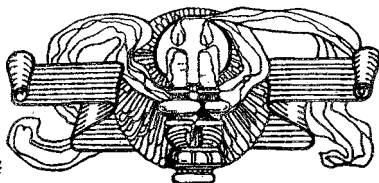


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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

That bright Eastern Star still shining
Which brings good will to men,
And every poor soul that is pining
May have sorrows come to an end.

Looking down through the long list of ages
I hear the moan and the wail
Of souls, in sin bound cages
Where the light has all but failed.

"No peace," sayeth my God to the wicked,
"Their plans are not by me."
So if a continued world peace your waiting
Disappointed you will be.

Like the League of men and of nations
Some try to act like Brother.
Yet to the worlds great consternation
Men crush and kill one another.

That great Beacon Light in the darkness
Has shown for many a year,
Bidding men to look at its brightness
For refuge from gloom and fear.

May the bright Xmas Morn in its gleaming
Shine forth as never before.
That men may know of its meaning
Then worship, give praise and adore.

The Babe that was born in a manger
Found no room in the haunts of men
But the Angels who guarded from danger
Had the voice of praise with them.
—Henry Thornton.

The Plan of Salvation

"God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day. If he turn not, he will

whet his sword; he hath bent his bow, and made it ready; He hath also prepared for him the instruments of death; he ordaineth his arrows against the persecutors." (Psa. 7: 11).

In these verses we see how angry God is with a sin loving world. When He has planned a way of escape for every honest soul. Jesus Christ is a mediator between God and man. Mediator is one who mediates between parties of strife; and man in his sinful state was in no condition to stand in the presence of God, and we never in that state could have enjoyed God nor would He have tolerated us in his presence.

All those who are not under the blood are still under the curse of sin, death and shame. We read in Heb. 12: 22-24 these words, "But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect; and to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel." Here we see that all the redeemed through the blood of Christ, made up this New Jerusalem, this Mt. Zion, this Church of God and only they are in this Holy City.

For Christ to atone for sinful man, He had to be born of flesh and blood, born of the seed of Abraham and in this he was the Son of man. And by being filled with the Holy Spirit of God, He was God in flesh and blood, moving about doing all the will of God and He was Son of God. He was God in man, and he became an acceptable sacrifice to God for the atonement of all who will repent and seek God's favor and forgiveness.

For Christ to be our atonement he had to be born of the virgin Mary, as prophesied of flesh and blood,

that in his death he became an acceptable sacrifice unto God for the sins of mankind. Without the shedding of Christ's blood the whole world would have remained under the curse, because of Adam's sin. But Jesus became mediator between a justly angry God, and sinful mankind and now only as we have Jesus dwelling in us, are we ready to face the judgment and prepared for eternal bliss.

The office work of the Holy Spirit is to carry on the salvation work in the heart and lives of Christ's redeemed ones. Christ has redeemed his saints and brought them back to God and then after Christ's death and resurrection, Christ sent His Holy Spirit to take up His dwelling place in the heart or soul of his redeemed ones. He is still carrying on the work of Christ in and through the redeemed ones. Christ's Holy Spirit must live in us and prompt and give power to our soul for us ever to please God or be able to do His will acceptable. We are only as a branch which is cut off from the vine, if the Holy Spirit is not living in us, doing the work of God. All we do, all we say, ALL; yes, *everything* is in vain unless God's Spirit is the ruling power in us and working in us. We of ourselves are nothing. It must be God in us to be able to please God. The commission, "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel" etc., comes to Christ's sanctified ones. God's Holy Spirit works through the followers of Christ. Those who have given Him a dwelling place in their soul, and in this way the work of God is carried on in the earth.

All mankind was lost, deep in sin, he never could have been brought back to God, without the shed blood of our Saviour. Christ brought back man to God through redemption. "Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised up from the dead, even by Him doth this man stand here before you whole. This is the stone which was set at naught of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby ye must be saved." (Acts 4: 10-12).

The Holy Ghost is the Holy Spirit of Christ and of God, came back to earth to dwell in the hearts of the redeemed, also to carry on the redemption work of Christ, of bringing back mankind to God. This is how Christ is an everlasting High Priest, King of Peace, King of Righteousness. His Holy Spirit is living on and on in the hearts and souls of His redeemed ones. By giving us the Holy Spirit it makes us a living, work-

ing power in the Church of God. He teaches, He guides, He instructs, He leads and as long as we are led by His Spirit, we are Christ's and Christ's are God's. As long as we obey Him, we are spiritual children born of God.

Let us tell the gospel message faithfully to all mankind, so that others can come to Christ and obtain this WONDERFUL SALVATION, free from sin, shame, and death. A repenting sinner can find peace with God through Christ.

"Show us thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us thy salvation. I will hear what God the Lord will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: but let them not turn again to folly, surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him; that glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven; yea, the Lord shall give that which is good; and our land shall yield her increase. Righteousness shall go before Him, and shall set us in the way of His steps." (Psa. 85: 7-13).

"Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face. Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance. In thy name shall they rejoice all the day: and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted. For thou art the glory of their strength; and in thy favour our horn shall be exalted. For the Lord is our defence: and the Holy One of Israel is our King, then thou spakest in a vision to the Holy One, and saidst, I have laid help upon one that is mighty; I have exalted one chosen out of the people.

I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him; with whom my hand shall be established: mine arm also shall strengthen him. The enemy shall not exact upon him; nor the son of wickedness affect Him. And I will beat down His foes before his face and plague them that hate him, but my faithfulness and mercy shall be with Him; and in my name shall His horn be exalted. I will set his hand also in the sea, and his right hand in the rivers. shall cry unto me, "Thou art my Father, my God and the rock of my salvation.

Also, I will make Him my firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth. My mercy will I keep for Him forevermore, and my covenant shall stand fast with Him. His seed also will I make to endure forever, and His throne as the days of heaven."

—Mrs. I. E. Kriebel.

Pride And Worldliness

Pride is a damning sin. Against no other manifestation of depraved human nature, does the Word of God utter more fearful rebukes. In Prov. 8: 13 we are told that, "The fear of the Lord is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the forward mouth, do I hate. The Lord hates *pride*." We read again, "thy terriblest hath deceived thee, and the *pride* of thine heart." So pride, is deceiving. Pride, is generally petted, fondled, treated with tenderness by many ministers of today. Pride and worldliness are taking thousands down the broad road to destruction.

There are two extremes in the religious world of today. Such as sisters should not wear skirts of one color and the waist of another color. And that all sisters should make their dresses alike and comb their hair alike; and all wear the same kind of hats. And that the brethren should go into the pulpit with overalls on. All such as this is fanaticism and going beyond the word. Yet on the other hand, our hearts are grieved and made sad when we see women professing godliness, with their dresses too short, low necks, short sleeves, flesh colored and silk hose, transparent clothing their little girls with dresses above their knees. Little sins, need most watching. "The little foxes spoil the vine." Of all the little sins, pride is the least one noticed by those who allow it. BEWARE! of the lust of the eye. Pride is blinding.

Do not get your eyes off of God, no matter how little the evil may be, it is as poison as a viper if it gets in the heart of the righteous. Paul instructing Timothy, said, "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel with shamefacedness (extremely modest) and sobriety; not with broidered hair or gold or pearls or costly array, but which becometh women professing godliness with good works." (1 Tim. 2: 9-10). And on the subject which says, "Be not conformed to this world, but be yet transformed by the renewing of your minds, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." (Rom. 12: 2). Now *conform* is to make like bringing into harmony with; With what? With the world? "As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance." (1 Peter 1: 14). "Let the adorning be not the outward adorning of plating the hair, and of wearing of gold or of putting on of apparel; but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptable even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. For after this manner the holy women also who trusted in God adorned themselves." (1 Peter 3: 3-5).

The above text is sadly overlooked many times. Especially on being adorned with that meek and quiet spirit, which God looks upon as being of great price. Pride, is classed with about every catalogue of sin. Rom. 1: 18-32. "Backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, PROUD, boasters, inventors of evil things." And a-

gain we hear Jesus saying, "For from within out of the heart of men proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornication, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, *PRIDE*, foolishness." Pride, is a noted sin and it is the little unnoticeable part that is doing the most harm. Sin is detected in many other forms more readily than in pride. (or little sins). Oh! how humbly we must live, how common. How plain we must be that just a little sin by way of *pride* does not get in our hearts. Pride knows not where to stop; its road is downward.

Jesus, his very first advent into the world was sought after, to take His life when first born. He was a man of sorrow, acquainted with grief, was despised, rejected of men the meek and lowly lamb of God. The main reason he was not received was he was poor. See what a proud wealthy Jew says: "He cannot be the Christ, He is poor of humble station, destitute of influence, received baptism of a man when the Messiah was to be baptized of God." How can we acknowledge him to be the Christ that Moses and the prophets did write? And the great prophet Esias wrote as the end and crown of the law. Who could think him to be the wonderful counselor, the mighty God, the prince of peace, unlearned in letters, the son of a carpenter, who could accept him as the Christ of God? A man so poorly dressed as he is claiming to be King.

He rebuked them in their guilt and pride, see what Jesus says, "Whosoever privily slandereth his neighbor, him will I cut off." "He that hath a high look and a *proud* heart will I not suffer." (Psa. 101: 5). Also in Psa. 149: 4, "For the Lord takes pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation. Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds; let the high praises of God be in their mouth and a twoedged sword in their hand."

Dearly beloved, it does appear that the day of the day of the Lord is near at hand, so many departing from the faith. *We cannot be too careful.* "Be dead to the world, for the lust of the eye and the *PRIDE* of life is of the world." "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God, with *all thy heart*, and with all thy strength and thy neighbor as thyself." When we do this, there will be no room left in our hearts to care for the frivolous follies of worldly fashions.

David, the psalmist says, "*Pride* goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall." Let us cry out against it; it is dangerous. Do not wait for the destruction to come, do not wait for the fall. Let us sound an alarm, lift up your voices like a trumpet against the deadly foe.

May the Lord bless these precious truths to every heart that may read them. My desire is that I be an example on every line, that His approval may be upon my life, that I may walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called. Amen. —Artie Bowers.

"Behold this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness."

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EDITORIALS

We are writing these lines just a few days before "Thanksgiving Day" and truly we are thankful to our gracious heavenly Father for the unmerited favors and blessings of the past year. We planted no crops, except a little garden-truck, but we have been praying to God to send the rain, sunshine and suitable seasonable weather that all countries everywhere may produce vegetation and grain for man and beast. The rain and sunshine has been given and much grain and vegetation has been raised, so we return thanks to Father for granting unmerited favors to us again.

It seems that many go on from year to year receiving and using the things that God gives without ever thanking Him for them, they seem not to realize that, "all good and perfect gifts comes down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." Man's whole life both temporal and spiritual is dependent upon God and it is a great insult and rank rebellion for any one to ignore His continual manifested loving care by turning away from His plan of soul salvation and failing to heed His inspired word, such souls are only working out their own ruin through all ages to come. The sun, moon and stars uttereth speech from day to day and all vegetation and fruits grown, speak to our souls of the unseen power of the Almighty God.

In the twenty-sixth chapter of Job, we read, of what great things that God has done, is doing and can do. The chapter ends with these words, "Lo, these are parts of His ways; but how little a portion is heard of Him? But the thunder of His power, who can un-

derstand?" It is a fact that God's great power and might is here before all people in thundering tones, yet few seem to hear and realize it. They are so filled up with their own ways and selfish devotion, that they are deaf to the thundering tones of God, just take and use His gifts for selfish gain, as though they merited it and generally murmur and complain because they do not have more. If it were not for the few righteous in this world crying unto God for their fellow-man's salvation, God would send fire and burn up this old world and all things therein. As it seems to be in the condition that Sodom was when God delivered the three righteous ones and sent fire and brimstone down from heaven and burned up those proud, unthankful and unholy people. This is a day when we need to watch and pray and give true heart service to God, as the world is filled up with form and show religion, as the three unclean spirits like frogs are in the world (Rev. 16: 13-14), which are the spirits of devils working miracles. They are like frogs, because they are hard to put your finger on, they are slick and slimy, when caught can hardly be held. They do many miracles, preach righteousness and holiness and those who receive not a love for true holiness follow them. (2 Thess. 2: 10-11).

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Christmas time will soon be here, when many will be giving gifts to others, some out of a warm heart of love and others just to be with the crowd, and still others will give because of deep appreciation and love for Jesus, who has given them such great peace and good will toward men. The majority of the hustle and bustle and giving with reveling is prompted by a worldly spirit and is foreign to the simplicity which is in Christ Jesus, and saints should not allow themselves to get in this spirit with them and be partakers of their revelings as we are called "to come out from among them and be separate." (2 Cor. 6: 17). The wise men from the east saw the star and came to where Jesus was, worshiped Him and gave Him gifts. If the "Morning Star" has arisen in our hearts, we then can come before the Lord in worship and give as unto Him which will be acceptable and pleasing unto God. Satan has got the true worship so hid with his false worship and ways, that very few discern the true body any more. We should gird up the loins of our minds and be sober for all things indicate His near coming.

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Bro. William Cramer, Sister G. W. Winn and I have just returned from near Okeene, Okla., where we had been holding meeting for nine days. There are a few saints there that are burdened for souls and we found them ready and willing in service, the meeting started off with much interest and soon souls were under conviction. The School House was pretty well filled and some nights packed with listeners. God did graciously anoint his servants in song, testimony, prayer and the preaching of the word, several souls were saved that promise to be strong influential saints in the community. Our souls have been enlarged with

much love to God during this meeting, as He was so near and precious. Bro. Philips of Dover, Okla. was there part of the time and God used him also in proclaiming the truth of His Word. We left the saints rejoicing in a Saviours' love, as they were much built up by the victory gained in the meeting over Satan and his false ways. The peace, fellowship and unity in the meeting was heavenly and sweet.

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The work here at the office is steadily moving on as God goes before and the tracts and papers are acting as hunters and fishers, finding precious souls here and there that loves the plain truth of the Bible. It does not matter to us how God uses us, just so He has His way. When God saved us we forsook our ways and our thoughts and took His ways and His thoughts and we find them leading us in a vast different way than was our course. As we travel on, the glory is brighter and heaven more real, we know that some day His way will lead us into that house from heaven, "an house not made with hands, eternal in the skies," so we press on with our eyes on the captain of our salvation and ask all our readers to pray for us as we surely need your prayers, being surrounded with unavoidable circumstances and responsibilities connected with a faith printing work. We pray that God will give you a joyous Christmas, with spiritual and temporal prosperity during the coming New Year.

State Assembly Meeting

The state assembly meeting held at Guthrie, Okla. each year during the holidays will begin this year on Friday, December the 21st. and last ten days.

Every body is invited to come and be with us in these meetings and receive from God the spiritual food which is given out by His ministers, who come in from all parts of the state and from other states.

This meeting will be held at the Church of God chapel, at sixth and west Warner Sts. Guthrie, Okla. Those needing help in soul, body or otherwise should be in this meeting and get from God the things they need. Christ shall be honored as head and overseer in these meetings, the Holy Ghost to give the messages and anoint for the preaching of the word. Arrange your business to come and refreshen your soul in these meetings, as giving and receiving makes a healthy soul.

All preparations are being made by the saints for a glorious meeting and as this is a state meeting and being winter time the expence will be greater than summer meetings, so we are expecting the saints everywhere to help along with the meeting by sending means or provision as God directs you.

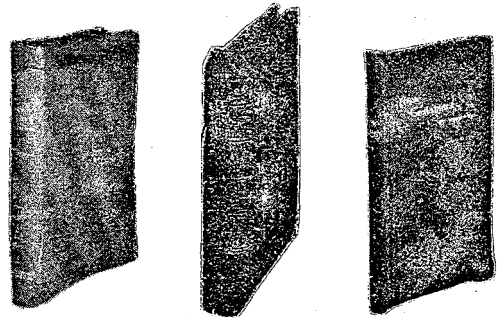
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Many prayers are going up to God by the saints here at Guthrie, that He will work mightily here in

the meetings and that the ministers coming in will give rich things from God's heavenly store house to those attending the meetings. We have a good will toward all men and hope you will be one among us in this Christmas assembly meeting. —Committee.

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Open the Book of God,

And read a portion there;

That it may hallow all thy thoughts,

And sweeten all thy care.

An Exclusive Church

In the twelveth chapter of Genesis, we read how that God blessed Abraham and declared that He would make him a blessing and that in him should all the families (different tribes) of the earth be blessed and as we read on in the Bible, we find that God did bless Abraham and make him such a great blessing, that even today men are blessed through the blessings of Abraham.

In the twenty-second chapter of Geneses, we find where God did tempt Abraham and told him to take his only son and offer him up as a burnt offering. Abraham with true faith in God, went forth to obey God even though it meant the taking of the life of his only son and in this proved to God that he loved Him more than all that He had given him, even willing to give his only son as a sacrifice, as God gave his only begotten Son as a sacrifice. In this faith, God was well pleased and as Abraham raised the knife to slay his son, the angel of the Lord stayed his hand and called the second time out of heaven and said, "By myself have I sworn, saith the Lord; for because thou has done this thing, and hath not withheld thy son, thine only son; that in blessing I will bless thee and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies: and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed." (Why?) Because thou hast obeyed my voice. Read Luke 1: 73 also Heb. 6:

3-20, and you will see that the blessings upon Abraham reaches to us today, for we who are saved, are all the children of Abraham by faith. (Gal. 3: 7). This faith family follows the Lamb of God whithersoever He goeth and those who have seen the errors of sectism, the binding regulations and commandments of men has heard and obeyed the voice of the angel which cries, "Come out of her my people" (Rev. 18: 4), have obeyed the voice of scripture found in the sixth chapter of second Cor., and have answered the prayer of Jesus in the seventeenth chapter of John and twenty-first verse. These are the special distinct exclusive body of believers that compose the bride. (John 3: 29). The spiritual body of Christ. (1 Cor. 12: 12). The Church of the living God. (1 Tim. 3: 15).

In Dueteronomy the seventh chapter, we hear the Lord talking to the literal seed of Abraham which is a type of the "True Israel of God," the present Church and saying, "For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God: the Lord thy God hath

chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above ALL people that are upon the face of the earth. The Lord did not set His love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people." In this we see how the type was a special people unto Him, above ALL people and in the sixth chapter He warns them saying, "Ye shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the people (which are a type of man organized bodies) which are round about you; for the Lord thy God is a jealous God among you."

We turn now to the fifty-second chapter of Isa. and in the very first verse we hear him using Zion, Jerusalem and holy city as metaphors of the Church and saying, "there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean."

The Prophet here was picturing to us the bride of Christ, which was to come to view when Christ would set up His kingdom of those washed in His blood; they would be circumcised in heart; in this whole chapter he is speaking of the Lord's coming people and in the fifty-third chapter he gives us a picture of Jesus growing up, His looks, His humiliation, His crucifixion and the offering of his soul for sin and how that God saw it and was satisfied with the sacrifice; showing in this how that God through Christ has redeemed unto himself a people that are clean in His sight having been washed in the blood of the Lamb.

The children of God, the congregation of God or the Church of God, is represented in the Bible as being married to the Lord. Turn to the fifty-fourth chapter of Isaiah and you will find where the prophet tells us to not remember the reproach of our widow-hood any more and gives the reason why, "for thy maker is thine husband; the Lord of hosts is his name; and thy redeemer the Holy One of Isarel; the God of the whole earth shall he be called." In the sixty-second chapter and fiftieth verse, "For as a young man marrieth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee: and as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee." In this chapter he tells how he watches over and cares for his special people and in the last verse of the chapter he says, "And they shall call them, the holy people, the redeemed of the Lord: and thou shalt be called, sought out, a city not forsaken." Just see in this chapter how definite the Prophet is concerning the people of God, calling them a holy, redeemed people.

It is stated in the gospels that Jesus came unto His own and his own received Him not; but as many as did receive Him, to them gave He power to be-

come the sons of God, even to them that believed on his name. John 1: 11, 12.

When Jesus came across some of the disciples, He spoke to them and said, "Follow me," and they left all and followed him; by forsaking all and following the Lord they become an exclusive body; women also followed Him and ministered unto Him of their substance. Jesus, speaking unto the disciples, said, "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world," (John 17: 16) showing that his people are very distinct and exclusive of all worldly man-made churches.

In the ninth chapter of Matt. Jesus speaks of His followers as children of the bridechamber and Himself as the bridegroom: read the fourteenth verse. It would be inconsistent to purity and true holiness and offensive to God to think of Christ having more than one bride. In the fourth verse of the seventh chapter of Romans Bro. Paul teaches us that we are married to Him who was raised from the dead that we might bring forth fruit unto God. He teaches us in the foregoing verse that if we are joined to others besides Christ, the Bridegroom which is our living husband, we are living in adultery.

In conclusion we will quote some from the writings of D. S. Warner concerning the one Church:

"Every description of the divine church shows its oneness. 'Other sheep (Gentiles) I have, which are not of this fold (not Jews): them also I must bring, . . . and there shall be one fold (church), and one shepherd.'"—Jno. 10: 16.

We have seen that Christ is "the head of the body, the church." As therefore there is but one head, there can be but one body.

For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. —Rom. 12: 4-5.

"For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many are one body: so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. But now are they many members, yet but one body."—1 Cor. 12: 12, 13, 20.

"For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us: having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinance; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace: and that he might reconcile both

unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby."—Eph. 2: 14-16.

"There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all."—Eph. 4: 4-6.

"And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body, and be ye thankful."—Col. 3: 15.

These scriptures prove positively there is but one true church, just as there is but one God, one true God. Since we are called of Christ into one body, the call to join various bodies must be of Antichrist.

Again, the church sustains the relation to Christ that a wife does to her husband.

"And I will betroth thee unto me forever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in loving-kindness, and in mercies. I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: and thou shalt know the Lord."—Hosea 2: 19-20.

"Wherefore, my brethren, ye are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God."—Rom. 7: 4. "For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ."—2 Cor. 11: 2. "He that hath the bride is the bridegroom."—Jno. 3: 29.

"For thy maker is thine husband; the Lord of hosts is his name, and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; the God of the whole earth shall he be called."—Isa. 54: 5.

The idea of Christ having more than one wife (church) is repugnant to the Bible, and a slander on the Son of God.

"Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named."—Eph. 3: 15.

"Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God."—Eph. 2: 19.

From these and other scriptures, we see that the church is God's family, or household. And, since a man can have only one family, it follows that God has but one church. It were an awful reflection on the holiness of God to have many wives and separate rival families, and they of the "nude and lude" character Bishop Foster ascribes to the modern sects. Therefore the multiplicity of sects, falsely called churches, are not God's churches."

It seems to us that it would be needless to quote

more scripture and lengthen this article on the oneness and exclusiveness of the true Church of God. We will pray that God will by His Word and Spirit, lead out of confusion and idolism every honest and God-fearing soul, that they may truly know their Heavenly Father, and become sons and daughters in reality.

—Fred Pruitt.

God's Material

We realize that God has His material with which He works. God has and uses instruments which are unseen and unknown to the worldly minded. God works in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform.

Let us take a carpenter for example, he has material wherewith he makes and builds. We also notice that the material is of such a nature, that he can easily fashion it and make it just as it pleases him; thereby being able to build that which he intends to. The material in other words is dead, pliable in his hands, offers no resistance whatever; how pleasant it is to work whenever everything goes just as you would have it to and the main part is, that something is accomplished.

So it is with God, He wants dead material, pliable in His hands, so he can fashion it as he will. We find out a little of the nature of God's material in 1 Cor. 1: 26-30, "But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought, things that are: that no flesh should glory in his presence." We can plainly see here that God does not look upon a high class of people as the world does, to carry on His work, but looks to those who are *honest at heart* and desire to do God's will. It is for this reason that God's material is unseen by the worldly minded. "The wisdom of this world is foolishness with God." Oh, that people would realize that it takes an humble walk with Jesus, in order to be fit vessels for His service. The majority of people are not willing to take the way of the cross, they would rather have honor and fame of men, and be esteemed as some great one among the world.

"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." (Matt. 5: 5). It is the meek and humble ones that God can use. Meek means to be submissive, pliable. The meek shall inherit (possess, enjoy) the earth. People that are fully given up to do God's will, are the only ones that enjoy the *real life* which God intended they should. We find Christ is an example of meekness; where he says in Matt. 11: 29, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for *I am meek and lowly in heart*; and ye shall find rest unto your souls." As we read and follow the life of Christ, we truly can see a beautiful picture of God's material put in practice; whereof we the children of God are followers.

We find by reading God's Word, that when a per-

son gets saved; they become GOD'S WORKMANSHIP. Let us turn to Eph. 2: 10, where we can plainly see that we are instruments in His hands. "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." We are created in Christ Jesus unto good works, that we should walk in (good works) them. We can easily see by this scripture, that God saves us for a purpose. When we get saved, God puts within us His Spirit, whereby we desire to please Him above anything in this world; and then as we seek to do His will, we become His material with which he uses to carry on his work here upon earth. As clay is in the potter's hands, so should we be in God's hand. I would to God, that we would realize the necessity of being dead to self and alive unto God. The apostle Paul gives us a good testimony of being hid away in Christ; dead to self. "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." (Gal. 2: 20).

If this testimony were put in practice by the professing world of today, there would be no need of God's cause suffering such as it does. If people would seek to please God first, others second and self last, then Christ would be lifted up before men; but the majority of professing Christians seek self first, others second and then if there is any time left, they give that to God's cause. Oh, that people would realize the need of being hid away in Christ, so that God could use them to His glory.

God wants consecrated men and women to go and tell to this dark, sinful world the gospel story, which sets men and women free. It is only those who are fully consecrated (given up) to do God's will, that God can use. May the Lord help us to see our condition and be pliable in His hands, so that he can use us. God sees it needful to work on the material which he uses, in order to fashion it just as He can get the most glory out of; it will also be for our good. God cannot use the proud, or high-minded, for he says, "An high look, and a proud heart is sin." (Prov. 21: 4). "God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble." (1 Peter 5: 5).

My prayer is, have Thine own way Lord, Thou art the Potter, I am the clay, mold me and shape me, as Thou would have me to be. —William Cramer.

Curtis, Okla.—I am thanking and praising the dear Lord for salvation and healing. I have been saved for about forty years and I have never employed a doctor for myself. I have been healed lots of times. I have been healed of ague, piles, sore eyes, the itch, stomach trouble and numerous other things.

My wife has been healed several times, but it seems she can't get help this time. We desire an interest in your prayers for wisdom and help, not financially; but spiritually that I may make some move for the best. There are no saint preachers around here.

—J. E. Tannor.

LITTLE FOLKS' PAGE

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

A Little Soldier

I am a little Christian
The Lord has made me so,
A weakly little creature,
What wonders He can do.
I hate the things I loved.
For Jesus is preparing me
To reign with Him above.

I am a little soldier.
I've listed in the war,
I've fought thru many a battle
And may fight thru as many more,
And when this war is ended,
I'll lay this armor down
And fly away to heaven,
To wear a starry crown.

—Sel. by, J. T. Cullor.

Suffer Little Children To Come Unto Me

"And they brought young children to him, that He should touch them; and his disciples rebuked those that brought them, but when Jesus saw it, He was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily, I say unto you, whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter heaven. And He took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them." Mark 10: 13 - 16. "And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, and said, Verily, I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven." Matt. 18: 2 - 4. "Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven." Psa. 34: 7, "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them." Heb. 1: 14, "Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?"

We learn by these precious scriptures, how much Jesus loved little children and loved to gather them around him. He was good to them and taught everybody to be good to them and to love them. He also said, "That in heaven their angels do always behold

the face of my Father which is in heaven." So each one of God's little ones, have an angel in heaven. God made angels to be ministering spirits, so God has the angels caring for his children.

How are little children different from older people? And why must older people be like them to enter heaven? It is because they are innocent, they have no hatred, malice, jealousy, these things are unknown to the little child. Older folks must be like the little child in spirit to please God. He says, that we must be like little children to enter heaven. Now if we repent of our sins and ask God to forgive us, we can be like we were when we were a little child. When God changes us and makes us innocent again, then we can enter His Kingdom.

If we love Jesus, we will also love the little children and teach them to be good, kind and dutiful to God. God calls all of His children, "jewels," if they love Him and do His will. You know jewels are precious to the one who owns them, and so God's saints are precious in his sight. People call precious stones jewels, but God calls his people his jewels. (Mal. 3: 17). So let us live for Jesus all the days of our life, so that we will be these precious jewels that He will spare when He comes to judge this wicked world. Now remember, Jesus wants all the children and big ones too, to come unto him, and be his saints.

The children gathered around Him and He blessed them, just like He wants to do today. Jesus always has time for the children. I read a story not long ago about an angel visiting some children, that had been left at home, while the parents and older son went to meeting, they all wished that they could see an angel. This story is called, "An Angel's Visit." Perhaps you too, have read it; you can get it from "Faith Pub. House," any way the angel came into the house, without having to open the door or window and he talked to the children and held them on his lap and visited with them and blessed them just like Jesus did when He was on earth. The angel also walked around the house looking at the pictures on the wall, and he went in where the baby was asleep and took her up in his arms and blessed her, he told them that they must be good children and pray to God always. He left them a little before their parents came home and they all wanted to tell their parents about it, at the same time.

Jesus calls His little ones lambs, and He wants the older ones to feed His little lambs the precious truths of the Bible. He told Peter, "to feed his lambs" and He also wants them fed today, just as He did then, so that their souls will be brought to Christ and they will be his saints. Jesus wants the children taught the way of salvation.

Did you know that we must learn what the word of God says, and how we must live to please God? The word gets into our hearts and makes us alive in Christ Jesus, so that we love Jesus and keep his commandments. It also will put a love in our hearts for Him that we will serve Him all the days of our life.

—Mrs. I. E. Kriebel.

CORRESPONDENCE

West Brownsville, Pa.—Dearly beloved, I sincerely trust the blessed Lord is prospering you, both, spiritually and physically. I pray that He will abundantly bless you and supply your every need.

God is wondrously loving, merciful and good to me these days.—Oh beloved, my heart is exceedingly sad when I think how I have disobeyed God—how I have sinned against Him and how I have resisted the Spirit and then God, in Jesus' name, forgave me of my every trespass and sin—gave me peace and joy, and in my heart a song of praise. Beloved, its far more than I deserve. I was about as deep in sin as any one, I verily believe I was a worse sinner than many—oh, I was deep, but one day some one (may God bless that one) sent me a copy of your little paper "Faith and Victory" and I read it through. Beloved, immediately within me came a hungering and thirsting, there was a void—there was something I wanted, but I didn't realize at that time just what it was. Again came the paper, again I read it and this time I studied what I read; soon a *Great Light* broke over my heart I knew what I wanted, but didn't have it. Beloved, your paper has been the means of me finding my Savior and now it gives me encouragement and determination to travel the "Pilgrim Pathway" in the good old Bible way. Beloved, I am trying to tell you that I am an "old fashioned sinner saved by God's grace, in the old fashioned way." The way of the Blood stained Cross of Calvary.

Pray for me, beloved, I need your prayers. I have laid my all (yes everything) on the altar and God helping me, I mean to make my life count for Jesus. Your Bro. and fellow-servant in Jesus,
—Harry P. Rager.

Ky.—Dear sir: I am enclosing twenty-five cents in stamps, for which please send me Sister Susie C. Forbis three tracts on the "Modern Tongues Movement."

I am enjoying Faith and Victory immensely, and am planing to send an offering soon, to help in the work. Yours truly,
—Grant Hammond.

Sullivan, Ky.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all: Greeting in the precious name of Jesus. May God's richest blessings rest upon your dear hearts and cause you to daily rejoice in the peace and grace of our blessed redeemer is my earnest prayer.

Well dear ones, this still finds me saved and sanctified, and kept by the power of God; with a fixed decision in my heart to be faithful unto the end. Bless

the Lord through disappointments, difficulties and adverse circumstances dawn upon our pathway inso-much that it is very hard for us to understand why it is permitted; yet if we will only get our eyes on Jesus and keep them there all will work out to the glory of God and for our benefit. No one knows as well as God does, what is best for us and it is an evident fact that God's way is best in all things. I have met with disappointments that were difficult indeed at the time, to understand the reason why God deferred the blessing of which I was most desirous, but have found the best thing to do, is to wait upon the Lord, keep in perfect submission and just let Him remove us from under the perverse circumstances, thus sending the desired blessing in His own time and way. I fear we sometimes become a bit impatient when permitted to go through heated trials and tests and thereby try to push aside the instrument that God has seen fit to use in order to better qualify us for His service and prepare us for eternity. God help us to have more patience and keep in perfect submission to thy precious will. Just sit at Jesus feet and seek the good part in all things.

"In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God. Bless our God forever. Oh how wonderful, it is to serve and trust in the God of the Bible. I shall never cease to praise and glorify Him for what He has done for me. It is indeed marvelous the way He has and is leading and blessing my soul from day to day. Its my only desire as I press on up the strait and narrow way, to sink deeper and deeper into God's precious will. At this writing the very love of God is burning within my bosom. Oh! how sweet, it is to sup with Jesus and He with me. I am so thankful that God ever looked down upon me an unworthy creature, with His boundless mercy and privileged me to enjoy this great salvation which He has provided through the precious blood of His dear Son. Yes, the example that Jesus set before us to follow, just suits me.

I do pray God to enable each of His dear children to follow more perfectly in the Master's footsteps and thereby grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth." (1 Peter 2: 21-22).

Dear saints of God, though at present I am not permitted to have natural use of my body, yet in my soul I can daily feast with you at Father's table. Bless the Lord. I truly love the family of God and pray God to abundantly bless each dear one according to their need and cause them to always triumph in Christ Jesus.

Thank you dear ones for your agreement in prayer for the healing of my tooth, which was broken off in the gums. God heard and answered our prayers. All glory be unto God, Yea, bless the Lord, O my soul.

Please continue to pray for me, that God completely deliver me from under this affliction in His own time. May God richly bless and prosper the work there and give you dear ones all sufficiency for the furtherance of the glorious gospel of Christ. Amen.

Your unworthy Bro. in Christ, —Thos. A. Bean.

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Natchitoches, La.—Dear loving Sister and all at Faith Pub. House: We are truly glad and our hearts are over-joyed in as much, if we would hold our peace, I don't know what would follow. Dear sister, I can't hardly write for thinking of the goodness of a blessed Saviour to us.

Our prayers have been answered the day we received your letter and the anointed hankerchief, I was fasting; didn't hesitate very long before I went in prayer, asking God to please help me to apply it in His dear name. I went to the girls, we prayed and I layed it on them in the name of Jesus. Praise is name, for there is none like Him. Both girls are up, Opal is back in school and the other one is doing fine, can use her arm and help me. She hasn't got perfect use of her fingers, but can write some. Well she says, she is so glad, she can't praise God enough.

Opal is not present, but I can say for her, I know she is glad too and thankful to all of you, and to our God, for giving to us His dear Son Jesus.

Remember us in much prayer; we are still pressing on in the narrow way. We thank the dear Lord, for being in touch with you. —Mary J. Shannon.

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Perkasie, Pa.—Dear Bro. Pruitt, family and workers: In Jesus dear name I send loving greetings once more. I am so glad He is my Savior this evening. He surely is tender and patient with me and grants me clearer understanding from day to day. I know that as long as I keep clear in my soul before God, and keep my heart full of His tender love, the Holy Spirit will not be grieved away. That Great Teacher, will abide with me, and I shall learn. Praise the Lord.

Bro. Pruitt, the work of the Lord is near and dear to my heart. Prayer always has cleared things up sufficiently for me to move on, and my only hope and trust is in Jesus. I love to be alone and talk things over with Him. My soul is stirred to give diligent heed, to fashion my life according to the Word of God.

Be assured of my prayers, that you be firm and true. Let us give good heed to ourselves,—that we be ready for heaven, when Jesus comes.

Yours in holy love, —Rosella Slifer.

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Shawnee, Okla.—Bro. and Sister Pruitt: Dear saints of God, may the dear Lord ever bless, comfort and encourage your hearts; supply your needs and the Holy Spirit direct you in all your work is my prayer.

I can truly say this morning, I love God and his cause above everything in this world and the very deepest desire of my heart is to do or say something that will help some precious soul to flee from sin to

our Great Loving Saviour, that has power to save, power to keep, power to heal all manner of afflictions, and just to know He is our Father and we are his children and have the blessed privilege of coming boldly to the throne of grace and finding help for soul and body in every time of need, all glory be to Jesus, what a mighty God we serve. And I am so thankful for the blessed word, where we can get all the instructions we need to walk in this strait clean highway of holiness, that keeps us from going astray in by-paths of false doctrines, deceptions of all kinds, helps us to walk humbly with our God. Oh, for a closer walk with God, my heart is praying.

I am praying for all the dear saints everywhere, God bless every one of His saints and lead them by His Holy Spirit, for we know the Spirit leads to no division, no confusion, not boisterous nor selfishness or strife, or hatred or malice, no backbiting, not envious, for they that do such things cannot enter Heaven. For the Great Spirit of God is love, gentleness, meekness, kindness, and there is no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus.

God bless his own dear ministers the world over and endow them with power from heaven to preach His precious word in all its purity, that every spirit that is not of God, be so condemned and put to silence; that people can discern between truth and error. I am praying, Oh God, help the dear saints to lift up the Bible Standard every where, by precept and example. Time is so short and so precious, so many souls to be rescued from sin. We haven't any time to trifle with false Shepherds, who once knew the truth and drifted away. Brethren! preach the word, let the Holy Fire fall from heaven; burn out, consume all chaff of every kind. And listen, if all saints keep prayed up, filled with power, crooked spirits will fear to take the pulpit and hand out easy crooked doctrines and call it the gospel. My God! help every one to feel the burden of souls.

Dear saints, when you read this little message that the Lord gave me, pray for me, soul and body I need strength to my body to be in God's service; and the leadings of the Holy Spirit to keep in His order. God bless his dear saints everywhere is my prayer.

—Sarah B. Tacker.

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Iowa Falls, Iowa.—Dear Bros. and Sisters in Christ: I have just been reading "Faith and Victory" and I find there are some very good letters therein. Praise our dear Lord.

I feel as if I must drop a line of testimony for my dear Lord. I was saved by the grace of God, through faith, last August. The joy that came to my hungry soul that night is unspeakable. It dawned upon me that I was a sinner, outside of the Ark of Safty, drifting away, but Jesus lifted me from sinking sand. My heart was comforted and I feel as if I must praise His dear name, for the bountiful love He has manifested to me.

It took death to reach my case, as one of the sisters

wrote. We lost our three-week-old baby.

I have love for others; I hope they will see their condition before it is too late. I pray that God will keep you and me in His service, saved and filled with the Holy Spirit.

Your Sister in Christ,
—Mrs. C. B. Larson.

A Letter From Robert Longley

Suva, Fiji Islands.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all your household:—It fills my heart with joy and gladness to be privileged to once more send you all greetings in the name, faith and love of our dear Savior. What a safe pilot is protecting and directing aright our trembling bark through this short scene—sometimes the waves are rolling fierce and high and the winds of adversity are beating strongly against the pilgrims that are traveling to the Celestial City, but we know in whom we believe and trust and are fully persuaded that He is able to keep that which we commit to Him against that day. Praise the Lord forevermore. They say the stormier the voyage the more glorious and blessed the landing at the Port. May it be thus with us on the termination of our voyage on the sea of life, and that an abundant entrance be granted us into the Everlasting Kingdom of the Lord. The realities are near and let us keep our anchor on heavenly things which will never fail.

Bro. Pruitt, I was very glad and much encouraged to get your good letter, to know that all of you are well, the Lord blessing and encouraging in the work He has called you to do, and making the fruits of your labors a blessing to many—both to those you know of and to many that you don't know of. Of course we can but expect the devil and any agent that he can get by his cunning snares, to oppose, hinder, contrive many devices to thwart the will and plan of God in one's life. Was much refreshed in my soul this morning when my eyes fastened on that portion of God's Word found in Phillipians 1: 28-29, "And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: Which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of Salvation, and that of God. For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on Him, but also to suffer for His sake." Why shouldn't we rejoice for such a privilege, for it has great recompense of reward. I can almost see, in my mind's eye, Bro. William busy setting the type to print and send out the soul food and gracious words of life to the hungry souls. May the Lord add His blessings in abundance to our dear young consecrated Bro. in his labor of love for Jesus and souls. I am certain that all of you miss Sister Julia so much, and especially as she was so congenial in the home and an example in every way to the young saints, and there are quite a number there now at a delicate and critical period of life. The Lord knows and works the best and He may make the way for Sis. Julia to return.

I was glad to hear of the good meeting at Cane

Hill and also at Shawnee and it is truly good to hear of some souls being saved. I am still glad for the Gospel of Christ, which is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes it and in this wonderful fact and truth I'll take my place as a guilty, wretched Publican and be justified, rather than to feign the place of a proud Pharisee and be condemned by Him who judges righteously.

I was glad to hear of the good meetings at the jail, though you can't get in so near the men, it is good that they can hear. So some of the dear old pilgrims at the County Farm have gone Home. May every one make that quiet place as the threshold to glory.

I want to thank you and the others of the Church there and Sister West for the kind offering of ten dollars that you sent and will pray that God will bless and reward you all. I am glad and thankful to say that I am feeling much better in body now, by the mercy of the Lord. I had thought some months back that I might be leaving Fiji at the beginning of next year, but at present it seems a little unlikely, I am leaving it to the will of the Lord, and am willing and ready to obey any voice from our Captain in the matter—that's what I'm waiting for, or rather want to know that my steps are being ordered by the Lord.

Well, I must be drawing this to a close. The Lord keep you each one encouraged, and every need supplied according to His riches in glory. My best Christian love and greetings to all the saints there.

Your Bro. under the blood, —Robert Longley.

Walking In His Steps

BY, G. E. HARMON.

"Be ye therefore followers of God as dear children. (Eph. 5: 1). If this means anything at all, it means that we as children of God, should follow the teachings of our Father. The Emphatic has it, "become therefore imitators of God, as beloved children." Which means do as He would do, talk as He would talk, act as He would act in every walk of life, deal as He would deal, be kind, loving, gentle, merciful as he is, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love, "for even hereunto were ye called, because Christ also suffered for us leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: who when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered he threatened not; but committed himself to Him that judgeth righteously." (1 Peter 2: 21-23).

Oh, dear saints of God, it means so much to follow in His steps, but if we do, He will lead us to glory thank God. What are His steps, is asked? Is it not his whole life, as a pattern or an example also his teaching on every line and phase of life. How we should love each other, even lay down our lives for the brethren. If any one have a quarrel, (Margin—cause of complaint) or if a brother trespass against you go to

him alone entreat him as a brother, perhaps there are some mistakes, get a better understanding and if both are humble the matter can be easily adjusted. Too many get the idea that almost every offence should be dealt with publicly. I have no confidence in a spirit that wants to give so much public attention to every little offence, it very often does more harm than good. I have known confidence to be destroyed in these public (straightening) meetings that may never again be restored, but that *never failing charity* put in practice will work wonders for us when everything else fails. Sometimes serious mistakes have been made and the offended one thinking it is a public offence, therefore must be dealt with publicly when everything in connection with the dealing at the time and afterward proves beyond the shadow of a doubt, that it was for the purpose of retaliation and humbling the other fellow publicly. Precious eternity bound souls have backslid and turned from the truth, because of such misguided proceedings, tracts have been printed and names mentioned in connection with some scandle and the writer subject to arrest.

My soul is made to cry out, Oh God! give more wisdom. Why stir up a thing that is dead, rotten and has become a stench in the nostrils of God Almighty? For the more you stir a rotten thing the more it stinks. Let us ask ourselves the question, if we are guilty of the above things mentioned, can we yet claim to be followers of God as dear children? And are we really walking in His steps? Oh, beloved of the Lord, STOP, LOOK, and LISTEN.

"Stand ye in the ways, and see and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls, but they said, we will not walk therein." (Jer. 6: 16). While others are saying by their actions, (which speaks louder than words) "we will not walk therein," and when admonished or advised by some humble minister, they cry Pope, Priest or some other like name. My brethren these things ought not so to be; such things are not compatible to the word of God, "*follow God as dear children.*"

While others are influenced by some person who outwardly appear to be a real humble child of God, but inwardly are filled with a divisional spirit, who think lightly about the division they are making. Those under this awful deceptive spirit, sometimes withdraw themselves from the Body of Christ and thus their vision becomes darkened until they cannot discern the real Body of Christ, and sometimes go so far as to say, we never really have found the Church of God. Such people have laid the foundation for repentance, but go right on saying we are walking in the light. Is this not putting light for darkness and darkness for light? "For he that hateth his brother is in darkness." People in this condition get hard hearted, until it is easy to call professed saints liars. Paul said, "Let God be true, but every man a liar," if the word of God makes a man a liar Amen, but it is not permissible for me to call a man a liar, for perhaps he did not lie, it may be a mistake, a misunderstanding, an

oversight, forgetfulness, etc., better go to him first, *talk, pray, intreat*, commit it to God, and not to everybody you meet. I know people who have simply talked away their bright experience, and yet go right on thanking God for the privilege of living for him. It is a privilege and a grand heaven bought one, but say beloved, it is not only a privilege, but a DUTY, hence "follow God as dear children" and "walk in love as Christ also hath loved us."

Now a lie is an untruthful statement, told with the intention to deceive. "The little foxes destroy the vines, and the vines are being destroyed by the above mentioned things and many others, which I wish to mention; for instance in financial matters especially in dealing with non-professors, we should be very careful not to incur their displeasure, by any act of our own, but should anything in any way happen to involve us financially or spiritually, then is the time if ever we need that wisdom from Heaven that is "first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy." And as our beloved Bro. Paul said, "Why do ye not rather suffer wrong?" Why do ye not suffer the loss of a few dollars, rather than let a reproach be brought upon the cause of Christ? Ye do wrong knowingly, but go right on singing. "I am walking in the light and my path is ever bright."

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Will A Man Rob God?

"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, where in have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation; bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it; and I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts." (Mal. 3: 8-11).

"Will a man rob God?" This is a question. We find away back in Abraham's time he paid tithes, he was father of the faithful, they paid one tenth of all they made in the mosaic dispensation besides the animals they offered for sacrifices. The tenth was for those that ministered in the temple, they were as the ministers of the gospel today. God said, "he that preaches the gospel shall live of the gospel." Dear saints there is robbing going on in this present time, there is but a very few giving one tenth of all they make to the Lord, thereby are robbing God of what He should have.

God has promised if we would put all our tithes in his storehouse, He would open the windows of heaven and pour out blessings that there will not be room

to contain them. So let us please him in all things we do, it is more blessed to give than to receive, let us try Him for his word is true. If we do our duty, He has promised us more than we can contain, somebody else will get a benefit also, our crops will be blessed, if we want a fruitful crop do our duty and God will do what He has promised, so let us prove Him.

Dear ones, there are many more things needed than we have at present to spread the true gospel. We need a weekly paper, even larger than the one we have, it will take more money to do it. There ought to be gospel workers in new fields to work; the Lord's business needs willing workers. If all the saints will give one tenth the coming year and every one inquire of the Lord; "What will you have me to do?" Let us tarry before God till you hear from Him and go as God says go and say and do as God says do. Let us have days of fasting and prayer.

We need more of the power of God in our meetings; God's Spirit must do the work. Without Him we can do nothing, the Spirit must draw them. We need God to burden our souls for the lost souls of men, Christ was burdened for the lost of earth, even died for them. Lord help us to realize the souls of men and women being lost for all eternity, even our own children after God has given His dear Son to be crucified on the rugged cross, that all might be saved and live with God, the angles and all the redeemed of earth for ever and ever. No sorrow there, no more parting, and no more tears. Why will man neglect God's salvation, when it is offered free to all? God has sent His Holy Spirit to call all to repentance, His word as a waybill to glory and sent forth His true ministers to preach, pray, sing and plead for all to be saved. Listen! my dear unsaved friend, "*Now is the day of salvation.*" (2 Cor. 6: 2).

Dear saints, pray for me, that God may strengthen my body, so that I will be able to preach His glorious gospel a while longer also to strengthen my mind to tell it in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Your Bro. in Christ,

—W. M. Wilson.

Sin And Salvation

The fall of man is no mere opinion of men, but a fearful reality, to which the worlds history and the stern sad facts of your own experience bear witness. Sin is not simply an ugly word found in the Bible, or on the preacher's lips; its a dark foul reality, which blights and curses the world by its presence. There is quite a difference between the careless spectator in a court of justice and a criminal in the dock, whose life is at stake. The later is your condition if you are not in harmony with God and have failed to have the precious blood of Jesus applied to your heart; your doom is an eternity of night, with all the demons forever in Hell; and your only hope is the mercy of God.

You have the sentence of death passed on you already, for death is on the track of the entire human

family. "Death has passed on all men, for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." And it was said of you, "he is gone." Gone where? Where no hope or even a ray of light may enter, no mercy can ever reach you down in the regions of despair; remembering the golden opportunities that were offered you back in yonder world, will bring undescrivable sorrow, but there is no pardon offered in eternity. One second after death, it will be too late to prepare for the great eternity, and it will not matter whether you die a pauper, forgotten by the world of passers by in the slums or a king on his throne; your eternity depends on your condition at death, for God hath said, "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still; and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still." (Rev. 22: 11). The condition in which man dies, he will face the great judgment of God; hence his future destiny depends on his relationship with God here on this side of eternity. "It is appointed unto man once to die, but after this (death) the judgment." Heb. 9:27.

The penitentiaries, jails and asylums are all the fearful evidence of sin and now are exempt from its blighting effects; unless the heart has been made free from these by the atoning blood of Jesus. No wonder, John on the Isle of Patmos, when the vision came before him of the effects of sin on the human family and no remedy, when he said, "I wept much." Sin is a fearful reality; not a myth or as has been taught by some, a mental derangement, while it is true that sin effects mind, soul and body, it is in reality visibly manifested in the life.

God has in old times warned men of sin and its effects in dreams, visions and death with its horrors has been pictured to the mind of men and as a last remedy the wisdom of God, has seen good to visit the world with earthquakes, cyclones and pestilence to warn men that danger was coming to the unprepared. One time a feast was indulged in by a great man, but a man that cared nothing for God, and at the height of the great feast of revelry and drunkenness a hand began writing, "Weighed and found wanting."

Jesus came from glory to this sin cursed world, to put an end to sin suffers and died the death of a sinner, for the sinners, taking the reproach of sin nailing it to his cross. Reader, do you know that God in his wisdom has provided a plan, a remedy that completely reaches every condition that sin has brought upon the human family? Not only reaches the condition, but removes the blight that has come on the entire human family. (Rom. 5: 19).

There comes a time in the life of every individual, when he becomes responsible to God for his soul's welfare, a time in which the Spirit of God knocks at the hearts door for admittance; this we call conviction (John 16: 7). A feeling of horror comes over the guilty sinner at the thought of dying and the great judgment looms up as a reality. The thought of meeting Jesus, that loving Saviour, the one who died for us brings two things to us. The first—that God really

loves us, longs to give us His pardoning love. The second—is that this enables the seekers to see his guilt before God, this brings sorrow of heart to the extent we become willing to confess our sins and make our back life straight. The load of sin becomes unbearable and we in this condition become disgusted with our sinful life and it is an easy matter to go to those we have wronged and ask their forgiveness and restore the pledge, give again that which we have robbed. “For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation, not to be repented of, but the sorrow of the world worketh death.” “For behold this self same thing that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge! In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter.” (2 Cor. 7: 10-11). You have restored the pledge, you have given again that you have robbed, you turn your back on the world with its follies and foolishness, you have confessed and forsaken your sin and the word of the Lord comes to your broken and contrite heart. “Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God for he will abundantly pardon.” (Isa. 55: 7). You reach out to God in the agony of your soul, seeing you cannot save yourself; knowing you have done all you could your faith takes hold on the promises that Jesus died for you, seems too good to be true, yet the Holy Spirit comes to your rescue bearing witness with your spirit, that Jesus saves. (Rom. 8: 16). The truth rings in your soul, thy sins are forgiven. The love of God floods the soul and joy unspeakable and full of glory fills our very being, a new creature. (2 Cor. 5: 17).

This new creation desires things divine, because the old things have passed away, our affections are now on things above and the sinful things of the world does not appeal to the *new man*. The life of Christ has drawn the lives so that we do not cater to the world and the results are persecution from the world, because we do not run with them to the same excess of rioting and foolishness. Thank God, we have found pleasures at the feet of Jesus, which more than counter-acts the persecutions, because of our righteous life. We are in the world, but not of the world, not any more than Jesus was, while here on earth. With the passing from the kingdom of satan to the kingdom of God, our affections are also changed, yea the entire being under goes a marked change and I am sure that our neighbors yes, our animals knows, or at least our change does effect them. Thank God for this heavenly change. This life is just as real and more so than the sinful, because we have a sound mind, (mind of Christ) sound speech, yes, and thank God a sound heart in which this new life started from.

While sin has blighted the hopes of many for Heaven and cursed the human family; thank God, His love caused such a sacrifice to be made that would

reach the blight. Jesus Christ gave his life to prepare men and women to spend eternity with Him around the throne. You may die unsaved, but you cannot die unloved. When you reach the regions of despair, you will remember the love that God had for you, but it will be too late then.

Friend, time is fast passing, every tick of the clock brings you that much nearer eternity; every rising and setting of the sun, closes one more day of golden opportunities of meeting Jesus in peace. Could you realize the shortness of time and how fast you are being ushered into the burning lake and the length of eternity; surely you would become desperately earnest. One moment may mean eternity in Hell. Do you want to spend the ceaseless ages in torment, amongst all the liars, whoremongers, and murders? Your escape depends on your decision. In view of the suddenness of death and the nearness of eternity, let me plead with you, “*Prepare to meet thy God.*”

Demons may claim you as fuel for the great burning lake, prepared for the Devil and his angels, but there is hope on this side of death. Jesus, the friend of sinners said, “Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.” (Matt. 11: 28-29). Again the voice of inspiration says, “And the Spirit and the bride say, *come*, and let him that *heareth* say, *come*, and let him that is *athirst* *come*, and WHOSOEVER will, let him take of the water of life *freely*.” (Rev. 22: 17).

My unsaved friend, Jesus loves you and is doing all He can to keep you out of torment. Will you like the prodigal, arise and come to Jesus and shun the reality of a Devil’s hell. Amen. —E. M. Zinn.

Sin

Yes, sin is the Christian’s problem. When we have fully settled the sin question, we will have settled all others questions. Jesus mission to the world was to save his people from their sins. (Matt. 1: 21). Sin is a principle that is imbedded in the heart. (See Mark 7: 20-23). And He (Christ) said, “that which cometh out of the man that defileth the man, for from within, out of the heart of man proceeds evil thoughts, adulteries, fornication, murder, thefts, covetousness; wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: all these evil things come from within, and defile the man.” This is a tragic condition of a lost sinner and how is he to be made to see unless the true light is turned on to him by preaching the Word on all lines, so as to uncover and expose sin in its awful deceptive forms.

Dear fellow minister, we must let people know that they cannot be Christians with sin in their hearts and lives. “He that committeth sin is of the devil.” (1 John 3: 6). Jesus came to destroy the works of the

devil. Also 1 John 3: 6, "Whosoever abideth in him (Christ) sinneth not." This is only a small portion of scripture to prove the absolute necessity of getting rid of sin. If you were to apply to an earthly physician and he would describe your physical condition as terrible as Jesus describes man's sinful state, you would say, "I must have help at once ere I die."

Here are thirteen symptoms of sin in the heart: First—evil thoughts. How is it with your thoughts? Do they ramble out with unholy desires? Are you a lover of pleasures more than lover of God? If so, it will show up in your life. It will tell on you in where you go, and what you do, and the way you talk. You shall be known by your fruits. Second symptom—adultery. Your attitude will draw you to the opposite sex and will cause you to exhibit a flattering tongue which you will not be found doing with your own sex. This kind of a serpent will keep hid, he, as Jesus says is very wise, yet he is always ready to do harm, no mercy, ready to destroy an innocent soul. Third—Fornication. This of the same nature, very destructive in its nature. Fourth—Murder. One who is of an angry turn of mind easy to be offended and holds malice in his heart, and may at an unguarded moment take life. Fifth—Thefts. This will not only rob you of your money, but is some kin to number two and three. It will rob you of character and virtue. Sixth—Covetousness belongs to the same family. Also number Seven—Wickedness. These all live in the same community and are linked together. Eight—Deceit. This number is very high in the religious circles. They are very much like their ancestors, try to cover themselves with fig leaves (a profession) deceivers and being deceived. Ninth—Lasciviousness. Unclean, greedy, lustful, filthy in practice and is also unscrupulous. Tenth—An evil eye. Wants to be like the world, conformed to the world, must keep up with the styles, immodest, do not care, but will expose much of their body to the gaze of the opposite sex. This attitude excites passion with their associates. This spirit is very unscrupulous. Don't care what the Word says or how saints think about it. Sister so-and-so does it and she is a preacher or a preacher's wife. They measuring themselves by themselves and comparing themselves among themselves are not wise. This can only be classed as lusts of the flesh and pride of the eye. Eleventh—Blasphemy. Calling themselves Christians, which is blasphemy against the cause of Christ. Twelfth—Pride. Oh, what is man with all this corruption in his heart? And yet proud. This is seen in many forms, even in people's movements, and in their talk, in their dress. They are non-ap-

proachable if you try to talk to them. They take offence. They want to be left alone on such points. Thirteenth—Foolishness. This last mentioned is not the least. It runs very high in religious circles. Smart sayings to cause laughter. Foolish joking and jesting. Well, I don't believe in this long-faced religion. I think we ought to have a little fun. These things they will say when they feel a little reproved in order to pass it off and ease the conscience.

Now, the foregoing list is a family of evil spirits that was conceived in hell, and lives in the human souls of the unregenerated. This great monster SIN is the red horse spoken of in Rev. 6: 4, he is taking peace from the earth. I want to say in conclusion, if the church and ministry do not wake up to their responsibilities, cry aloud and cease to tolerate this awful monster of *sin*, I fear much harm will come to the cause of our blessed Lord. Your prayers will avail nothing unless we like Joshua, go and remove the accursed thing from our midst. You may preach unity until the last trumpet shall sound, but your prayers and your fine writings and trying to boost for money, for missionary work, to convert the heathens will ever lastingly fail until this *sin question is solved*. Saints are mourning everywhere on account of the worldly conformity and compromise on every hand. You cannot fool God nor his saints. The lusts of the flesh, and the lusts of the eye and the pride of life is filling the pulpits, the pews, the choirs and crowding out Holy Ghost ministers and substituting man-rule and human wisdom to take the place of *Divine Government*.

Now, I feel that I am perfectly charitable toward all true saints in taking this position, but I have no love for sin nor the devil. Lots of our most able evangelists are crying out against the present state of things, yet, no heed is given. We will have to deal with sin, both in the pulpit and at the altar. We have been letting sinners slide through our hands with the awful nest of sin in their lives, unconfessed and unforsaken until the world and I am sorry to say, even the so-called Church of God, looks, acts and in many things, does just alike.

—R. H. Craig.

"I have nothing to do with tomorrow,
My Lord will make that His care.
Should He fill it with trouble and sorrow
He'll help me to suffer or bear.

I have nothing to do with tomorrow,
And why should I borrow its care.
Its joys and strength I can't borrow,
So why should I borrow its care?"