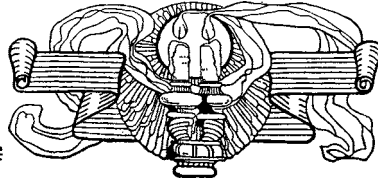


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What Love Has Done

Oh love, that searched and found me,
A wanderer far away,
Upon sin's barren mountain,
Ere doomed thereon to stay,
Until my heavenly Father,
His son he sent to seek,
My dying soul to heal again
My hardened heart make meek.

Oh love, I gaze upon thy kind,
I look with long intent;
Upon the price, then paid for me,
With all thy mercies sent,
My heart though stave would surely break,
Tho' frozen, surely melt,
When gazing on that scene so great,
Where love and pain was felt.

Oh soul of mine, rejoice, be glad
Thy captive chains are broken;
Go free my soul from dungeon gloom,
For Calvary's love has shaken
The barriers down of sin's domain,
Not one is left to hold,
Go free my soul; fear, doubt no more,
The price is paid,—your toll.

—H. H. Means.

My Sheep Hear My Voice

“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.” (John 10: 27). If we are born of God, will we follow the crowd and go with the many? If we are born again of incorruptable seed, will we go any place that Christ would not go? Will we say because others do, so and so, I can do it? Will we quiet our conscience and do things that others do, just because we think that they are saints?

“Whosoever is born of God, doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.” (1 John 3: 9). “Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever.” (1 Peter 1: 2-3).

Will we not rather reprove, rebuke and admonish when we see our brothers and sisters going wrong? Or will we give up, just because they are many, and also many ministers with them? “Can we do wrong that good may come out of it.” If we are true to souls and to God, we will find that Christ will talk through us and admonish the erring ones — and the truer we are to God the more he will admonish through us.

Will Christ admonish others through us about prayer if we are not prayerful? Can we admonish anybody on any line if we have not first been partakers of the fruits? “The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits.” (2 Tim. 2: 6). Can God give us a poem on salvation if we do not have salvation? Let's be honest with ourselves and with God. Only as high as we have risen, can we help others to rise above this sinful world. Will God use us to tell others not to steal, if we steal? God surely wants clean vessels to work through and he will use no other. “Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the Lord. (Isa. 52: 11). So let's clean up by obeying all his word and by keeping all His commandments.

Where there is honesty with God, there is unity, purity and power. Even though there be not many who walk this holy way with us, but if we are in the Holy Spirit we have the majority, because those who go into darkness and sin and follow the crowd will be destroyed from among the brethren, and from the presence of God. Like the children of Israel who were driven out of Palestine, because of sin and idolatry. And they were not God's saints even though they were of the seed of Abraham. We need more than that. Let us beware of following others unless we are sure that what they say is “thus saith the Lord.” And also that they live the life of Christ.

Would the sects be where they are had they kept their hearts and ears open to the *still small voice* of Jesus. Would those who profess higher than they, be where they are today, if they had not followed the crowd and silenced their conscience to do so? If we don't listen to the *still small voice* of God, how can He lead us in the paths of righteousness and keep us from fellowshiping sinners and evil doers?

The Lord reprov'd me once, when I was sick with the *Flue*, for wearing gold and pearls and costly array.

And I said, Lord do I do such things? He said, "It is not so much you that wear them, but you fellowship those that do." How carefully we must walk lest we become partakers of other men's sins. We must walk carefully before our God, and not fellowship sinners, but reprove them with "thus saith the Lord." even though they claim to be saints in light. We must walk the Holy Way, and that way is not contrary to the word of God, though everybody else go astray. There is more danger of going astray when we see the Ministers and all those whom we have been taught to look up to, going with the throng, but if we stand alone with Jesus by our side we are safe and in His care, and we know His voice and a stranger will we not follow.

Keep close to God and live the word of God while we have life and breath and can see and not be deceived and blinded by following the life of others and their teaching when they depart from the paths of right.

"My sheep hear my voice and they follow me, for they know his voice, and a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers." (John 10: 4-5).

If we follow the crowd we will most likely go into error because Jesus never followed the crowd, but He always did what pleased the Father and we must do the same if we live the life of Christ while here below. Oh! what a mistake to follow the crowd, when they depart from the plain simple word of God and then trust *in blind leaders of the blind.* —L. E. Kriebel.

Endowment of Power

I fear that there is a very great lack of understanding upon this all important question. I would say first of all, that the order to have this endowment, one must first be filled with the spirit and second, he must recognize his divine office and be holy yielded to Him. To speak of the Holy Ghost simply as an influence, or an it, is treating Him with the highest of ingratitude and irreverence. He the comforter, the Holy Ghost is the third person, in the trinity. His office in the great plan of redemption is co-equal with the Father and the Son. His first mission is to reprove or (convince) the world of sin. All the fine arguments and intellectual eloquence in preaching can never fill his place, in revival meetings. "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." The prophet Isa. 61: 1 says, "Concerning Christ's ministry, the spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach." Also Jesus told the apostles to tarry at Jerusalem for this endowment. The evidence of their endowment was clearly seen on the day of Pentecost. And throughout their ministry the Holy Ghost working with them with signs following. first, He was in the apostles enabling them to witness for Jesus Christ. He also sent conviction home to the hearts, of wicked and ungodly men and caused them to cry out, "What shall we do to be saved?"

Then the spirit of God in the apostles Peter and John told them in simple and plain terms. "Repent ye therefore and be converted that your sins may be blotted out." These people were convicted by the Holy Spirit and they cried out with a godly sorrow and God saved them. Great grace was upon them because they recognized the office of the Holy Ghost.

His second office in the divine plan was to (appoint committies? No.) give gifts for the care and protection and construction of the church. He gave first apostles, (messengers or planters) then prophets (to follow up to edify to teach) evangelists, (to carry on revival work) pastors to take oversight and as assistants he gave teachers, all these the Holy Ghost made them overseers to care for the work. He also qualified each one for his respective work, could we have any doubt that these did not know their calling? No. God by the Holy Ghost set each one in the body. Third to these whom he called he imparted gifts, namely: wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, working of miracles, prophecy, discernment, tongues, interpretations, all these by the spirit. He also is to be a comforter, a guide, a reminder of what Jesus has said. He also was to show things to come, and to take the things of God and reveal them to us. Let us not try to substitute too many human measures and thus leave ourselves devoid of power in the execution of God's work. Let us pray God as Nehemiah of old, to help us to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, the church, around which God has appointed as walls and bulwarks full salvation. Let us not daub with intempered mortar of human wisdom. May God bless his church with real Holy Ghost power, and authority, is my most earnest prayer.

Let us be sure that we do not have brick (men made christians) for stones and lime, (human affections) for mortar. What God wants, is live stones, cemented together with divine love shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost.

I fear that we have too many of the class that have to be pampered and cuddled and petted instead of being good soldiers for Jesus Christ. They almost need a regiment of soldiers to stand guard over them, to keep the devil from stealing them away.

To pleasure resorts; I am sure this is not much of a drawing card for the Lord's work. They love the world and the things of the world, therefore the love of the Father is not in them. —R. H. Craig.

Truth Is In God

"Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."***

These words came so forceably to me as I listened to a record being played on a Victrola, which is sung by the Pentecostal people. You could hear the clapping of their hands and the musical instruments. An expression was made by someone in the number. There are somethings about those people I don't understand.

Right there I saw something. I saw that, that was the very thing that caught so many souls. Those strange demonstrations the jerking the screaming the surging, and the many commotions that is unseemingly and unnatural, causing many to take that for God.

God does not hide himself in the midst of such, but God stands out prominent, and only unveils Himself through the truth. God is not imbibed through any outward demonstration whatever, let it be shouting, crying, praying, dancing, speaking in tongues or any other act. We only imbibe Him through the truth.

While He may and will cause us to shout and perform in many ways; yet God is not to be confined to any outward demonstration. "God is a spirit and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." What we imbibe through any other source other than the truth cannot be God; therefore it must be a spirit foreign to the spirit of God, it could be that we imbibe the spirit of a movement itself and all the joy we get is not of such movement, but when we have received the truth. The truth really is our meat and drink; it's our life or our hope in life and our victory in death.

Next, outward demonstration will get people in a state of wander, but the truth brings you to the soberest thinking of all your life, it will cause you to think your whole life over from childhood up to the present, it will cause you to search every nook and corner in your life. It will cause you to think of the awfulness of being driven from the presence of God forever and forever. Last of all it will bring you to a state of knowledge you never witnessed before. You will know yourself different to what you ever knew yourself before. It brings you to where you must know without a doubt that every angle of your life here comes to the standard of God's will and that your acceptance with Him is without a question or doubt, and your assurance with Him is I know I am his child. We will always keep a definite knowledge that should that sad hour come which will come to all, that we are ready to go. Those are the only ones that can really sing out of the heart.—I am waiting, I am longing, for the summons to come.

Your Bro. in the one Body of Christ.—S. T. Walker.
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Life After Death

Is there life after death? Let us find our answer to this question, not from the theories of man, but from the thoughts of God's word.

The reply to the thief on the cross was: "Verily I say unto thee, today shalt thou be with me in paradise." This has been distorted by some to read, "Verily I say unto thee today." (this day I say it) etc. This confuses scripture. Thus is the clear meaning of the scriptures of God torn down, that man's theory may be built up in its place.

Paul said, (Phil. 1: 21). "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." What gain would it be to Paul to be unconscious? (Phil. 1: 23). R. V. "Having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better." Is Christ then perished? That must be so, if to be with Christ means to be unconscious; but as Paul would say, God forbid. If Christ be not raised from the dead, then is your preaching in vain, your faith also is vain. Very far better to be non-existent, than to be alive and proclaiming the gospel of Christ. What kind of exegesis is this? Let us prove all things, holding fast that which is good.

The spirit of man continues to exist after death. So, when the disciples saw Jesus walking on the waves, they—supposed that it was a ghost and cried out. (Mark 6:49). R. V. Saying, "It is a ghost!" (Matt. 14: 26). While Peter, miraculously freed from prison, stood waiting at the gate and Rhoda ran and told the others, they refused from very joy, to believe that it was really Peter, in the flesh, but said, "It is his angel." And the Jews stoned the first **Martyr, Stephen, calling upon the Lord and saying, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."** (Acts 7:59).

It was Paul who said, "To the general assembly and church of the first-born, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all and to the spirits of just men made perfect." (Heb. 12:23) And (Heb. 9: 27). "It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." Compare (2 Peter 1: 14). "The putting off of my tabernacle cometh swiftly." With (2 Cor. 5: 1). "For we know that if this earthly house of our tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." Also (2 Cor. 5: 8). "Willing to be absent from the body." In (1 Kings 17: - 21-23). Elijah requested of the Lord, "Let this child's soul come into him again—and the soul of the child came into him again and he revived." Also, (Gen. 35: 18). "And it came to pass as her soul was departing, for she died." (Death of Raehel.) "And the dust returneth to the earth as it was and the spirit returneth unto God who gave it." (Eccl. 12: 7). R. V, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth, yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." (Rev. 14: 13). See the transfiguration. (Matt. 17: 1-13). (Mark 9: 1-13). (Luke 9: 28-36).

God is God of Abraham, Isaac and of Jacob. He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for all live unto Him. "Whosoever liveth and believeth on me shall never die." (John 11: 26). "The water that I give him shall become in him a well of water, springing up unto eternal life." (John 4: 14). "Because I live, ye shall live also." —Ella Cooper.

"Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation."

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EDITORIALS

By the gracious goodness of God the office work is moving steadily on and the tracts and papers are going out continually, God is sealing truth upon the hearts of many who read the tracts and papers, just received word from a soul who said that "she was recently saved by reading tracts" and now she sends for tracts, to give to others that they might hear and live.

We often get letters from readers in which they speak of the work we are doing and infer or rather refer to the great reward that awaits such faithful service, well; we are thankful and rejoice to know that God will reward every one according to his or her labors, but we wish to say that there will be a number of our readers that will reap rich reward, because of giving of their means to keep the tracts and papers going out, they are hid away from the eyes of men and have no desire to be known, but are faithfully filling their place in the Body and thus they keep saved and God's pleasure is resting upon them, so their reward will be sure. Oh, that more would be humble enough to abide in this simple hid-a-way calling and have continued patience in well doing, being satisfied to know that God sees and knows; then would the gospel be sent to more people and many more precious souls would be gathered into the fold of God. It is sad to see those whom God has favored with means just using it for selfish profit and pleasure, when there are so many souls crushed and bruised by the hand of Satan and dying for want of the gospel; according to the gospel the blood of these poor souls will be required at their hand. We would exhort souls not to bury their talent for there will come a reckoning day and you will have to give an account of how you have used the goods placed in your hand. The love of God working in our souls will cause us to be at our best for God, the spirit of Christ was self denying and sacrificed for others in

need, it will work that way in you if you possess it, examine yourself and see whether you are in the faith or not.

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We have received letters from some already saying that they failed to get the August number of Faith and Victory. We are sorry that we were not able to send out an August number, as the means sent in was insufficient to buy the paper to print it on and so we have been waiting on the Lord. We desire that each one of you pray special prayers for us and the work, that He has laid upon our hearts and as you pray ask the Lord, "What wilt thou have me to do" The apostle Paul desired greatly to go to Rome many times, but was hindered and no doubt the lack of means was the hindering cause. The apostle Paul was very earnest in exhorting the brethren to give, not that he desired a gift, but that it might be means of their spiritual growth, he was anxious that they fall behind in no gift. One who will not give of the little that God gives them would hardly give though God should place much in their hands.

Receiving and giving out is what keeps a soul in a good healthy spiritual condition, of course this should be all glad and willing service, giving as unto the Lord, prompted by divine love in the soul, an issue from a burdened heart for the salvation of our fellow-beings who are languishing in sin.

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Bro. and Sister Cramer, wife, daughter Lola and I and issuing their paper, (The Path of Life) from this place are contemplating on moving to Hammond, La., where they will continue to issue the "Path of Life" Unless providentially hindered they will move there near the twentieth of Sept. and you can address them there after that date. May God bless them in their new home and cause them to be loved by the saints, even as in this place.

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Bro. and Sister Cramer, wife, I and daughter Lola attended the Canehill, Ark. Camp-meeting for a week. The meeting was fairly well attended by saints in Ark. and surrounding states and at the evening service the attendance was good from the surrounding neighborhood. The Lord blessed and anointed the ministers for preaching of the plain clear gospel that saves men from sin, and many good things from heavens store house was dished out to the saints who rejoiced in the goodness of God.

The unity was good and the fellowship was sweet and heavenly and all who attended received encouragement to their souls; some were saved, some sanctified and others healed, about forty took part in ordinance services.

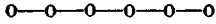
The location for a Camp-meeting was beautiful, as there was plenty of shade and just back of the tent sixty or seventy feet was a clear spring creek of water rippling over the rocks, from this creek arose the hills covered with large rocks and trees and a number of

springs flowed out of these hills which was pleasant to the eye and quenching to the thirst.

In a talk given by Bro. W. M. Wilson at the close of the meeting, he gave us to understand that he was pleased with the meeting and had hopes of having another Camp-meeting next summer.

Bro. T. E. Whipple and Sister Susie Whipple of Forest City, Mo. who have answered the call of the Lord to preach the gospel, was recognized by the ministry as such by the laying on of hands and prayer.

May God bless them and make their labors fruitful, as they go forth in the much needed fields.



During the month of August we have attended two Camp-meetings, the State Camp-meeting and the Camp-meeting at Shawnee, Okla.

The meetings were both well represented by the saints and good plain wholesome truth was given to the people by the ambassadors of the Lord. There were souls saved sanctified and bodies healed at the Okla. City meeting as is usually the case at a meeting of this kind.

Bro. Diggs and others of the board, expressed themselves of being well pleased with the way the Lord is supplying for the need of the Camp-grounds as the debt has been greatly diminished and with the liberal offerings at the Camp-meeting the brethren will be able to meet the creditors without embarrassment.

The Shawnee Camp-meeting was well attended and those present listened to the simple gospel of Christ with open hearts, the ministers were well favored of the Lord with liberty and anointing and quite a number believed in the atonement made for sin by the Lord Jesus Christ, imbraced it and received peace to their souls. some were sanctified, a number of others healed and the saints were much built up in the faith. On Sunday after-noon, the last day of the meeting, Bro. O. B. Wilson baptised nine converts, the lowering down in the water and raising up is a beautiful picture of death and resurrection, giving out to the world a picture of the inward work wrought in the heart by the power of God through faith in the completed work of Christ, which brings the convert to life in God and deadness to sin, as they have "passed from death unto life" and this watery grave and resurrection shows it forth to all who choose to see. There were seventy or more took part in the Lord's supper and feet-washing.

All who attended the meeting was fed and cared for freely and none lacked anything, as God supplied and they had no need to take up a collection for food supplies as the saints there had a mind to work and give freely. We attended the meeting from the first to the last day, (having a room close by the tent) we saw no friction, contention or strife in the meeting and the unity and fellowship was precious and blessed and God gave witness to His pleasure in convicting and saving souls and in feeding the saints and causing them to rejoice in Him. Bro. and Sister Wilson expressed themselves as being much pleased with the

meeting and the saints there in general were encouraged.

We pray that God will bless the saints there and that the new converts will move right on in the will of God, to make established saints to be resurrected and glorified in the last day. We truly appreciate the kindness and love in the fellowship shown to us by the saints while we were at Shawnee and pray that God will bless each one in continued fruit bearing.

Meeting Report

Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt and all: In heavenly love will write to you. All is well in my soul and body, victory is the conditions today. Bless the Lord. So be encouraged and work right on, God is still your helper I will work with you and confirm with signs following.

I have just returned from Fremont, Mo. where we held two weeks meeting. God wonderfully blessed our souls. Sister Lizzie Harper of Delaware Mo. helped wife and I in the meeting, eleven were saved and Baptised, the good Lord sure did send a current of conviction down among the people and sent His word to Victory. Praise His name. It sure would of been good if we could of stayed two more weeks, I feel sure many more souls would of been saved. Let all the saints pray earnestly for those that were saved and for that needy field. Many souls there are starving for the strait truth. In my labours I never saw false spirits worse yet the good Lord led captivity captive and gave victory. So let us take courage and do all we can for dying souls and also I find that the literature sent to Fremont sure is a wonderful encouragement to those people, both saved and unsaved. So let the truth go from the press, let us earnestly pray the Lord of the harvest to send more labors into the harvest field as the floods and storms are causing many to go down in defeat. Oh, how my heart desires to be a better soul winner for God. A great flood of False Holiness Religion has swept through East Mo. which has left hundreds of souls deceived and possessed with evil spirits, of which they must be delivered before they can be saved, so let us, whom God has given the truth spread it through the earth as life is short and time is drawing to a close. Our opportunities if neglected, never return; and may never be our privilege again. So may God bless your souls and make you a blessing to all, is my earnest prayer. So will close as ever, yours at my Father's business.

—John Strech.

OBITUARY

Everett Merle Janes, only son of Bro. and Sis. L. Y. Janes was born Sept. the 9th, 1927 and departed this life to be with Jesus, July the 20th, 1928. He was very delicate from his birth, but later by God's blessings began to grow and became a fat healthy baby. Prior to his death he was troubled some with summer complaint, but was recovering nicely, except bothered with

cutting teeth. At noon on the 20th. he became sick and vomited, but did not seem serious. After vomiting he appeared better. About five o'clock a sudden change came and a little after six, easily and suddenly he slipped away from us and we were soon conscious that the Lord had taken him.

He was the joy and treasure of the household and the delight of his parents and three sisters.

The funeral services was conducted by Fred Pruitt at the saints chapel. The text was found in Matt. 19: 14. "But Jesus said, suffer little children and forbid them not, to come unto me; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

A treasure rare has slipped away,

A baby's smiles have ceased to be;

A loneliness is in hearts—

Of parents fond and sisters three.

Yet they are glad the babe they love,

Is safe with God in heaven above.

A TESTIMONY OF HEALING

My heart is burdened this morning, to tell through Faith and Victory of God's great healing power towards me, and how the dear Lord answers prayer. Surely the Lord is good and I can say with the Psalmist, "Bless the Lord, oh my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord oh my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgiveth all thine iniquities who healeth all thy diseases." Praise God.

It was early last spring when I had a break-out on my arms and hands with swelling and a burning itch with it. I also had a goiter, quite large already, it hindered me by working or lifting hard. By reading the book, "The Grace of Healing" last winter and tracts on divine healing I got encouraged and my soul got burdened about my healing and I thought I must have it also, if others have been healed, as the Lord is no respecter of persons and the dear Lord moved upon my heart to send a request for prayer and for a anointed handkerchief to Faith Pub. House, I also send a request to Sister Rutty and Bro. A. S. Kriebel of Cal. for prayer, the day was set for April 8th Easter Sunday at 11 o'clock to be agreed with us for our healing. (three other sisters had also requested for their healing). I started to fast the day before and searched my heart before God and renewed my consecration with the Lord. I felt so positive of my healing, that my heart cried out, I must be healed. When the handkerchief was applied and prayer was offered I could believe from my heart that the work was done, but no sign of healing could be seen until in the afternoon I noticed that my shirt collar loosened up around my neck and in the evening when I changed shirt I found to my surprise that my goiter was still smaller. Oh, how we praised the dear Lord with tears, for his healing power, but the Lord had not yet touched my arms and hands that evening, but praise the Lord my faith had increased in such a way that I know God's promises were true and it must come to pass, that night no

burning itch came on my hands, but in the morning the swelling was down and the skin was all wrinkled up and started to peel off, oh, how I rejoiced, but two days later in the afternoon the decease returned on my hands with the same burning itch, but I rebuked it and claimed the victory in Jesus name, but it kept on burning and itching until bed time, so I placed my gloves on the dresser in case I would scratch again, in sleeping I would put them on, but I slept well that night without scratching and in the morning when I awoke the decease had left and has not returned since. My goiter also kept decreasing from day to day until Thursday morning when there was only a small lump left on one side, then I thought this would be the day of my entire deliverance and instead of keeping my eyes on the Lord I kept watching that lump to disappear, but when evening came on a cloud of darkness came over me and instead of the lump being smaller it had grown larger, then discouragement over took me, and it seemed I was at the end and did not know what to do. I prayed and wrestled with the Lord all night until morning when the Lord showed me how I had turned my eyes off from Him and was looking and watching for the lump to disappear, but in his mercy and love to me He stretched out His hand and put me back on his promises, and I could hear the words ring in my soul: "For the word of the Lord is right and all His works are done in truth," and what Jesus says, "If ye abide in me and my words abide in you ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." John 15: 7. "It shall be done unto you;" then, I could see it was not my business to wonder at the lump, but the Lord's business to tend to, and praise the Lord He has given me the victory over it, and I can rejoice in His promises which are yea and amen to me now; praise the Lord. It seems it don't affect the hearts of the people any more when they hear of divine healing. I spoke to a man with whom I had worked, about the healing of my goiter. He said, we know that, but the nature has much to do with the healing. Poor people; they do not want to give God the glory even if they see it with their eyes, but let us be true to the Lord and abide in Him, so he can fulfill His word in us where he says in Ps. 32: 8, "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go; I will guide thee with mine eye." Surely the times are evil in which we are living and it behooves us to watch and keep sober as the devil has laid many snares a long the holy way to entrap us, especially with such little things that look so harmless, and are not according to the word of God, that when that great day will come we will not be found wanting.

I thank you all for your kind prayers in my behalf, and ask you to continue to pray for me that I may be found true and obedient to His Word.

Yours, for the whole Bible Truth, —Fred Stahnke.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases." (Psalm 103: 2-3).

The Awfulness Of Sin

The Faith and Victory paper is wholly against sin and evil of all kinds and by the grace and help of the Lord, we shall not make excuses for those who persist in some things that lead on to the death of the soul and encourage others to take the broad way. Sin is the ruination of any one who embraces it. It caused Adam and Eve to lose the pleasures of living in the beautiful garden, they were driven out by the hand of God, because they transgressed the law of God and they were cursed with pain and sorrow, because of their transgressions. Sin caused Cain to rise up against his brother and slay him and God's wrath was kindled against Cain for this awful deed committed. Sin that reigned in the heart of King Herod, caused him to slay the children under two years of age, thinking that then he would kill the child Jesus.

Sin caused Ananias and Sapphira his wife to lie to Peter and the Holy Ghost, they fell down dead and were carried out and buried. Sin reigning in the hearts of evil men, caused Jesus our Saviour to be scorned, scoffed and mocked at, to be smitten, pierced and slain on the cruel cross.

The devil lied to Eve in the garden and by believing his lie she transgressed the law of God and brought misery to herself, as it was then so it is now, people are believing the devils lies and are turning down the truth of God's word, thus we see them doing all manner of evil, such as smoking, chewing, drinking, dancing, cursing and swearing; making friendship with the world by following the fads and fashions that are immoral and indelicate, exposing their bodies to the lust of lustful men, adorning themselves with superfluity to attract attention, all of which is a manifestation of sin in the heart. Sin will and does cause husband and wife to quarrel and fight and separate, children to be scattered and grow up many times in wickedness. Sin fills our court rooms with divorce cases, fills the jails and penitentiaries with men and women; also the asylums. Sin causes many blocks of our large cities to be inhabited with immoral women and portions with graft and greed. Sin is a reproach to any people and yet with all this vice, misery, woe and sorrow which is caused by sin, some will wrest the scriptures and teach the people that you cannot live free from sin; shame on such preachers, letting Satan use them to lie to the people and keeping them under the enemies galling yoke.

In Matt. 1: 21, we read: "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name JESUS: for He shall save his people from their sins." So you see dear reader, we are saved from our sins by faith in Jesus Christ.

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach

the acceptable year of the Lord." (Luke 4: 18).

Jesus said, "He that commits sin is the servant of sin." So if we are committing sin we are the servant of sin, under condemnation, on the broad way which leads to ruin forever. Church joining and paying your dues will not insure you of heaven. The only way to be sure of heaven is to be freed from all sin by faith in the accomplished and completed work of Christ and the only way to keep that assurance in your soul is to live free from sin every day, one sin unrepented of will bar you out of heaven. People who do not believe that Jesus fully saves from all sin will never get freed from sin, it is only believers that gets things from God; so if you are taught that you cannot live free from sin and you believe it you will never get free. Why not believe the word of God and be made free from all sin and guilt. The blood of Christ was innocent, blameless and spotless and if you repent and confess your sins to God and cover with this blameless blood, it will make you innocent and blameless before God and as you walk in the light of His word without committing iniquity you shall continue to be free from sin and then you will know the full meaning of the scripture which reads, "If the son makes you free, ye shall be free indeed." In first John, third chapter and eighth verse we read: "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning for this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil." It is truly so with those that believe, for Jesus destroys the works of the devil out of the heart and makes them free from sin and keeps them free from sin day by day as they walk in His redeeming love and the assurance of heaven and immortal glory is ever bright in their souls. —F. P.

The Two Resurrections

The first resurrection is spiritual; the second is literal. Read (1 John 3: 14). "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren." Dear ones we know there can be no resurrection except there be a death first. So please read, Gen. 2: 15-17) (Eph. 2: 1) (Rom. 8: 6—5: 12—7: 9) (1-Tim. 5: 6).

Spiritual death reigned from Adam to Jesus Christ. See (Rom. 5: 12-14) (Gal. 3: 21-22). Christ brought life or the resurrection from the dead. (sinful state). (2 Tim. 1: 9-10) (John 10: 10—11: 25-26). The dead are now raised to life. (Eph. 5: 14—2: 1-6). (John 5: 24-25) (Col. 2: 13—2: 1) Rom. 6: 13) (1 Jo. 3: 14).

Dear readers if we will take those foregoing scriptures and study them, we can see clearly that the first resurrection is when we get saved from sin; or justified, or born again. (Rev. 20: 6). "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power." What a blessed thought it is when we shall stand before the judgment bar of God, to know that we have part in this glorious res-

urrection and the second death hath no power over us. Praise the Lord.

Dear reader notice that all people will be resurrected at Christ's second coming, those that have done good unto life everlasting, and those that have done evil unto condemnation; He will separate them. Read (Matt. 25: 31-32) (Rev. 1: 7) (John. 5: 28-29). By these scriptures we can plainly see that there is no thousand years between the resurrection of the righteous and wicked; there is only one general resurrection. All nations tongues and people will be resurrected, both saint and sinner.

There is no place for a thousand years reign when Christ comes; He will deliver up the Kingdom, not set up the Kingdom as some teach that there is one thousand years of peace and joy and that Jesus will set it up at his coming. His kingdom is not of this world or a literal kingdom. (John 18: 36-37). (Mark 9: 1) "His kingdom is not meat and drink; but righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost." (Rom. 14: 17). Again; "The Kingdom of God cometh not with observation: for the kingdom of God is within you." Lu. 17: 20-21. "The saints shall possess the Kingdom." (Dan. 7: 18—27). We have been washed in the King's blood, Rev. 1: 5 and we are reigning if we are saved; we are kings. See (Rev. 5: 10). We are reigning by one Christ Jesus. (Rom. 5: 17) The saints possess the kingdom. (Luke 12: 32). So we are in the kingdom the moment we get saved; we have the right and are commanded to go on to perfection, or purified so that we can reign with Christ in holiness all the days of our life. And at last reign with Christ in glory forever and ever.

—W. I. Miles.

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A Husband's Challenge

On the fourth anniversary of their wedding day, a young wife said to her husband: "I have been a very happy woman for four years; but if only one thing else could be true, I would be the happiest woman in the world."

"Well," he said, "what is it? I would do anything for you."

"If you were only a Christian," she replied.

"Are you a Christian?" said the young husband.

"Yes," came the answer.

"Well, I didn't know it," he remarked; and then, after a pause, he put his astonished wife through a series of questions:

"Do you swear?"

"No."

"Neither do I," he responded.

"You don't steal?" he queried.

"No, of course not."

"Neither do I."

"You don't gamble?"

"Of course I don't."

"Neither do I," said he.

"You don't get drunk?"

"Why do you ask such questions? Of course I don't."

"I don't either," he again responded.

"Now," he said, "You drink wine at receptions?"

"Yes, out of courtesy to the hostess."

"I do, too," he added.

"You go to the theatre?"

"Certainly."

"I do, too."

"You play cards, don't you?"

"Where's the harm in that? I play of course."

"I do, too."

"You dance, don't you?"

"Certainly!" she said, "there's no harm in dancing. I love it. I dance, of course I do."

"Well," said her husband. "I do, too."

"Now," said he, "if you'll show me the difference between the kind of life that you are living, and the kind I am living, I have no objection to my becoming a Christian."

The young wife saw his point; and when her husband unexpectedly returned on an errand, he found her on her knees by the couch, her face buried in her hands, and she was weeping. He asked her to forgive him if he had hurt her feelings.

"No," she answered, "it is I who ought to ask your forgiveness and with God's help, you shall have a different wife from this time on."

Fourteen months from that time this young man acknowledged in a large religious gathering: "For four months I have been a Christian man, won to God by the earnest, consistent, beautiful Christian life of my devoted wife."

"My dear christian sister, if the religion of the W. E. Biederwolf, "if the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ doesn't make any difference between the life you are living, and the life your unconverted husband is living, it isn't worth recommending to him."

"My dear Christian sister, if the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ doesn't make any difference between the kind of life your unconverted brother is living, it isn't worth having as a means of saving and purifying the soul."

As he concluded a public address concerning these hurtful entertainments, Wm. Edw. Biederwolf thus petitioned:—

"O my Lord, smite to-night our selfishness and sin! If we have been in anybody's way forgive us, and give us some conception of what it means to be a child of Thine."

"Leave the message for these young hearts, especially for whom self-denial may be hard, as a guide-post on the path of the best and highest and purest to which the grace of God can lead."

"Give us to know something of the expulsive power of a real affection for Jesus in the heart until the unworthy and the indelicate and the suggestive shall have no more place and He who loved us and gave Himself for us shall be in all." —Sel.

LITTLE FOLKS' PAGE

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

Little Things

A raindrop is a little thing,
Many make the showers;
Little moments flitting by
Make up all the hours.
One little star at close of day
Vainly seems to twinkle,
Till at length the shining host
All the blue be-sprinkle.

A smile is but a little thing
To the happy giver,
Yet it oft times leaves a calm
Over life's rough river;
Gentle words are never lost,
Howe'er small their seeming,
Sunny rays of love are they
O'er our pathway gleaming.

Ah! it is the little things—
Little joys and trials,
Little pleasures, little griefs,
And little self-denials,
Little hopes and little fears—
Fill our morn and even;
And little beams of love and faith
Light our way to heaven. —Sel.

Dear little children: I send greetings of love in the precious name of Jesus, who has given his own dear life that whosoever believed should not perish, but have everlasting life. It will be well worth while dear ones to take heed to God's word and when Papa and Mamma read God's word, to be attentive to its meaning. For the time may be coming when that dear voice of Papa and Mamma may be forever hushed in this world and your dear children be left behind to grope through your own way in this old world of sin and confusion and if you listen to your dear parents, that are in the light and follow their footsteps, you will be able to carry God's work along after they are dead and gone. Therefore it's always the prayer of a burdened Mother's heart, that the almighty God will lead her children in the right way, that the cause of God may not suffer loss.

I feel I want to relate a little incident of a short time ago, when my two youngest children, Elrica and Clarence were playing in the freshly plowed garden, all at once they came in and Clarence the youngest, was crying with sand in his eyes, I took him to the sink and tried to wash it out, but he held his eyes closed so

tight I didn't succeed, finally he cried himself to sleep, only to waken up again in a few minutes, and try as I would I just couldn't wash the sand out, so he went to sleep again and slept a few minutes more, but woke up again and by that time had made up my mind what to do. I said sonny come here to Mamma, we will ask the Lord to remove that sand from your eyes and Elrica watched to see how the Lord was going to do it, when she saw me kneeling down and laying my hands on sonny's head she to knelt down beside me.

When I had prayed I got up from my knees and took the baby on my lap and waited; Elrica looked first at me then at her little brother and seeing no change she said, “Mamma the Lord didn't take it out; Did He?” I didn't answer right away, then again, “Mamma is the Lord going to take that sand out of his eyes?” (something said to me now what) Elrica the Lord says, “Whatever we ask in his name, that will He do.” But, Mamma how can he do it and how can we know He does it. I said, when we have done what the Lord wants us to do; we have prayed and asked the Lord and believe His word that He will do it. I said; Elrica do you believe the Lord can remove that sand. “Yes I do” she answered, I do too I said, the Lord is going to do it. And what else do you suppose happened; sonny looked up with both eyes and laughed the sand all gone. How did the Lord do it?

Praise the Lord, Clarence went right out to play; but not before we had a little spell of rejoicing. May God bless you all and make useful vessels of every one of you, is my prayer. Your Sister in Christ,

—Mrs. Lydia Eek.

CORRESPONDENCE

Sarco, Mo.—Dear saints of God: I will write to you as it is the Lord's will.

I am saved and sanctified, I am nine years old. I am praying for all the sinners, so they might get to God. I want you all to pray for me. that I will do what the Lord wants me to do. He does everything for me. Your Sister in the Lord, —Ada Cramer.

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I am a sincere believer in a change of heart in religion; that will take effect on the exterior of our lives in harmony with divine writ. (Rom. 12: 1-2).

But I do not believe in the change of heart that comes with the change of styles, and the fashion plates, which also takes effect upon the exterior of our lives, but is not in harmony with divine writ, but rather the reverse.

—R. H. Craig.

Fremont, Mo.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt and saints: I feel led of the Lord to send in my testimony. The dear Lord has done so much for me. Before the Lord saved me, I was so near gone, one morning about one o'clock I called for some of the family, by the time they got to the bed I could'nt speak, only a word or two, I got stiff all over and my heart and pulse had stopped beating. I had the color of a dead person, just seemed like I was in a dark place. Wanting help but couldn't talk or move or open my eyes, I was just about in Hell. I layed for about five or six hours; Sis. Harper of Delaware, Mo. was here holding meeting, she was at our home that night. Sister Harper prayed for God to raise me up and spare my life. The dear Lord raised me up and spared my life to get right. I got saved in about ten days afterward. Oh, I am so glad that the dear Lord put life in this body of mine, to get right with my Saviour, that I may be a help to some precious soul.

Oh, if dear precious souls would realize what it was going to mean to stand before the judgment seat of Christ. I was once deceived, I used to believe in the Pentecost sect, I use to gibber, dance and jerk. I use to think I was right, I could feel false joy flowing. Oh, dear precious souls this is of the Devil's power; if I would of went the Pentecost way, I wouldn't expect a home in heaven. Please look in Matt. 7: 13-14. This is the strait and narrow way to go. Please read, (1 Cor. 14: 40). The Bible says, let all things be done decently and in order. This isn't decent rolling on the floor dancing, jerking and running. The Lord shows himself in a humble and meek way.

So many people now days claim to be right; are just a stumbling block to the people; they dress worldly, women and girls with short skirts, bobbed hair, paint and power, sleeveless dresses, and low necks and go right ahead claim to be children of God. The Bible says to dress in modest apparel. Please read (1 Tim. 2:9-10).

The world today is getting about like in the time of Noah before the flood came. Oh, dear precious ones it is getting time for people to begin to wake up.

I am glad I have found the strait and narrow way. I hope my testimony will be a help to some one. Your saved Sister stands for the truth.

—Elizbeth Glass.

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Tryon, Nebr.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and workers: May God ever bless you and keep you true to Him, amen.

I am well and saved and trusting in the Lord for all things. Praise h's name. I was very sick about six weeks ago with something like Pneumonia and my lungs hurt bad all n'ght, grew worse about two or three o'clock in the morning, so I could hardly breath: so I thought I would send a telegram to Guthrie for prayer and I continued to grow worse, so I said Lord, if there is anything wrong with me show it to me and I will get it out of the way, but I'e showed me nothing; so I said

Lord thou knowest my heart, how my life is stayed on thy word and now I am sick and alone and you can heal me. I am sending the price of the telegram to help in the office, I said, Lord they need it more than the telegraph Co. Then the Lord healed me, I could not cough, my breath was getting short my right lung fast closing up, but the dear Lord healed me while I was telling him he is so loving, kind and ready to help us. Praise his name.

I am sending you one-dollar to use as the Lord directs. May God bless you all amen.

I have not had Faith and Victory for a long time, I am lonely without it. Do not stop sending it to me, I want it as long as you publish it. I remain your Sister in Christ, Pray for me.—Mrs. Frank Bateman.

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—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt and workers: Greetings in the dear name of Jesus. May the Lord abundantly bless you all and encourage you to stand true to his cause, is my prayer.

I am glad I can say this morning, I am still in the narrow way, the way that Jesus trod. Now if I know the will of the Lord, I want to live and do just what the Lord would have me to do, while it seems so little I can do for the Lord, yet I would rather be a door keeper in the house of the Lord, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. I want to just fill the place in the body where Jesus has placed me. If I am just the little toe, I have something to rejoice for, that I am counted worthy of being a member of this great body. We all have our trials and persecutions and our many difficulties to meet in this life, but dear ones remember Jesus saw and heard it all and he knows. Yes he knows how to comfort and speak the cheering balm to our souls. Praise his name. How I love that song,—“Jesus Knows.” it is so encouraging. Jesus was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; was tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin. So Jesus knows all about our little trials and tests.

I received the paper and four tracts, I sure did enjoy reading them. I will close, may the Lord bless you all. Your Sister in Christ, —Jennie Brooks.

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Forest City, Mo.—Dear Sister Pruitt: I send greetings of love in Jesus precious name. May the Lord bless you and all that are connected with the work of the Lord at that place, pouring his love and grace into your souls, making you a blessing to others.

Was so glad to get your good encouraging letter, was a feast to my soul.

This evening finds me still on the Lord's side, his peace within my soul. I am journeying homeward day by day to that Beautiful City of Light. The pathway may not always be paved with roses, but will always be paved with the promises of God, “I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.” So as long as Jesus is with us we can know all is well. Praise the Lord. “Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me.”

He is with his saints today and always will be.

We have had the privilege of visiting and praying with the sick some lately, Please pray earnestly for Sister Graham, that the Lord will heal her of a cancer, she has been wonderfully helped, but we know God can heal her completely.

I would sure enjoy visiting with you dear folks in your home, this Sunday if it were God's will, but we know His way is best. I almost feel acquainted with you already. I will close with christian love. Your Sister saved and sanctified, —Susie Whipple.

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Woodburn, Ore.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: Greeting in Jesus name. As I am lonely and not very well and alone most of the time, I thought I would enjoy writing a few lines to you.

It has been sixty-five years ago since I gave my heart to God, and was born into his family. I had my eighty-eighth birthday the second day of July. I have gone through many hardships and sorrows, but I have found my Saviour true to his promises and a present help in every time of need. He has never left me, He called my husband home several years ago, and six of my children has gone home to glory and I want to meet them. Dear ones sometimes things look discouraging, but the blessed Holy Bible is a sure foundation, a comfort in these dark and perilous times. There is no meeting around here that I care to go to, so I don't go very often, as I can't fellowship with them, but a very few that claim to be the saints of God. In the Church of God I see very little difference, so I take my blessed Bible and go to my dear Saviour and He helps and keeps me humble in the straight and narrow way. I would be so glad if I could have a congregation of saints like the old saints of 1890 in dear old Bro. Warner's time. Oh, how happy all was in those days, but I can't help it, all I can do is to do what I know is right and walk in the light as the Holy Spirit leads and let my light shine and trust it all to Jesus. He won't leave me, but will give me grace and strength to praise His Holy name. I am going to be true to him as long as He leaves me here in this dark world, I do not think it will be long till he will call me home, I am now on my journey to mansions above, my soul is full of glory, bright peace and love. —Phebe Green.

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Penna.—To the workers at Faith Pub. house: Greetings in Jesus dear name, may the blessings of God continue with you and keep you faithful in doing a clean and upright work, for the saving of precious souls; for whom Christ Jesus gave his life on the cruel cross. I am praising Him for his loving kindness to me. We have no time to go back to the world, Peter said to Jesus, "To whom shall we go, thou hast the words of eternal life."

Oh, when we see Jesus coming in the clouds, may we be ready to meet Him. I love to read the good sermons and testimonies in Faith and Victory.

—Mary L. Baker.

Morrison, Tenn. —Dear brethren, greetings in Jesus' name:

I was reared in a Campbellite home, and I thought it was the only church in the world. I lived an up and down life, sinning more or less (most of time more) every day. About ten years ago I met some holiness people. We were afraid of them at first, but soon I got gentle and went near to them. I heard them preach and sing of full salvation, so I went to the altar and got saved and shouted all over the arbor. Thank the dear Lord. I later got sanctified. I then "joined" the Nazarene church; quit tobacco, shows and all other evils. After living in it some three or four years, I was licensed to preach in 1923. In 1925 I left them and went to the Free Will Baptist Church. I was at once given license to preach, but like the Nazarenes, man-rule was in the church and I didn't like that. I often thought if the church in the New Testament had all that man-rule. In 1927 a colored man gave me a copy of Faith and Victory. I read it; sent for more tracts, read them, saw the light on the true Church; I found that I was in it all the time. I was thinking how to make known to men that I was in the Church when the Spirit said to me, when you are saved you are in the Church of God; all you have to do is to acknowledge it. I am so glad I have found this way; friends, pray for me. I have given out many hundreds of tracts and papers. I am sending for some more, for I will give them out to the glory of the Lord.

May He bless all the saints the world over, and especially you dear ones at Guthrie, is my prayer. If there is any of the saints any where that want a full gospel preacher, write to me and I will come if I have to crawl and preach for you. Saints, please pray for me that I ever be true and a soul winner for Jesus.

I am your brother in the one Church of God,
—Colonel Pendleton.

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Suva Fiji.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord. We have often been gratefully blessed when we have had seasons of God's special dealings with us and other precious souls. I was greatly blessed to get your encouraging letter, also the two-dollars for the Lord's work here. Please give my best thanks to the dear saints, for their valuable help.

Since writing last I have had the privilege of having a free trip by the Government's Boat Pioneer, to Makogai, the leper Island. The boat goes there twice a year, taking Ministers, relation and close friends to that Island to see the inmates, all have to take their own food along during the trip or pay for same. We left on May the 29th. at 10 P. M. and arrived at the Island May the 31st. at 7 A. M. The weather was all that could be desired, which gave me an opportunity to hold several open air meetings. They, in a very hearty way sang some of the old favorite hymns and listened to the message of Salvation. There were about thirteen different countries represented on the Island;

therefore many did not understand what was said. One Cook Islander expressed a desire to know more of God, so we knelt down in a lonely spot on the foot-path and prayed that light and liberty would be given. There are close on five-hundred lepers to be cared for, they have neat little places to live in, and very good attention is given. There are two Churches there one a Methodist and the other a Roman Catholic. The Island contains over 3,000 acres, plenty of food is grown on it. Amongst the different sights seen, one was a very sad one, namely two Europeans from New Zealand, who were blind, the leprosy got into their eyes and blinded them.

Yes, its very sad indeed to see people who have lost their natural eyesight by that terrible disease. But Oh, how much sader to see and know that there are millions who have lost their spiritual eyesight, blinded by the gods of this world. There are millions upon millions who have been blinded by sin and the powers of darkness so that they cannot see Jesus as the great Physician, who can open their eyes of understanding and bring light and liberty to their souls. May our hearts be touched more and more and let our prayer be like that of Elishas, "Lord, I pray thee open his eyes, that he may see."

After spending a pleasant time with the people, giving them some New Testaments, Pilgram's Progress, (Fijian) papers and tracts, which some friend helped me financially to do. We left there the same day at 3 P. M. for Levuka, reaching there a little after 5 P. M. The following day the Levuka people were taken to the Island whilst in Levuke. I held several cottage and open air meetings, which were much appreciated. The following morning June the 1st., we left at 6 A. M. arriving back to Suva at noon.

The Lord has blest our work in Suva, one young Indian boy Charlie, who has been listening to the gospel message given in the open air, found Jesus as his personal Saviour, born again and filled with the Holy Spirit. Charlie is only eighteen years of age. He speaks three different languages, therefore he is a great help, giving the message in Fiji to the Fijians. Both his father and mother have also come into the true light. His name is John, he preaches the gospel in Hindu and English. Sister John has started a Sunday school, truly our hearts have been made glad and we have every reason to say, Praise the Lord.

Two weeks ago Phillip Murrey a half cast Fijian who has been attending our Bible class, expressed a desire to be baptized.

Last Sunday a week ago, we went to the Point Brighton Park, where Bro. Longley conducted a baptismal service, he baptized Phillip in the sea. After which we had a very nice service at Lami, also a good open air meeting in Suva at night, when the gospel was preached in three languages to a fair gathering, who seemed to be drinking in the words spoken. So the Lord is indeed blessing us. I am sure your hearts too will rejoice, because you have not only prayed for

the work here, but you have helped us in many other ways. I pray that we all will be encouraged to labor on, knowing that our labor in the Lord is not in vain, and that we shall reap if we faint not. May the same self-sacrificing spirit be in us, as was in the one who said, I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work.

May God richly bless you all in His own work, for the salvation of precious souls. With best christian love to all. I am your Bro. in Christ Jesus.

—C. H. Sperber.

A Letter From Robert Longley

Suva, Fiji Islands.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt, family and Co-workers:—Truly we can be of good cheer from day to day, though we are still in the midst of this scene of tribulation and come in contact with the forces of darkness and evil continually. Praise the name of Jesus our *overcomer*, on whose precious promises we can safely stand and come off "more than conquerors" in the fray. It's in the name of this our One Captain that I am so glad again to send you greetings.

I have received the May issue of the Faith and Victory and was very glad to get this roll of papers, as they contained much good, solid rock-bottom truth that will help souls that are in the fight and will bring light and life to them that are walking in darkness. I was much encouraged by all the good bracing articles and life-giving testimonies. Too, I was so glad that the Lord is just richly blessing young Bro. and Sister Cramer as they have been obedient unto the heavenly vision and call to come and help in the spread of the Good News from there. I hope all of you are keeping well and the Lord is continuing to add His blessings on all parts of the work. I liked the poem "Bloom Where He Places You" I know that there are many souls that are longing for the sweet fragrance of the Rose of Sharan to come into their lives, to gladden and freshen their broken and bruised and crushed hearts, to dispel the gloom and sighing and bring the real peace and rest to their bosoms that only Jesus can supply. My prayer is, "Lord, help me to be a vessel meet to contain and give out to others the perfume of the gospel as found in Luke 4: 18." This is one place that it is surely needed. I was thinking some days ago of the hardness etc. here and how it seems the Lord sees we need to be put on the emery stone and be ground down small enough that we can be hid with Christ in God. But I am glad to report that my heart still says, "Amen to Thy will, Lord." Bro. Pruitt, you know what victory that gives, so I'm real happy and blest in the precious will of Jesus for me.

The Lord has been blessing here and letting us be encouraged and there is more real earnest interest and inquiry about the way of salvation than before. Too, one Indian man Mr. John, his wife and their son, Chas.

John, have come right out for the Lord and seem very earnest and zealous. Especially is it good to hear their testimonies of how the Lord has led into His light. Charles John is about eighteen years old and has a good grip of the way of salvation, both by experience and by the Word. Praise the Lord for the working power of His Spirit. The Lord has been giving us, some very precious little prayer meetings and Bible readings at my room, the interest seems to be growing. So I am just praising the Lord that prayer is being answered, and am aware that the agreement of the prayers of many from across the waters have had part in this. One day the past week I had a touch of something like the Flu, anyway; I had a sore throat and for a time had fever, that night was the time for prayer meeting at my room. The Lord revived me and completely took away all the fever and I have been feeling well since. Before the meeting was over a young man that has lately come to Fiji came to my room also and was hungry to talk of the realities of a life fully consecrated to the Lord, so the time of conversing of these things and reading some scriptures and in prayer, continued in till late and it was a real joyful time.

I am glad that the Young People's Meetings are keeping all of them encouraged to live for the Lord. If many there could see what a blessing and privilege is right at their hearts, to hear and receive real light and truth of life, and then to know how that great numbers of their fellow creatures are in the darkness and are eagerly longing for the real light, surely many of the young people would give their hearts to Jesus and consecrate their lives to His service.

Well, time has gone by swiftly and now the summer months have come and I suppose that soon preparations will be made for Camp-Meetings in various places. I pray that this season will be one when the windows of heaven will be opened unto the hearts of the children of God as never before.

I see I must close, I send my best love and christian greetings to all of the dear saints, as I can't write to each one individually. I remain ever your Bro. for Jesus and souls,
—Robert Longley.

Our Rights In The Gospel, Both Male And Female

Jesus the Son of God came to this world as a Savior, not only so, but as a Minister, or teacher we will say Minister, because he set the example for the Minister and he began to set the example when he went into the wilderness, and fasted forty days and forty nights. (Matt. 4: 1-11). He does not only, or did not set an example for ministers, but also for others.

Yes Jesus came as a Savior, to give Eternal Life to as many as would receive him; as we read in the first chapter of St. John. "But as many as received Him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." "As thou

hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give Eternal Life to as many as thou hast given him." (St. John 17: 2). God created man in the beginning, for the foundation of the human race. (Gen. 1: 26-27). God saw that man needed an help meet and He made a woman Gen. 2: 18. And when the Savior came he called twelve men for the foundation of the Church, Matt. 10: 1. and when he had gathered to him the material, we find that he says I will build my Church, (Matt. 16: 18) and then the Savior saw that they needed help meet and he called a woman, (John 4: 16) this woman then left her water-pot and went her way into the city and said to the man. See (John 4: 28). And the results were that many believed Ver. 39. Then after the resurrection; the very first one he appeared to was a woman and he sent a message by her, that was Mary, (Luke 24: 10) the results was, Peter and others came to the grave. Ver. 12. When God made man he made both male and female, and when the Lord began his mission after he came here, he called into the ministry, both male and female. See (Acts 2: 17-18). Jesus the Savior had a company of both male and female and really of many women See (Matt. 27: 55-56) (Luke 8: 1-3—23: 55-56—24: 1-10) (Mark 15: 40-41). And Paul had companies of men and women. See (Acts 18: 18) (Rom. 16: 1-15). Aquila and Priscilla was man and wife who was in the Gospel as teachers. (Acts 18: 26): Certainly God has called and is calling both male and female into the work of the Lord, as ministers and other workers and if God has called them in there, no man has a right to lay his hands on them and say you keep silent; no, no, indeed not, for they have a right in there.

Now in Paul's time we find that he and his company entered into the house of Philip the evangelist, which had four daughters, virgins which did prophesy (preach) (Acts 21: 8-9). Why? Because they had a right to, because that was their privilege in the Lord, because it was a calling from God. Paul gave them the right, See (1 Cor. 11: 5) then we find also that he gave the women the right to teach. (Titus 2: 3-4). He gave them power and authority to preach. (Mark 3: 13-14). Then he called seventy others and gave the power also Luke 10: 17-19, and he taught them to pray and gave them this right, not only some, but men every where and in like manner the women. (1 Tim. 2: 8-9). When they assembled at Jerusalem tarrying for the comforter they were praying in one accord and the number was about one-hundred and twenty both men and women. Dear reader, will you take notice that they were with one accord and this surely includes those women which were assembled with them. There are different creeds that teach that women should keep silent till the preacher wants a large sum of money; then he wants the women to get up the money, because they can beat the men collecting. Well the word does say for women to keep silent. (1 Cor. 14: 33). But let us see who and why they should be silent. You will note the thirty-second verse, they were in a confusion and Paul said,

God is not the author of confusion, so the women that are in confusion should keep silent, not only so, but that the men in the same confusion to keep silent also. Now busy bodies; they should keep silent. (2 Thes. 3: 11-12). Now those that are not in a confusion, preach, teach and pray. We note that there at the Pentecost they were gathered in the upper room; they all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, **WITH THE WOMEN**, and Mary the mother of Jesus and with his brethren. (Acts 1: 13-14).

Now in conclusion we will notice a prophecy of the present gospel dispensation, what the prophet said about our rights in the gospel, speaking of the Savior and His mission. "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit upon *all flesh* and *your sons* and *your daughters shall prophesy.*" (preach) Then why should men teach that the women should keep silent? "The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests rule with their means; and my people love to have it so." Yes these sect prophets, tell lies in the pulpit and the sect priests will rule with their means, so to get more means. (money) Beware of such Matt. 7: 15, for they will come to you in sheep's clothing and let me say right here that the devil will send some of them professing holiness of every kind, but the right kind and that is the kind that takes the whole word of God, the kind God recognizes and the only kind. Be watchful therefore unto prayer, amen.

—C. M. Hicks.

The Unpardonable Sin

The Bible speaks so much about sin, it is an abomination in the sight of God; a reproach to any people. When God created Adam and Eve he created them pure and Holy **WITHOUT SIN**, but we find that when they transgressed the law of God, they committed sin. And what did sin do? Why it drove them out of the beautiful garden of Eden. It was not the amount of sins that they committed, that drove them out of the garden, but just one sin, disobedient to God. Let's see what the Bible definition for sin is. "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law." (1 John 3: 4). "And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin." (Rom. 14: 23). We see then that sin is nothing more or less, than disobedience to God's word. God does not look on the amount of sins to see whether we are fit for heaven, but He looks on the heart and sees if we are **PURE WITHIN**. "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God." (Matt. 5: 8). Dear reader, nothing short of this will get you to heaven. Heaven is a Holy place and all that ever enter there will be pure and Holy; *without sin*. Some people deny the fact that we can live free from sin, but the word of God says; "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning, for this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of

the devil." "Whosoever is born of God does not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God." (1 John 3: 8-9).

Now as we have seen that we can live free from all sin; because that was Christ's mission to this world; that he might destroy the works of the devil. Some one no doubt will ask the question, what then is the unpardonable sin? As we all know that the unpardonable sin, is a sin, that we will not be forgiven of. Dear reader this is a serious thought and should be considered prayerfully and should know the mind of the Lord in it. Let us see what the word of God says about it. "Wherefore I say unto you, all manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men; and whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come." (Matt. 12: 31-32).

The unpardonable sin is not; adultery, fornication, murder, drunkenness, witchcraft, idolatry, lying, foolishness, smoking, or any other sin. But by continuing in these sins or any one of them and rejecting the Holy Spirit, one may commit the unpardonable sin. The word says, all manner of sins will be forgiven, but the *sinning against the Holy Ghost will never be forgiven*. Dear reader, the unpardonable sin in other words, is continually rejecting the Holy Spirit. We will say for instance the Holy Spirit talks to a person to stop lying and they go on heedless, time after time turning away the Holy Spirit and in time the Spirit of God will no longer strive with them about it, but sad to say He will leave them. And what is the result? They have committed the unpardonable sin. Oh, dear ones its a serious thing to trifle with God. "The Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man." (Gen. 6: 3). So don't turn away the Holy Spirit, whenever He is talking to you about anything. Lying is not the only sin, that will cause a person to quench the Spirit, but it can be any one of the above sins mentioned.

Dear ones, do you know that you can commit the unpardonable sin by putting off your salvation, or getting saved. I at one time heard of a woman that was saved and enjoying the pleasures of salvation and she went back into the world, she had backslid in other words. The Spirit kept talking to this woman time and again, but she kept on in her stubborn way, refusing to obey the voice of the Lord; so the time came when a revival was going on near her locality which she attended, her husband was saved, went to Church regular and lived the life of a Christian. I think it was the last night of the meeting, if I am not mistaken that she was there, the invitation was extended to any one who wanted to get right with God. This woman was sitting about half way back in the audience, the Spirit was pleading and striving so mightily with this woman, she had to hold fast to the bench where she was sitting to keep from yielding to the voice of the Son of

God. Sad to say, she did not yield to the voice or Spirit of God, which was talking to her for the last time, and the Holy Spirit left her after that night. It has been said, that she would come to Church with her husband after that, but she had no interest or desire to know any thing of the Lord; she merely came to please her husband. Oh, dear unsaved friend, if the Spirit of God is talking to your heart to get saved, don't put it off. "Quench not the Spirit." (2 Thess. 5: 19). "Wherefore as the Holy Ghost saith, today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts." (Heb. 3: 7).

The Lord is pleading with you dear unsaved friend, don't reject the Holy Spirit, but take heed unto it, for it may be your last invitation. Also to the saved ones, if the Lord puts anything on you to do, don't refuse, but obey the voice of God. May the Lord help us to be obedient, is my earnest prayer.

Your Bro. in Christ, —William Cramer.

"Be Ye Holy"

"But as He which hath called you is holy, so be holy in all manner of conversation;" because it is written: "Be ye holy, for I am holy."

I wish to bring a few thoughts on why we should live holy. A great many of us know that the Word of God speaks a great deal of holiness, and how we should live a holy life, so that we may be acceptable to the Lord at his appearing; by all means holiness should be preached from the pulpit. Turn to Heb. 12: 14 and read: "Follow peace with all men and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." In the beginning of this world God created man in his own image and likeness; they were holy in all their ways, they knew no sin. They were created with the nature of the heavenly Father; they communed with their Father in the cool of the evening. God loved them, and they were happy, until they disobeyed Him. What do we find that happened then? Well, the Word tells us that they lost their rights to holiness, and they were put out of the beautiful garden of Eden to do for themselves. God no longer came and conversed with them as He had before, and they no longer had the comforts of life. Now, they had to get out and work to make a living by the sweat of their brow; how different it was now. Before they were kept by their Father, and had such a beautiful place to abide. How much better it would have been had they not disobeyed God. They brought a reproach upon all who came into the world, for all are born with a sinful nature and without holiness; born to have sorrow, trouble and heart aches all because of sin. But oh! we see a light beaming through the light which comes from the Son of God; He is now our holiness, through Him we receive righteousness by accepting Him as our personal Saviour. He says: "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow, though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." We need not

go on living in sin, though we were born in it, for Christ is our salvation, through His blood we have redemption. The Word says, "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God." It does not say that you can live the way you wish and see God. No, that kind will not be blessed, for God does not look upon sin. Remember Adam and Eve were put out of the beautiful garden on account of the sin they committed. God no longer came and talked with them, as He had done before. God made coats of skin and clothed them, and so it is now; God has to clothe us with His righteousness, before we are fit for the kingdom of God, and this salvation comes through Jesus Christ our Lord. Remember when Christ hung on the cross there was a time when God looked away from Him; this was when your sins and my sins were put upon Him. The Father could not look upon sin then, and He cannot now. Remember how Christ prayed, "my God, my God, hast thou forsaken me." Thinking of this it seems that God does not and can not look upon us as clean, until we are cleansed with the blood of Jesus.

I want to call your attention to Heb. 9: 22, 28. "And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission of sin. 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." I also want to call your attention to the churches of today; there seems to be a coldness creeping in. They probably lived at one time up to all the light they had, but somewhere down the line they sanctioned things that God cannot look upon. For instance, a great many of us can see how they take things so lightly that pertain to holiness; people do not seem to think that this is needed, for it is so inconvenient for them and out of the order of their way of living or thinking. Many believe the only way to keep the young people in their church is by bringing in things that pertained to the world, such as will please the flesh, but look here my friends the word of God is our only guide, many false guides and false prophets will go to outer darkness, and they also will take many of their congregation with them, the only way we can ever expect to go through is to get right with God and stay right if we want to make heaven our resting place, we have to give up the world and its pleasures, they will have to be put out of the church and holiness preached to the people that they may know that there is but one way to God, folks are so hungry for the real experience of knowing they are right with God. They should be taught that they must be born again, for the word of God plainly says except we are born again, we shall in no wise enter into the Kingdom. We should get the robe of righteousness on, which comes through the atonement of Jesus Christ, for surely we can not come to God at the great judgement day with our lives heaped up with sin and expect God to look upon us with pleasure, for He does not, or will not look upon sin read, (Jer. 7: 23-24). But this thing

commanded I then saying, "Obey my voice and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people and walk in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you." But they hearkened not or inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward and not forward. I want to ask this question of you, do you not think that this scripture will take in many now, the day we are living in? for it seems to me more are going backward than forward. Why is this? I believe it is because they will not pay the price, but want to live to please the flesh and therefore they can not advance in the christian life, but rather go backward, to me it seems too bad for there is more actual pleasure in a few hours in the christian life than there is in the world all put together. Why sell your soul for a measly little pleasure to please the flesh, how much better it is to have God's blessing and peace within you and then in the end have everlasting joy.

The pastors and preachers are some what the cause of many not finding the Lord, for they do not preach a pure gospel to them, and as for them they in the judgement day will have much to face, as they will have many crying, why did you not tell me the true way and help me to find the Lord Jesus Christ. Of course we all have to live for our selves, but there are many who being led astray by false doctrines, false teachers will have much to account for in the great judgement day. The word says as you live so will you die and as you sow so shall you reap.

I want to show you in the word of how it speaks of some preachers and how they live and it may be you will be able to see more fully why we should live holy lives. "The prophets prophecy falsely and the priests bear rule by their means: and the people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof." The prophets lead one to believe that they can live to satisfy this flesh and then in the end will be saved, and of course people who just want to live moral lives this abominable thing just suits them fine, therefore they will have to take the consequences in the end. We find in Jer. 23rd. chapter, scripture that will open many eyes to some light, listen at this! "Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture: saith the Lord." "Therefore; thus saith the Lord God of Israel against the pastors that feed my people: ye have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them: behold I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith the Lord." (Jer. 23: 11). "For both prophet and priest are profane; ye in my house have I found their wickedness saith the Lord." (Jer. 23: 12). "Where there way shall be unto them as slippery ways in the darkness: they shall be driven on and fall therein for I will bring evil upon them even the year of their visitation, saith the Lord." (Jer. 23: 20). "The anger of the Lord shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly." We are living in the latter days now and truly we can see these very

things coming to pass. (Jer. 23: 21). "I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied." These prophets are those who bring in heresies and false doctrines, they teach things that do not correspond with the word of God, and they truly do not believe in holiness at all, but are far from it, they also teach and preach for money, which they can make with out hard labor. read, (Micah 3: 11). "The heads thereof judge for reward, and the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money" yet will they lean upon the Lord, and say, "Is not the Lord among us, none evil can come upon us." These kind are not out to save souls from hell, but to make easy money for themselves. We have to watch, these days and be on our guard for many are out deceiving people on the right and left. There are many who do not want the truth and these kind of preachers just suits them for these only want to be called by the name of the Lord read, (Isa. 4: 1). "And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, we will eat our own bread and wear our own apparel: only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach.

There are many hiding under the cloak of religion this day and age and they are full of dead men's bones, they have no more salvation than the devil himself has, and they themselves know it too, but they only are hiding from the eyes of the world, but God sees them under their coat of—hypocrisy in the darkest hour and in all their evil deeds these men are blind leaders of the blind they will fall into the ditch together.

Salvation

O, I sing of the joys of salvation,
That glorious state of my rest,
Which gladdens my days
In numberless ways,
And makes me so happy and blest.

O, glory to God for the joy in my soul
Which grows greater and greater each day;
O, glory to Him
Who pardoned my sin,
Sweeping doubt and confusion away!

O, Salvation, that greatest of riches,
You're so sweet and so precious to me;
I love thy dear name
For 'tis ever the same,
And forever and ever shall be.

You conquered the powers of darkness,
And brought only union and love;
To thee I shall cling,
Thy praises to sing,
Till I meet my dear Saviour above.

—M. Bole.