The best and greatest thing in all this world is to know Jesus Christ. To learn of Him. To know Him crucified for me, and me crucified with Him; for as long as we are not crucified to this world, it will be a worry and trouble to us. Gal. 1:4. The old Adam and the world knows no rest; they like the troubled ocean know no rest, it is continually casting out on the shore mire and dirt. Just so is the unbridled tongue of our old nature, and so it is in a luke warm profession, leaning to our own understanding or the understanding of others is only in word rebellion against God.

Dear brethren and sisters we are enjoying this great salvation. It has been purchased for us at a great price, John 3:16. Most gladly therefore are we the servants of Jesus Christ. He has made us free, once we were slaves to sin and Satan. He has given us rest, delivering us from sectism, even the Gospel Trumpet sect. Gal. 1:7-8. Praise God we are free. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." John 8:36.

We want to exalt Jesus Christ our Saviour, so loving and kind to come to our rescue. Like St. Paul we only want to know Jesus Christ and Him crucified. He gives us peace, "My peace I give unto you." "Let not your hearts be troubled." We ask for wisdom and He gives it, we ask for understanding and He opens to us His Word. We ask for discernment of spirits. This is a spiritual battle we are engaged in and we need to discern spirits. Because many false prophets have gone out into the world. 1 John 4:1, read it all.

May God open our spiritual eyes to see that all our needs in this spiritual life must be supplied from heaven. My God shall supply all your need by Christ Jesus Phil. 4:9, even the faith for temporal things.

Bro. and Sister J. Edw. Wetzel.

Perkasie, Pa.—Dear sister Pruitt: I send greetings of holy love to all who are abiding in Jesus there. May He ever bless and comfort you.

We read in Heb. 11: 27, that Moses endured as seeing Him who is invisible: I am sure the great Father heart of God desires that souls *endure*; and that thank God, we shall, if we keep Jesus in view. While He is invisible, we can see Him with our spiritual eyes in a spiritual sense.

I am so glad that Jesus is the same to-day as He was in the days of Moses. I do praise Him for taking the desire for worldly things out of my heart, and for bringing me to a place where the scoffs and scorns of this world are nothing. I have much to learn and need to sink deeper and deeper into Christ. I am glad to know that the Lord will carry this work on in me as I keep surrendered unto Him. This I am more determined than ever to do.

I received the copies of Faith and Victory yesterday. I believe they will enrich my soul. How glad I am for another pure and clean paper to hand to precious souls. I trust the truth will bear fruit in the hearts of some.

I remain, yours, to serve in a little place, for the upbuilding of Christ's Kingdom here upon the earth.

—Rosella Slifer.

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West Brownsville, Pa.—Dear Mr. Pruitt and all the workers: Mr. Pruitt, the reason I haven't written before this is because I have no money or anything to contribute and dear friend, it saddens my heart when I can not send anything to help along in the good work you are doing. I have (and am) been very glad to get "Faith and Victory" and when "all shall be revealed" you will know how much good I received from the little paper. Mr. Pruitt, will you please publish my request for prayer in the next issue of "Faith and Victory"? Ask the saints to pray for me until they have the assurance that their prayers are answered or will be answered. Tell the saints to pray God to take away my appetite for tobacco. That is my besetting sin. Pray and pray as all of you have never prayed before. I'll be praying too. I am unsaved.

If any tracts or papers you wish me to distribute around this neighborhood, I'll only be glad to do it. Thank you very much for all you have done. May God bless you every one,

—Harry P. Rager.

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Fairplay, Mo.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: I am writing in regard to the "Faith and Victory" paper. I don't know who sent you my name and address, to send me the paper, but I believe it was God sent to me. So please send it to me, as I like to read it.

I am not a Christian but would like to be. I would like for you to pray for me, that I might get saved. I am a mother of four children and I would like for them to be raised in the right way.

We live in a Baptist neighborhood. That is all the meetings we have unless we go to town. There are three churches there, Baptist, Methodist and Christian. Please pray for me and my husband.

—Mrs. Tom Sawyer.

Liverpool, Pa.—Dear sister Pruitt: Received, Faith and Victory yesterday, do continue sending it to me, it does me lots of good, I sit right down and read everything that is in it.

I cannot in words, tell you how much good it does do me. I let others read it also.

Do you know, that I never cried and prayed so much in all my life, as I did after I read the little tract, "Forty-eight hours in hell." I just thought, can it be possible that people are going to spend eternity in such a place as the young man describes, well, it just burdened my heart so much for the unsaved, that I just wept and plead for their salvation. I think it a terrible sad thing how careless and unconcerned the sinner is; if conviction of their sins would overwhelm them like it did me, they would move. I was only twelve years old and did not know what my sins were, but I was a sinner just the same; but I am happy to confess, God is leading me onward and upward step by step, and I ask an interest in the prayers of all the saints. If I get sick, I ask God to heal me, and He does. I would not call a doctor, I will not take medicine, and I am not a strong woman, never was from birth. I was afflicted with "Bright disease," I called for the elders and was anointed and prayed for, was instantly healed, and I have testified to divine healing. To me it would be sin to take medicine.

God is keeping me every day, to Him we give all the glory. With best wishes and love, I am, yours in Christ.

—Mrs. E. F. Dougherty.

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Silverdale, Pa.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: Greeting to you once more in the precious name of Jesus. May our dear heavenly Father continue to bless and encourage your dear hearts to remain true in His loving service till He calls you higher. I praise the dear Lord today for His saving and keeping power. He truly does wonderful things for those that fully trust and obey Him.

He tells us in His Word to be ready, for in such an hour as ye think not the son of man cometh. I truly realize to the full extent the meaning of that scripture since last Friday the 29th of Oct when I started out to go to a funeral and got in a terrible trolley car accident. The car I was riding in was smashed, wood and glass all flew at once, and I came out without a scratch for which I praise the dear Lord, and am here today with a stronger determination than ever before to live true to Him at any cost and by His help and grace, be ready when the summons come. The saints here are much encouraged to live true and be found faithful when He comes. Yours in His service,

—Amanda Shaffer.

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Hennessey, Okla. —To the saints: I felt led to write my testimony in the little paper. I am saved to-day and trusting the dear Lord for soul and body. He is my all and in all, He supplies my needs, He is a help in time of test and trial.

Pray for me that I will be all the dear Lord wants me to be and do my duty on all lines. Your sister in the one body.

—Annie Wiley.

Kinta, Okla.—Dear ones: It is pleasing to God for me to open my mouth again for Him through the little "Faith and Victory"; it always pleases God for man to believe on Him through man, so we see in St. Mark 1: 3. Man (John) was just a voice for God in the wilderness of Judea. He cried for God. This is what He said: "I indeed have baptized you with water; but He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost." Only a few have this Holy Ghost baptism. Those who have this Holy Ghost baptism will also have these signs we see recorded in Mark 16: 17, 18. "And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

Brothers and sisters listen: Before God will work with us or through us, we must need to get saved and live saved in this present world. "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believed on His name." John 1: 12. Brother and sisters: We who have received Him; let us live by every word.

I will bless the Lord forever. Your brother in Christ. —R. Walters.

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Trenton, N. S.—Dear friends: I have received several packages of your most helpful tracts for free distribution and have delivered them.

They have been the means of helping both the saved and unsaved.

I am a man now seventy seven years of age, am not able for every day work; so I spend most of my time visiting the sick and shut in ones.

I not only get blessed myself in making those calls but those I come in contact with gets a great blessing too.

I also received your little paper entitled "Faith and Victory" and enjoy it very, very much.

So kindly send me a package of your assorted tracts as soon as possible.

A Bro. in Christ's work, —Duncan Cameron.

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Scranton, Ark.—Faith Pub. House: I want to write a short testimony as I have never written to the paper. We get the paper and enjoy reading it, thank you for sending it to us.

Dear saints I am so glad this evening to tell you that I have been washed in the precious blood of Jesus, praise His name for the hope I have of going all the way with Him, He is a precious friend to me. He is the one that will lead us through all the dark places in life and help us into the glorious and marvelous light. The burdens seems so heavy to bear sometimes but He has said He would never leave nor forsake us, praise His name for that but we must have faith. "This is the victory that overcometh the world even our faith." Dear saints let us be faithful to the end of the way; there is a crown for the faithful.

I ask the saints to pray for me that the Lord will heal my neck and head. A sister in Christ.

—Cora Jordan.

Mercer, Pa. Dear Brother and Sister in the Lord at Faith and Victory publishing House. I just receive your dear little paper, Faith and Victory, and I want to let you know that I truly love to read it. It is so much help to my soul. Dear Brother and Sister I am so glad Jesus knows my heart. He knows that I do want to trust Him for soul and body. I know that our blessed Jesus does heal our bodies when we trust Him only. Yes he has healed my body at times and also my oldest son. Oh dear ones, my heart is so full. As I am writing this letter to you I am a Free Methodist but some how I am not altogether what I feel that the Lord would have me be, my dear Bro. and Sister the Lord saved my soul in 1916. Yes He so sweetly saved my soul. Glory be to God. I still love my Lord, and want to live for Him only. Just a short time after God saved my soul He let the light on me that I ought to be trusting Him for my body. I was taking medicine at that time but I said, Lord I will trust you for my body. I stopped taking medicine, but some how I did not stand true to my Lord, I took medicine again and today I am taking the old medicine. I know I ought to be trusting Jesus for my body. Oh, please pray for me. By God's help I must be what He would have me be, and I will God helping me. God knows my heart and that I have lonesome path to trod. My husband is not saved and I have no true children of God near here, oh, I do get so home sick to be with God's people. I only wish that I had some folks like I read about in Faith and Victory paper living near me. I feel I need the help of God's true children. I am so glad I can have Jesus near, yes, right in my heart; but oh, for a closer walk with my blessed Lord.

I am poor in this world's goods; but I am one of God's little ones that does want God to have His own way with me. Oh, Bro. and sister I do want to be true to Jesus. Do please pray for me.

I cannot help but believe you are a true people of God, how I wish I could attend your meetings; if the day ever comes when I could go to your meetings. God knows I will; for I do believe that God's children should trust in Jesus for soul and body and all things. I do not believe it is pleasing to God for His children to take medicine and lean on doctors when their bodies are sick. Yet right in our Free Methodist church they trust more in doctors and medicine it seems than they are trusting in Jesus for their bodies. I don't feel right in God's sight when taking medicine, yet they tell me faith and works go together. We have a few in the church that does stand for divine healing but not very many. Please pray for me that I will obey the Lord in all His will. I would like to send you some money, but I have none. The Lord bless you in your work for Him. MRS. MARY ARMOUR.

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Greenville, Ohio. Dear Bro. Pruitt and workers with him: Once more we send greetings to the saints scattered abroad. Giving thanks to His holy name, for a people that know Him and are known of Him.

We do not want you to cancel our name from your mailing list for Faith and Victory paper, be-

cause we believe all saints love to read it for it is the fulfilment of God's eternal truth. We read in Psalms 68:11, The Lord gave the word; great the company of those that publish it. While it is true that some do not believe in religious papers but if we have wisdom from above we can discern the difference between a religious paper and gospel literature. So may the God of all grace give wisdom that the inspired writers of Faith and Victory, may send forth the true and unadulterated word of God. (amen) Geo T. Hartzell.

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Cane Hill, Ark. Dear Bro. and workers at Faith Publishing House: I want to greet you all in the name of Jesus who gave His life for all. I want to tell you all about the boy being well soul and body. He was raised up before I got your letter, he is now going to school and learning fast. Says he is going to press on for the prize of the high calling. Oh, how I do give God the glory through the dear name of Jesus; his healing was wonderful when deep consecration was made to the will of God. Forgive me for not writing you sooner. I know you all have been wanting to hear from us but some how I have neglected writing to you when I should. Pray for us that we may grow stronger in the faith and be willing at all times as the Lord prospers us to help others; am intending to send some means to help in the meeting, the Lord willing. I want the paper. You may send me a bundle of papers to give out. I have been giving out literature all the while. I talk to people every where. I so often see good results. Two old ladies in their eighty years of age have accepted the truth reading Faith and Victory and talking to them about their souls salvation this summer. Will close praying the Lord will continue to bless the work there and at other places. Pray for me that the Lord will increase my faith and understand that I may be used for Him in the way He sees best. Yours with holy love,
L. F. SHUMATE.

To the dear saints and to who may read the little paper: This morning finds me weak in body but victory in my soul and I thank the good Lord for it. I am so glad that I said yes to His will when He asked me if I would be a gleaner. God has been so good to me. He is the best teacher man ever had. I love the way of holiness. If God be for us who can be against us. May the Lord bless all who may read the little paper. Pray for me that I may know God's will on every line, and that I may also do His will. Your brother in Christ, S. W. Middleton

Sedgwick, Kans.—Dear Sir: I received the paper, Faith and Victory. I sure enjoy reading it. I am sending you my testimony.

I've got Bible salvation from sin and I am sanctified in nature and get healing when I am sick. There isn't but one way to heaven and we all have to get in that way to get to heaven. I have been saved for 40 years and am still saved. I am sending you one dollar and I want you to keep sending me the little paper. I sure love to read the testimonies in the paper. Your sister in Christ, Margaret Caudell.

Allen, Okla.—To the loved ones at Faith Pub. House: Greeting in the precious name of Jesus; will send in a small donation to be used as the Lord leads, and hope to do more later on. Praise His holy name.

I am saved and on the Kings high-way to that home that the Saviour went to prepare for them that loves H.m. Praise His name forever.

You may think I am not feasting on the good things that is sent out from the good children of God, but that is a mistake, for I do love to read the good articles and testimonies, for I am all alone in this way of faith; although I believe there are saved souls in most all the denominations; but still He says, "that it is not every one that says Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom of God." So we should know that we are living as the Lord wants us to live. Praise His name, you may send me a few tracts to hand out.

—M. F. Keener.

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Wetumka, Okla.—Dearly beloved brother in the Lord: The Faith and Victory is a welcome visitor in my home. I am too deaf to hear any preaching. I have been entirely deaf in my left ear for nearly twenty years, and now a person must be in six inches of my ear to make me hear, and then I don't understand all that is said to me.

I have attended meeting this season in town and 5, 10 and 18 miles away. When opportunity is afforded, I sing a piece and testify, witnessing to the cleansing blood and the Lord's keeping power. My health is usually good but my body is very weak. I can walk on my feet better than I can stand still on them, ankles swell every day.

I want to do my best to get this truth of unity, to God's people. When my consecration was complete, in March 1883, while between the plow handles, the Holy Spirit came as on the day of Pentecost, and He soon led me out of the Masonic Lodge. At that time I was class leader in the Methodist Church and my Pastor was a man of the Lodge. I soon heard the Masters voice as in Rev. 18: 4, Eph. 5: 11,12, and 2 Cor. 6: 14-18, and I obeyed the call.

I can never praise the Lord enough for complete deliverance.
—S. F. Proctor.

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Peel, Ark.—Dear brothers and sisters in Christ: We are still walking in the light and praising God from whom all blessings flow; for he has blessed us bountifully on many occasions. By healing the sick and supplying our needs in many ways. Praise his holy name. I know I can trust Him at all times.

About one month ago our oldest daughter took her bed with Typhoid fever. She was very low and her husband had the doctor visit her once and on his return home he told some friends that she couldn't live over a week or ten days. But my faith in the medicine man doesn't go very far; so in the meantime I wrote the dear saints at Guthrie, Okla., asking them to meet with us in prayer for her healing. About the time my letter should have reached them or very soon afterward, the fever left her and in just a few days she was up doing the house-work.

We also had two other little ones who took the fever at the time she was getting up; but we entrusted them to God's loving care and they were in bed only a few days. Praise his name.

I can't possibly praise Him enough or as I should; it seems to me sometimes that I am very weak—spiritually and am not as near God as I wish.

I sure would like to attend the Assembly Meeting at Guthrie this year and have the dear saints pray for me. I am sure I would be benefited in many ways; but we are very poor financially and my health is poor. I can't do much manual labor, have a large family and two boys make our support. So I will be content and let the Holy Spirit lead. If the Lord wills I will make the trip. Your Bro. in Christ, —F. W. Warner.

AN OPEN LETTER

Dear Bro. in the Lord: May our God comfort your heart and encourage your soul in the way of true holiness.

We received your letter some time ago, but beg your pardon for not writing sooner as we have been very busy and have had to, it seems, neglect our correspondence.

Your letter was read with interest and we can clearly see the position you take; but dear brother we fear that you do not take in consideration that man's conscience can become seared by relying upon it in place of the word of God, and we are sure if the ministry would be timely and diligent in practicing and teaching those relative principles in the Bible that the Church would shine more like "A city set on a hill, that cannot be hid" in other words Christ would be more clearly lifted up and souls would be more drawn to His crucifixion, where they could see their sins covered by His work or atoning blood.

We do not have a desire to bind our conscience on others where the Bible is silent, but we do feel it our duty to God and man to practice and teach against manifested pride and worldly conformity and we feel that the ministry ought to be real clear plain examples of a life crucified unto the world, and the world unto them. There is such a thing as having much judgement without mercy, love and forbearance, and there is such a thing as having mercy, love and forbearance without much judgement; both positions are wrong. God wants the judgement to go forth with mercy, love and forbearance backed up by a steady life in actions, deeds and manner unconformed to this sinful world. A minister who conforms to this world in dress and other things in a degree will have very little influence against worldliness in general.

We did not mean to leave the impression in our former letter that all the ministers of the Trumpet were as lords concerning the tithing, but as some are doing that and are honored as being in good fellowship, the thing will grow and overcome many more as time goes on just like many other things have done. Keeping silent on things that tend to destroy the Christ life in the soul has wrecked and is wrecking

many souls. We who are born of the spirit should not look to Mount Sinai for a hiding place, neither to the world for examples; but Christ is our hiding place. A life hid with Christ in God bearing the reproach of the world and the worldly minded is what causes God to smile with approval. God has no pleasure in the soul that draws back or looks toward the world, neither those that loves the praise of men more than the approval of God. Men who wrest the scriptures to suit conditions are on a sandy foundation and sooner or later will have a crash. So dear brother let us walk before God circumspectly and not be carried along with the current of this world, neither look to crowds or numbers. God has not called us to save souls, Jesus has already done that work. We are called to reproduce the life of Christ among men, lifting Him up in deed and in truth, declaring the truth of the gospel which is the power of God unto salvation, to every one that believes. We are His ambassadors declaring Christ as the only hope for man, the only way, the only truth, the only life that will be accepted of our heavenly Father; no other work will appease His wrath and give us peace with Him. So we exhort you dear brother to sever your connections with any and all things that is of man's wisdom and walk in the wisdom of God, seeking and heeding His voice above all voices, value the humble, lowly way with Christ above all that this perishing world can offer and all will be well with your soul.

The article you sent reads well and in the main we agree with its teachings but we do not feel it is pleasing to God to conform to customs of localities that are out of harmony with the word of God but the minister ought to manifest the truth and teach it in a way that souls that were saved would be in harmony with the word of God, this should be all done with love, mercy and long-suffering as God should make His will known.

Shall close with prayers that God will bless and comfort you in the meek and lowly way that our Savior trod. Your brother in the kingdom and patience of Jesus,

—Fred Pruitt.

The Blight Of Sin

Sin does not have an external entity outside of the soul like a grain of sand or a current of electricity, and can be a fact only as a moral condition of some created spirit. We often compare sin to external objects, as roots, seeds, clouds and such like, because of the likeness to these things in its operation, but sin cannot exist outside of the soul. Just as the ocean cannot catch the smallpox or yellow fever, and they exist only in some body of flesh, so sin is a condition of heart and act in some moral agent. We can see from the effects of sin that it is contrary to God's creation, and by the very blight it produces it reveals its curse.

1. The pleasures of sin are very short. The scriptures allow that sin has its pleasures, but stamps them as lasting "only for a season." They may burn bright, but like fire in grass, or a dry wood, it soon burns itself out and leaves only a blackened landscape

or heap of ashes. On the other hand, holiness has joys that continue on, and instead of burning themselves out, they grow stronger with years, and are fresh as the morning in the hour of death, at the very time when every possible pleasure of sin has entirely ceased.

2. The blight of sin is seen in the fact that every pleasure which sin has is only at best fitful and spasmodic. There is nothing continuous in sinful pleasure, and in nature of things all its joys are like flashes of lightning which, in spite of their intensity, blind the senses and vex the desires, and make the darkness still grosser afterward. There is nothing pleasant to look back upon, and it must live on successive flashes of excitement. Any true pleasure should not only be pleasing at the time, but remain pleasant in the memory, and this gives it a sort of immortality. The joys that flow from righteousness are not like flashes of lightning followed by painful darkness, but like the steady light of day.

3. Sin blights the affections and mental faculties and burns up the otherwise natural growth of verdure in the soul. All of the natural affections were created for holiness, and they are perverted by sin and turned into the very opposite vices and passions.

4. Sin reacts upon the soul and makes all the inner fountain peevish and bitter. Sin makes the soul peevish with itself and with everybody else, and out from the heart paints hedious colors over God and the Bible and providence, and creates ugliness where the eye of humble love and holy faith sees nothing but goodness and beauty. On the other hand, holiness just exactly agrees with the inward working of man's moral nature and elevates, strengthens, enlarges and enriches every faculty of heart and mind.

5. The blight of sin manifests itself fearfully in this, that it makes all its eager pursuits to turn into instruments of torment. You cannot mention a single thing that sinners pursue after, whether it be fleshly pleasure of wealth or fame or power or rank, in any of their varieties, that does not soon become a scorpion that stings while it draws them on in eager pursuit. The game becomes a torment to the hunter. High rank becomes a fetter, an iron cage, to the proud. Money becomes a scorching fire to the greedy seeker after it. If you take a wire in your hand with a feeble electric current in it, you will have an agreeable sensation; but if the current is increased to a certain point, it will so take hold of your muscles that you cannot let the wire go, and if the current is increased to a certain degree, it will kill you and even burn up your body. This is a picture of the pursuits of sin, they soon despotise the soul, and the very object so much sought after becomes a living hell.

Some years ago a certain man managed to pile up over three hundred million dollars, by buying, wrecking, or stealing various railroads, and in middle life he became a wreck in health, and would sit for hours in a splendid hotel, twirling his two thumbs around each other as fast as he could make them fly, as if all the car wheels that he had ever stolen from poor stockholders had been melted and poured into his blood, till he became an insane revolving car wheel. The very pur-

suits of the sinner first fascinate him, and then seize him, and then enslave him, and then torture him, and then kill him. On the other hand, all the pursuits of holiness give increased freedom, peace, gladness, and scatter their rewards while pursuing them, and retain the best rewards at the end.

6. Sin often brings great misfortune even in this world's welfare and does not have any resource of comfort for those afflictions which are sure to come to all alike. There are enough unavoidable troubles in life in the shape of poverty, toil, sickness, bereavement and ignorance to require all the comfort that grace can give, and we often wonder how people can live without a living Christ in their hearts. But sin not only has no comfort for the unavoidable afflictions of life, but it superadds a long list of misfortunes of its own, in hatreds, strifes, separations, various bodily ailments and mental maladies, and financial and social and political disruptions and almost invariably sin brings about the loss of love and respect and confidence of others, and the poor sinner goes to his grave unloved and unhonored.

7. Another curse connected with sin in this life is, that it can never be able to carry out all its plans and selfish ambitions. Sinners build air-castles, and make plans to accomplish their desires, either of passion, or pride, or power; but an omnipotent providence overrules in such a way that they can never carry out all their schemes. Every sinner dies a disappointed soul. The devil's promises are counterfeit notes, and when presented for fulfilment they are repudiated. On the other hand, holiness has no schemes except such as are sanctioned by the Judge of the world, and a holy heart wants everything to fail that is not perfectly right in the sight of God.

8. The last blight of sin in this life is the awful dread of death which it produces. There is nothing in sin when it comes down to earth but unutterable darkness and fear. The papers published it to all the world that Mr. Carnegie had such a horror of death that he could not bear to hear it referred to. This man in some way managed to amass a wealth of over three hundred million dollars in forty years, had not faith in a personal God or a redeeming Savior, and said that Shakespeare was more to him than Jesus Christ, died, and saw nothing beyond death but an awful horror that made him tremble. Oh, sin, what a fool-maker thou art! On the other hand, holiness sees eternal happiness and light beyond death in addition to all the blessings it has conferred on its earthly pilgrimage.

—George D. Watson.

SERVICE

Teach me to serve, dear Lord;
In Thy way let it be,
Lest my will creeping in
I serve not Thee.

Help me to serve, dear Lord;
Lead Thou my willing feet
Among Thy needy ones
In service sweet.