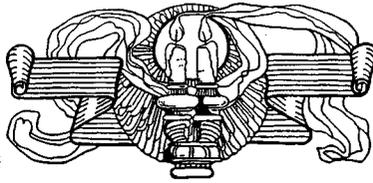


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New Year's Wishes

What shall I wish thee?
Treasures of earth?
Songs in the spring time,
Pleasure and mirth?
Flowers on thy pathway,
Skies ever clear?
Would this insure thee
A happy New Year?

What shall I wish thee?
What can be found
Bringing thee sunshine
All the year round?
Where is the treasure,
Lasting and dear,
That shall insure thee
A happy New Year?

Faith that increaseth
Walking in light;
Hope that aboundeth,
Happy and bright;
Love that is perfect,
Casting out fear;
These shall insure thee
A happy New Year.

Peace in the Savior,
Rest at His feet,
Smiles of His countenance
Radiant and sweet,
Joy in His presence,
Christ ever near,—
This will insure thee
A happy New Year.

—Author Unknown.

Repent And Believe The Gospel

To repent is the first commandment of the gospel. John the Baptist, the forerunner of Jesus, commanded the people to repent. When Jesus began his ministry, he gave the same command—"Repent ye, and believe the gospel" (Mark 1: 15). And when the dis-

ciples were sent out to preach, both before and after Pentecost, they sounded forth the command, "Repent."

In order that no one might be mistaken and think that some are excluded from this divine requirement, the Holy Spirit, through the apostle Paul, makes the sweeping declaration that God "now commandeth *all* men everywhere to repent" (Acts 17: 30). Every sinner who disobeys this plain command stands condemned before God now, and will stand condemned before him in the day of judgment.

To repent, in the religious sense, means to be pained for sin, to have a strong desire to escape from it, and voluntarily to abandon it. The apostle Paul says, "Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of" (2 Cor. 7: 10). To be sorry for sin without turning away from it is not true repentance. A thief or any other criminal is sorry when his offense is brought to light and he sees that he must pay the penalty of a violated law. In fact, the world is filled with regrets, heartaches, and bitter tears because of crimes committed. Many of the poor victims of sin worry themselves insane; others, driven to desperation, commit suicide; while thousands, crushed under the burdens of sin-ruined life, lose their health and fill an early grave. Such sorrow on account of sin, however, effects no improvement in the soul's condition. But godly sorrow does effect such a change. It brings the soul to the cross, where confession is made, mercy is implored, and peace and pardon are obtained.

CONDITIONS OF REPENTANCE

In Isa. 55: God says, "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near." By this exhortation you see that if you are desiring to find God you must both *seek* and *call*. But you ask "How shall I seek and call," God answers you in the next verse: "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." You

must first forsake your way. Here is the point where many hesitate, and stop seeking. But if you are not willing to seek God in his way, forsaking your own, you will never find him. God's way is that you utterly abandon your old life of sin.

You must make an unconditional surrender to God. You know you are guilty and God knows it. You must take the sinner's place, and be willing to have your sins exposed as God sees proper. You cannot dictate to him, but must submit without reserve to his plan. God knows just what you need; you do not. You know you need something, but you are not in a condition to tell what it is nor what to do. God tells you. "*Repent!*" Your soul is sick, and it can be healed only by the Divine Physician. He prescribes the remedy; and if you obtain life, you must be willing to accept it his way. There is no alternative.

And to be sure of obtaining this life you must not only take it in God's way, but also take it in God's time—now, "*while he may be found,*" "*while he is near.*" You have no promise for tomorrow. In the inspired Word we read, "*Today if ye will hear his voice harden not your heart*" (Heb. 4: 7). "*Behold, now is the accepted time; behold now is the day of salvation*" (2 Cor. 6: 2). O dear sinner, repent. Your loving Saviour has made it possible for you to be saved. Will you do your part? Your case is urgent. You may now be standing on the very threshold of eternal death. Repent and live! If you persistently neglect God's offer of mercy and salvation, you cannot escape eternal punishment. Every minute brings you nearer to your doom. You do not know what minute will be your last. The next one may place you beyond mercy. Come, dear soul; forsake your way and live.

FRUITS OF REPENTANCE

In order for one truly to repent, one must comply with certain requirements. "*Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance*" (Luke 3: 8); "*Repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance*" (Acts 26: 20). These are:

CONFESSION

"He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy" (Prov. 28: 13). "*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness*" (1 John 1: 9). This confession is more than a mere acknowledgement to yourself that you are a sinner; it is a deep heartfelt acknowledgement of your sins to God. When making this confession, you must submit yourself completely to his mercy and be willing to do anything he requires,

no matter how humiliating it may be to you. God demands no impossibilities. He will open the way for you to do whatever he requires. If you have personally wronged any one, you must be willing to confess it to the injured person and ask forgiveness. You will do this gladly, realizing that your soul's welfare is at stake. You will be willing to do anything in order to be saved.

RESTITUTION

"Again, when I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; if he turn from his sin, and do that which is lawful and right; if the wicked restore the pledge, give again that he had robbed, walk in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die" (Ezek. 33: 14-15). The divine law of justice between man and man is unchangeable. A violation of this law produces a twofold result, making you a transgressor not alone against your fellow man. You must, then, be willing to make restitution. If you have not the means wherewith to make full restitution (2 Cor. 8: 12), then you must restore to the extent of your ability. In Luke 19: 3, we have an example of whole-hearted restitution. This man was willing to do anything to meet the demands of justice and to be right with both God and man.

FORGIVENESS

"For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: but if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your heavenly Father forgive your trespasses" (Matt. 6: 14-15). In order to obtain God's forgiveness, you must abandon every feeling of ill-will and enmity toward other persons, even those who may have been your bitterest enemies. It is impossible for a truly penitent heart to hold a grudge against any person. All that you can possibly wish for your own good, you will now wish for all men.

When you are indeed penitent; when your soul is longing for salvation, and the paramount question of your mind is, "*What must I do to be saved?*" then you will gladly meet the requirements—confession, restitution, and forgiveness.

BELIEVE THE GOSPEL

In the creation, man was endowed with the divine nature, and he enjoyed a perfect communion with God. This endowment and communion constituted the greatest blessing that could possibly have been bestowed by our Creator. Such was the normal state of man. While man was in this state, God gave him a law. Obedience to this law meant perpetual life and bliss; disobedience meant death and misery. God

gave man the power of choice, and man, influenced by Satan, disobeyed. And since God had plainly told him what the consequences of disobedience would be, he must first have disbelieved. Thus, we see that unbelief and disobedience severed the holy relationship between man and his Creator. This left man "dead in trespasses and sins." He stood guilty before God.

Every sinner has taken the same fatal step—has given place in his heart to unbelief and disobedience—consequently stands guilty before God, not for what Adam did, but for what he himself has done. Unbelief and disobedience form the great barrier between God and man. Sinner, you have the power to remove this barrier. Repent and believe the gospel. Obey and believe. You are living in disobedience. You must forsake your way and turn back to God; then you can believe.

Some people say they can not believe the gospel. This is true, and the reason is plain—they will not *repent*. Those who fully repent have no trouble in believing the gospel. God does not say, "Believe the gospel, and repent"; but he does say, "Repent, and believe the gospel." Without true repentance, no man can believe unto salvation. You may have a mental belief, but God says, "With the heart man believeth unto righteousness." Take the first step—repent; then it will be easy to take the second—believe.

True repentance places you where you can believe the gospel. You ask, "What is the gospel," "Gospel" means "good news or tidings." You will find the gospel of salvation in substance in John 3: 16—"God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

GOD'S MERCY IN THIS COMMAND

No greater mercy could be shown to this ruined world than is involved in Jesus' command to repent. All mankind were under sin; through this command deliverance is offered to all. How merciful is our God to command us to forsake that which brings misery, degradation, and death, and to seek godliness which "is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come" (Tim. 4: 3).

—Author Unknown.

"Ye Are Not of The World"

I feel led of the Lord to write some this evening. Dear ones, the Bible says, "If ye were of the world, the world would love his own, but I have chosen you

out of the world; therefore the world hateth you." (John 15: 19). Dear ones, we know we can't please worldly people, for "Christ pleased not himself." (Rom. 15: 3). I am so glad we can please the Lord. I am glad the plan of salvation is fixed and men cannot change it. The Bible says, "forever O Lord thy word is settled in heaven." (Psa. 119: 89). So we see what men say does not change the word of God any.

In 1 Jno. 2: 15-16, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world the love of the Father is not in him, for all in the world the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, pride of life is not of the Father, but is of the world."

So dear ones, I am glad we can live a humble meek life, to please the Lord. We can see so many professing Christians claiming to be right, take the name of Christians, which means "Christ like," talk like the world, and dress like the world. This is just a stumbling block to others. Please read, 1 Tim. 2: 9-10. It tells us how we should dress. "Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking nor jesting, which are not convenient; but rather giving of thanks." (Eph. 5: 4-5). For we know that no unclean person hath any inheritance in the kingdom of heaven. So dear ones, better begin to search the scriptures, examine yourself, and see that our life is pleasing to the Lord.

The Bible says in Matt. 24: 44, "Therefore be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." So we see it pays us to be ready. In Luke 12: 35 it tells us, "Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning." So we ought to keep our lamps trimmed and burning. If we don't go the straight Bible way, we will never see inside of heaven. In Matt. 16: 26 we find, "For what is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul, or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul." We see it does not matter how rich we are in this world or what we possess; it will profit us nothing for the next world. 1 Tim. 6: 7 tells us, "For we brought nothing into this world and it is certain we can take nothing out." We know that one can't take anything with them after they leave this world. In 1 Tim. 6: 10 we find, "The love of money is the root of all evil."

Dear ones, the Bible truth is just what is going to stand at the judgment, please read (1 Peter 1: 15-16, also 1 Peter 2: 9-10). We see God's people are to be a holy people. We can tell them from the worldly people.

I am so glad I found the straight way to heaven.
Your sister saved and sanctified,

—Elizabeth Glass.

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EDITORIALS

We have now begun to use on the year of 1929; to man a year seems to be considerable time; but to God it is a very fleeting thing. In the ninth Psalm we read, "For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night." So we see that time is not reckoned by God as it appears to man, yet God is so great and has such perfect comprehension of all things that He is able to note each one of us and keep a record of all our deeds, whether they be good or bad, knowing Him to be so great and so Almighty, we love and fear Him, manifesting it by humbliness of heart and mind, always seeking His glory and honor in all we do and say, for He is our creator and we must and shall give an account to Him in that reckoning day. We should not reply against God no matter how hard the circumstances or conditions may be. It is only vain, folly and hateful for one to complain against the one who has formed him. "Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to the thing that formed it, why hast thou made me thus?" (Rom. 9: 20).

Joseph was cast in prison for two long years, because he would not consent to do evil. It is written that, "he laid in iron, the word of the Lord tried him." The ones that sold him into slavery thought it for evil but God meant it for good, sent him ahead to preserve life. His heart was perfect toward God and God showed Himself strong in his behalf. These are the kind that God is searching out today, those that will be pliable in His hand, who are willing to be tried, tested and proved, giving God a chance to show himself

strong in their behalf.

As we start in on this New Year, we pray that each of our readers will become so pliable in God's hands that He can use them in a far greater measure in the furtherance of the gospel among men than ever before and that their giving and doing will be to His glory continually.

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We can say for ourselves that we feel and realize a closer walk with God, a deeper settled established decision in heart and mind to seek the honor which cometh from God only, more at this present time than ever before. His gracious and ever righteous dealings has completely won us soul, body and spirit, we realize in a deeper sense the price that was paid for our redemption and the fact that we are not our own, and have determined by His grace to give no place to the devil in heart or mind, that Christ may be clearly and plainly lifted up in the home, in the office and in all the manuscript that is printed and sent out, having upon our hearts the burden and care of the souls of men, that our life, deeds, words and writings may be a real help to all whom they may touch.

We expect by the help of God to expose the tricks snares and cunning craftiness of the enemy, that honest God fearing men may be wise to avoid evil ways and at the same time to so exalt Christ and His righteousness, that men will know how to please God and resist the devil.

In second Timothy 4: 2 we read, "Preach the word, be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all long suffering and doctrine." By the grace and wisdom of God we expect to obey this scripture, that souls who read the paper and tracts may become wise in the way of salvation and understand how to please God above all things.

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The enemy is working hard against this publishing work, as he hates for the plain definite truth to be printed and sent out, he has agents in various places who poison others with wrong impressions and false statements, causing honest sincere ones to think evil and surmise wrong where clearness and cleanness exist. If we were looking to men for the continuance of the work it would soon fail and cease to be, but as we look only to God, who has called and given the charge. He honors the faith and makes ways where there seems to be no way. We have observed that our worst enemies and those that do you the most damage are those that profess to be your friends and to love you and at the same time are slyly and cunningly poisoning other minds and hearts concerning you. This too, we can all be committed to God and He will care for it in a remarkable way and though we may suffer for a time yet, God will bring it all out in time and the confidence will be restored where it belongs. We find that brethren that are not willing to suffer any and everything, are very easily affected and just a word wrongly spoken about another, they give place to it and the enemy will enlarge it on them, until it will be-

come a great mountain and they will begin to see all kinds of evil in another. We exhort our readers to be careful what you say and give no opportunity for the enemy to work havoc and to cause trouble where there should be no trouble.

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If there is one who reads this, that can look back over the past year and see no mistakes that they have made, they no doubt are blessed above many as most of us can see mistakes that we have made and feel that we have no room to cast stones at others, however we mean to profit by the mistakes made and be more watchful and prayerful, that this New Year may be filled up with nothing but good deeds which will work to the good of men and to the glory of God.

We have observed that generally speaking the one that is seeing so much fanaticism and extremism is some what on the compromise line, and those who see so much compromise and make much fuss over questionable instructions are fanatic and extreme. The one who stands steady and true and puts forth the clear plain truth is fired at from both sides; but with God's blessings and grace given, he moves on as the Lord goes before. They will be those who come up out of great tribulation, having washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb. We exhort our readers to be encouraged and to keep steadily on in the humble sacrificing way, for if God be for us, who can be against us. He will bring all things out to our good and His glory. Remember us much in your prayers during this New Year. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

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THE GUTHRIE ASSEMBLY MEETING.

The assembly meeting held at Guthrie during the holidays was much blessed of God. In the very beginning of preparations for the meeting God began to show His hand and approval by softening the heart of an infidel and causing him to rent us a house for a dining room. This house was situated just across the street from the chapel; had six rooms with gas and water piped through the house, everything modern. The saints had tried to get this house several times before, but he would not let them have it; after looking much for a house this time and finding none, the suggestion was made in prayer meeting that we try to get this house, some thought it would be useless, but we went to God in earnest prayer that God would soften his heart and make him let us have the house. In a few days he came to our office, pretently on other business, we asked him about getting the house, he said "I didn't know about that, we continued to pray and in a few days he came back and said we could have the house. It was easy for us to see the hand of God working in this matter.

The weather was nice during the meeting and a goodly number of saints came in from all parts of the state, some from Mo. and some from Tex. Bro. C. M. Hicks from Waco, Tex. attended part of the meeting and has been visiting around among the saints some

since. He is a minister of the gospel and we often have articles in the "Faith and Victory" which he writes.

God blessed and anointed for the preaching of the word and generally speaking the truth went forth clear, plain and definate, some deep heart searching truth was given out by the ministers of God. Some were saved, some sanctified and a great many were healed; the Flu was raging at that time and many sought relief through obedience to the word by being anointed and prayed for, God showed himself strong in healing the sick.

The expense of the meeting was all met nicely and the visiting ministers were all given a little means to help them along in the way and to encourage their hearts that God cares. In many respects this meeting was better than usual, many times during the meeting there was a sweet heavenly calmness which was very noticeable. At times the word preached would be quick, powerful and sharper than any twoedged sword edifying the saved and awakening to the sinner. The good done in this meeting will not cease as the gathering did, but will linger in the hearts of many and bring forth good to others. May God bless every saint that attended the meeting and encourage them to press the battle on.

Bro. John Strech, Bro. Slate and Bro. Brizendine from Mo. attended the meeting, they expressed themselves as being pleased to be in the meeting and enjoyed it very much.

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A NOTICE FOR THE SAINTS

To all the saints scattered abroad: Greetings in heavenly love. After prayerfully considering the burden of our hearts, we think it meet to write unto you.

For several months our hearts have been burdened and touched with the welfare of the aged saints, especially in these immediate states. As there are some of our dear old brethren and sisters in Christ, who have borne the heat of the day and have spent their lives and means for this *Great Cause* for which Jesus gave his life. And now they are aged and unable to go and labor abroad for souls. Some of these dear old faithful brethren are without a comfortable place to live and be cared for as they ought to be.

We have carefully brought this important matter before God in prayer and feel it our duty to bring it before you, as we feel sure all the dear brethren would want our dear old brethren in Israel to be comfortable, around the fire and something to eat. My heart has been touched many times in past months and years, so I feel it is time and a great privilege to do something for the Lord and we feel the good Lord is going to provide a place for his faithful children.

So we are sure God has plenty somewhere on his earth to supply the need; so there is a great question facing us today as saints of God. "But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how

dwelleth the love of God in him?" (1 John 3: 17). And many other questions of like nature.

So we would be glad to hear from any who feel the burden. I would ask all to pray for God to have his way in all things. There can be a place fixed here at a very low cost. So let us carefully and prayerfully consider this important matter.

We are also, the Lord willing going to have camp meeting here at Neosho, Mo., commencing July the 4th, lasting ten days. We sure will be glad to have all the saints to come, as we are expecting a Heavenly Feast. Pray that God will send ministers here filled with the Holy Ghost, to preach the word. We will give particulars later.

Pray for us. As ever yours on the altar unreserved.
—John Strech. Neosho, Mo. Gen. Del.

AN EXPLANATION

From letters received it seems the notice of the Old People's Home is not understood. Having an acre of land in the suburbs of Pomona, given to the Church for an Old People's Home it seemed good to us to endeavor to build such a home, but not having finances to do the building, we appealed to those wishing homes who have a little means to care for themselves to help build the home by providing finances to their rooms.

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So in a few short years all will be free or at the disposal of the home. And what is left of each little estate will form a fund for the care of needy saints. The scriptures are very clear in instructing saints to provide for their own needy ones, that they be not chargeable to the church. A few hundred dollars from this one or that one would soon provide a fund to sustain this good work.

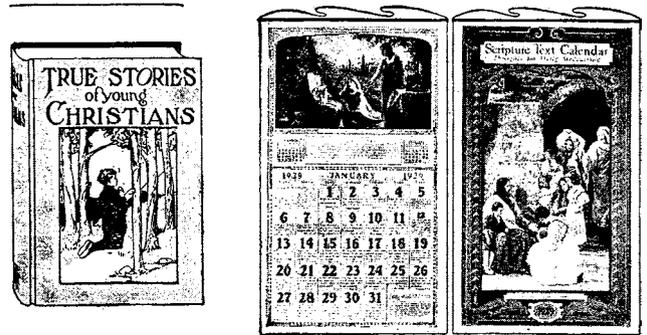
So all congregations or saints having needy ones, may feel free to co-operate with us. This is a responsible and legal institution and will properly care for all funds entrusted to it.

Two units or four apartments are now completed. —G. E. Harmon, 334 Orden Ave., Glendale, Calif.

"Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men." (1 Thess. 5: 14).

"The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness." (Prov. 16: 31).

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Walking In His Steps

BY, G. E. HARMON.

Next comes the dress question and the training of children; questions that have much to do with the happiness of our homes, the welfare of the church, and the stronghold of our Nation. Now let us examine ourselves by the word of God and see if we are still following God as dear children. Many mothers of today are willingly and knowingly ignoring God's inspired word in 1st. Tim. 2: 9, by going out in public in scanty attire and allowing their innocent little girls to do the same and sometimes older ones also, with bare limbs, which nearly makes one blush to meet them. I believe with all my heart that IMMODESTY is the most prevalent sin of our day, almost invariably the mother has the greater influence in the home, therefore whatever the character or conduct of the child when it goes out from home will be the production of the teaching and influence of mother while at home. I believe that ninety-nine per. cent will be thus, as the child goes out from home with fixed ideas as to what

is morally wrong or right and these ideas are usually carried on into their own lives and their own homes, and so that will be the teaching of their posterity. I am made to wonder what kind of mothers will these little neglected, untrained, half clad little girls make. We are told that the nations stronghold is the home, and we believe it. Then how strong will our nation be; whose teaching came from homes with improper discipline or none at all? Saints of God wake up for the devil is trying to put these home conditions right among us. What will be the condition of our homes if this thing keeps up, and of the Church, also our government? What kind of law-makers will such homes produce? They will naturally make laws to suit their dwarfed ideas, as to what is morally right or wrong. It is claimed that the face of every Nation can be traced back to the decline of its womanhood, then mothers wake up for the home is the stronghold of the nation, then for God's sake and your own soul's sake and that of your child's, teach her MODESTY. Protect her now, before it is too late. The greatest protection God has ever given woman, is her *modesty*. God beautifies the meek with salvation, no one is really beautiful without it. Modesty is the greatest God given charm that He has ever bestowed upon woman. Then why abuse that most priceless of God given gifts? Read 1 Cor. 11: 15, "But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her." Then if she bobs her hair, she is shorn of her glory, is she not? Is there anything modest about that? She is not only breaking God's law, but is "giving occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully" (1 Tim. 5: 14). A real thorough study of the 2nd. chapter of Titus, would be real beautiful to old and young. Also 1 Thess. 5: 22, "Abstain from ALL appearance of evil." this did the old time saints and every true saint of God today are observing the above command.

Dear saints beloved of the Lord, let me talk plain. Very few today that are really sanctified. And there is your trouble, you are not dead to those things as you should be. Listen! says one, I took it by faith, just as you taught me. No you are mistaken, you just claimed it by faith, if you had of taken it by faith, undoubtedly you would have had it. You might go to the bank and make a check and you might have some degree of faith that the banker would honor your check, as you are acquainted with him and have done business with him, but when you present your check to the cashier you are not liable to take any money home with you, unless you have something there to your credit. Now read again the scripture that teaches us how to live that leads up to that point of consecration, where we can take it by faith commencing at the 14th. verse of the 5th. chap. of 1 Thess., in connection with Rom. 12: 1-2 and 15: 16, with much prayer calling upon God to crucify kill out and destroy the old man—carnal nature or mind with all its carnal desires for worldly pleasures etc. and God will honor such a consecration.

"Come now let us reason together," we are all

working for the same common cause, we pray, we desire to see souls saved, we consecrate our hard earned money to send for a man of God to come and help us, he comes, he prays, he pleads, he preaches and exhorts, but no one comes to the altar. Why? Sometimes we see professed saints, sisters, mothers and sometimes preacher's wives exposing and parading their knees or the calves of their limbs for young men and boys to look at, and arouse the passions that drive some young men to desperation and also homes are being broke up through this ungodly practice, Oh! shame on the devil. Where is the shamefacedness as mentioned in 1 Tim. 2: 9? Conditions are becoming alarming, many times have I come in and sat down in a meeting house and some would commence to tug and pull at her dress to try to make it cover her limbs. Something wrong sister, if your dress was the proper length and width it would eliminate all that. Modesty. What is it? Almost a thing of the past, almost an absolute term. Many times have I sat down opposite the imodestly dressed only to get up and change my seat, for it is really embarrassing sister, mother, or grandmother for one to have to sit and witness your scanty dress, it will be the undueing of our womanhood if it is not checked, but some one says, where is your authority? Titus 2: 15, these things speak and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Many will say, no use now to try to stem the tide. The coward and ye of little faith, is it better to serve God or man? Judge ye. The wise man said, "Train up a child in the way that it should go; and when he is old he will not depart from it." (Prov. 22: 6). I am a Christian, because of my mother's training, thank God. Mother dear, when I am done with time and things down here, I'll meet you in that glory land and join that happy, happy band. Should any of your children miss it and go to hell, they cannot say you did not teach or treat them well. "The curse causeless shall not come." (Prov. 26: 2).

Many people in these last days are being blinded by compromising preachers, therefore we have tried to show mothers' their responsibility, as also the awful mistake they are making with their daughters by the wrong practice of half dressing themselves and to appear that way in public; but now we see another cause for this great backsliding; Ministers have allowed their wives and daughters to adorn themselves in these ungodly fashions from the *Paris under* and thus set the example and invite all others to join them in this fiendish, devilish, undressed brigade, and these ministers have simply winked at it and condoned these ungodly practices. It is hard to preach against a thing which you have allowed. "Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth." (Rom. 14: 22). Many young women complain of being insulted on the streets. Who is to blame?

While a railroad man in the last sitting on my engine, going through cities and towns, we in some places had to go through the red light district, the red lights in the windows indicate the character of the in-

mates; men of low character could be seen in these places, we knew them by the sign in the window. One time a neighbor or rather a woman living in an adjoining house, put a red light in her window supposedly to see what the effect would be, the result was that she had some visitors that she had to call help to get rid of. Who was to blame? Herself and no one else. The same with some of our innocent girls today, they are putting on these ungodly garments, patterns from the paris under-world, or in other words, hanging out signs that causes young men and boys to think that they are just a common loose Jane, as they express it, while others are expecting to be insulted. Why do I say that? My God! must I tell it?

Things are getting in an awful condition, namely when our girls (school girls) walk into a drug store and brazenly call (of a young man clerk at that) for those rubber goods used by both sects. God have mercy; mothers, sisters, it is time to call a halt. If women and girls could see themselves as men see them, and hear the remarks made by some, surely it would make some of them blush for shame.

We see in the word of God, where an adulteress had to suffer the uncovering of her head by the priest, (for her hair was given her for a covering) her hair cut off as a punishment. and some innocently or otherwise are adopting this badge of shame today. Now I am not a pessimist, but the outlook of things at present is enough to make one who loves Bible truth rather than pessimism. I'm sure there is nothing on the cross question to make one very optimistic. If I could I would put this in tract form and put it in every home that I could. Yours for a clean work,

Pride

“Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.” Prov. 26: 18.

“Though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly; but the proud he knoweth afar off.” Psalms 138: 6.

Webster says that pride is great self-esteem, haughtiness, elevation, loftiness.

Pride in the human heart is our worst enemy to keep us from seeking God and serving Him. It seems to be born in us. “For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.” John 2: 16. The child is proud, the young are proud, the old and the middle aged are proud. Many even in their misery are too proud to seek God who alone can help them in this life and in the life hereafter. They are proud of self, proud of dress, proud of their looks; being proud of anything will keep the grace of God from flowing into the heart of mankind. Oh, so many are too proud to yield to God and get salvation.

The proud are truly stiff-necked; too proud to go where they can hear the truth and get saved. Too proud to love all nationalities; too proud to live a humble life, so that God's Holy Spirit can come into the heart and make it His home and keep the soul. We cannot live this holy life without the assistance of the Holy Spirit.

Many who profess high will be “found wanting,” because they are not led of the Holy Spirit in their religious duties, but they think that they are serving God, but they are not in Him. Many truly will have a name to live and be dead. We are truly dead if we are not alive in Christ.

When we run into fanaticism and teach commandments of men and not “thus saith the Lord” we are getting on dangerous ground and we will find that it is not well to do, or to teach anything contrary to the word of God. “For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book. If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in the book; and if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.”

“Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven; but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.” (Matt. 5: 19).

This finding fault with others, because of some personal idea of our own, without taking the word of God on the subject or the Holy Spirit's leading for He and the word agree always, is surely getting on dangerous ground. Our only safety is to get thoroughly saved and sanctified and keep filled with the Holy Spirit and let Him work through us to do God's will. We cannot even pray or testify acceptably if it is not done in the Holy Spirit. It would be only empty words and full with no meaning upon the hearts of the hearers.

Lets keep filled with the Holy Spirit of God, then all will go smooth, and we will find that we can hold up the Holy Bible standard of a sinless life in Christ. We can be a blessing to man-kind if God's Holy Spirit lives and works through us, and only then. Let the Holy Spirit work in you and teach you how to dress, act, live, etc.

If people are hungry to do God's will the Holy Spirit will teach them God's will and expound the scriptures to them, “and they will know the truth and the truth will set them free.” —I. Edith Kriebel.

LITTLE FOLKS' PAGE

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

What Do They Say?

“O what do you think the angels say?”

Said the children up in heaven.

“There’s a dear little girl coming home today,
She’s almost ready to fly away

From the earth we used to live in.

Let’s go and open the gates of pearl,
Open them wide for this dear little girl,”

Said the children up in heaven.

“Far on the earth do you hear them weep?”

Said the children up in heaven;

“For the dear little girl has gone to sleep,
The shadows fall, and the night clouds sweep

O’er the earth we used to live in.

But we’ll go and open the gates of pearl,
O, why do they weep for the little girl?”

Said the children up in heaven.

“God wanted her here where His little ones meet,”

Said the children up in heaven;

“She shall play with us in the golden street,
She had grown too fair, she had grown too sweet

For the earth we used to live in.

She needed the sunshine, this dear little girl,
That gilds this side of the gates of pearl,”

Said the children up in heaven.

“Fly with her quickly, O angels dear!”

Said the children up in heaven;

“See! She is coming! Look there. Look there
At the jasper light on her sunny hair

Where the veiling clouds are riven!

O hush! hush! hush! The swift wings furl,
For the King Himself at the gates of pearl!

Is taking her hand, dear tired little girl,

And leading her into heaven!”

—Sel. by Anna Ozer.

Precious Promises

“O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For he is our God and we are the people of his pastures and the sheep of his pastures, and the sheep of his hand. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing, enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise.”

“Fret not thyself because of evil doers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity; for they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither

as the green herb.”

“Trust in the Lord and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.”

“Commit thy way unto the Lord and he shall bring it to pass.”

“Seek ye first the Kingdom of Heaven and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you.”

“He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High, shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.”

“He shall give his angels charge over thee to keep thee in all thy ways.”

“Because he has set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him. He shall call upon me and I will answer him, I will be with him in trouble.”

“If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you.”

“Ye ask and receive not, because ye ask amiss. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.”

“Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil and he shall flee from you.”

“Be of good courage and he shall strengthen thine heart, all they that hope in the Lord.”

How wonderful are his promises. But unless we take heed to the commandments of God, we will not be able to share the blessing. May God help us all to prove His promises and be able to shed His light unto all mankind. —Rose A. Medlam.

CORRESPONDENCE

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Fremont, Mo.—This morning I feel led to write some about taking heed. We see so many people are not taking heed as to where they are going to spend eternity. There are so many that think they are going the right way to heaven, but dear ones, let us see if we are going according to the Bible.

“There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the way thereof is the way of death.” (Prov. 14: 12). Some people teach that we can sin and still be saved. No, dear ones we cannot keep saved. Please read John 3: 9, “Whosoever is born of God doth not sin” “The wages of sin is death” (Rom. 6: 23).

Just see how good the Lord is to us, He was good to us when we were in sin. “Believe on the Lord Jesus and thou shall be saved.” (Acts 16: 31). Jesus died for the lost. “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son” Read John 3: 16. He died on the cross

for you and me, that we may be free from sin. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever." (Heb. 13: 8). He is not willing for any to perish, he offers to all a home if we will only except it.

The Lord said, "My Spirit shall not always strive with man." (Gen. 6: 3). May God talk to the people's hearts, so they may take heed to Him is my prayer.

Saints please pray for me that I may ever do His will. May this help some precious soul.

Your sister in Christ, —Myrtle Glass.

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Vestaburg, Pa.—Dear Bro. in Christ: A copy of your little paper fell into my hands a few days ago and I can say Amen to it. The article on pride is just fine.

I love the truth and I hate sin in any form. I love the Lord with my whole heart. Praise His name. He has saved me from my sins and put a go through in my heart. I took this way by choice. Jesus says, he will be a present help in time of need; He has been even more than this to me. For four years I was disabled, could only get about the house part of the time, the doctors said, "I had to die," gave me up. Jesus took the case in His hands in July 1915 and I went to work at my trade, as a carpenter and I am still doing work, thanks be to our God.

Bro. I would like to have a few copies of "Faith and Victory" mailed to me, to hand out. I think this is a great thing to put such a paper in the hands of the public, it is sure to do a lot of good.

Truly yours, —T. C. Headley.

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

I can truly say this morning, I love God with all my heart; the deepest desire of my heart is to do or say something that will help some precious soul to flee from sin and turn to our great loving Saviour. What a mighty God we serve.

The assembly meeting has been such a help to me. Was rich food to my soul. Pray that I keep humble before God and man.

Your sister in Christ, —Arvilla Gonzalez.

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Alma, Mich.—Dear Sister Pruitt and co-workers: After hinderances and delay, will now attempt to answer your precious letter of Oct. 9th. It was a real source of encouragement to me. I'm real thankful and glad for the "oneness of the Spirit" existing between us. My one aim in life is to ever live down at Jesus' feet and do all He tells me to do.

Have received and read every word of the last issue of "Faith and Victory." Oh how precious is the truth it contained. It seems it is the only preacher I have, I don't go to meeting anywhere where the full gospel is preached. Oh, how I long to spread my wings and fly away to some place where God's people are and be busy for God and the salvation of precious souls.

Yet I realize to remain in the desert with God, is the Lord's will and I yield to Him my sovereign King.

Wish I might go with you to jail meetings and out to the County Farm. I like that work. It seems the dear aged ones are sometimes neglected by the majority of the younger.

Tell bro. and sister Cramer, I thank them for the picture. My, how much like saints they look, so plain, thank the Lord. I see she doesn't wear those colored stockings. I'm glad for I don't think they look as becometh saints. So many wear them here, I see in the picture no buttons, ties, strings or anything else, but a "meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price."

I suppose you folks are still having summer there yet. Yesterday (Nov. 19th) we had our first snow. It snowed all day long and I had to be out in it most all day. It snowed some today, but it melted as quickly as it fell.

The Word says, we are to be tried as by fire and I suppose that means our tests and trials, which come from every conceivable angle, so may the Lord keep each one of us faithful until death and then we shall receive the crown of life. Am glad to say at this writing I am saved and walking in all known light. Trusting the Lord for all things.

Must close for to-night. Remember me in your prayers as you will be assured of my prayers. Hope and pray God will send copious showers upon all.

With christian love, —Sister Hazel Mann.

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Fremont, Mo.—I will by the help of the dear Lord write how the Lord delivered my soul from sin and made me an heir of eternal life. (Titus 3: 7).

Long before I was really saved, I had a longing desire to please God. I was once in a deception, but often while I was in there I felt that my life wasn't what it ought to be. I begin searching to find out if there were really any people who served God in the way that I thought they should. I would read the Bible and it would seem to me it called for a holy people to serve God. I saw professing christians do things I thought wasn't right for them to do and wasn't in harmony with the Word of God. But I kept trying to do right within my own self, until I came to the conclusion I wasn't serving God at all, but I just kept on searching to know if there were any people that were serving God right. The dear Lord saw I was honest and I have come to know there is a holy people of God. "The Lord is so merciful." (Jer. 3: 12). "The Lord will not despise a broken and a contrite heart." (Psa. 51: 17). We can't have our own way and please God. (Isa. 55: 8-9).

I am so glad that the dear Lord saved me and I can have His approval on my soul. I praise the Lord. When he saves us, we are free from sin. My only desire is to please God in all things; for it pays us to be faithful unto the end, for there is a eternal home awaiting the faithful ones. (Rev. 2: 10).

I aim to do all I can to help rescue the perishing

souls, for it will mean much to face the judgment which we all will have to do. (Heb. 9: 2'). So I want my life to tell the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ. I don't want to regret leaving undone anything that I could of done for God while here in this life. I am glad to have the opportunity of serving God the Bible way. By God's help and grace, I aim to gain that eternal home with the Lord forever.

Dear precious saints of God every where, pray that I will do God's biddings. I love the dear Lord and praise Him for what He is to me. I have been washed in the precious blood that flowed on Calvary's cross for the redemption of lost humanity. May God bless all of His saints everywhere. —Ellen Glass.

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Denton, Md.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus.

Well I am still receiving "Faith and Victory" and enjoy reading it. I would be glad if it was a weekly paper, instead of a monthly.

I am glad I can still report victory through the precious blood of Jesus. God is still my Saviour, sanctifier and healer of body. Praise His name. I rejoice to know that my name is written in heaven, on the Lamb's book of Life. Glory to God. I praise Him with all my heart for this Great Salvation; which gives joy, peace and comfort to the soul.

He is my healer of body, of which I need no other. I find it pays to fully trust Him for all our needs, for He has promised to supply according to His riches in glory. Praise the Lord forever.

I remain as ever, your Bro. in Christ,
—R. C. Noble.

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Okeene, Okla.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt and all: I am enjoying "Faith and Victory" so much, I do not want to miss a single copy, so please send me the six copies each month, that I might hand or mail them to friends who might become interested in our dear Lord and Savior.

I am sending an offering to help along in this great work.

Dear ones, I will ask you to pray, that I may be all that the dear Lord would have me to be. And at last get home to heaven and take some soul with me, that I have been a light unto.

Wishing you a prosperous New Year. Yours in His service,
—Mrs. Gertie Breckenridge.

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Anthony, Kans.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: I feel the dear Lord impressing me to write a little message for Him, through your paper. And also to make known the work of the Church in Anthony.

I am praising God for victory in my soul, against every false doctrine and deception of the Devil. Praise God. I first want to give Him thanks for healing me of the heart trouble. It seemed the enemy had me bound with unbelief. It seemed I could not rise above it. Many, many times the dear saints and ministers would anoint and lay on hands and I would be helped,

but the enemy would again attack me and I would go down. I knew God had called me to preach His precious word and when the hour would come for service, the enemy would afflict me and my heart would beat so hard and loud that it seemed impossible to do anything. One day in morning worship, my breath became short, my voice weak, I managed to get to a door where I could breath more easily. There I lingered, prayed, cried, and wept, right there God took pity upon His child, touched my body and healed me. Praise His name. Now I am feeling good, can sleep and eat, all the glory and praise belongs to Him, for He is worthy. Some one said to me, "you will have to prove it." The words came to me, "Prove all things, hold fast to that which is good." (1 Thess. 5: 21). And thats what I am doing.

I would like to show our appreciation to Bro. John Strech, for his short stay with us. We miss them so much, but truly can say, he preached the Word in its fulness, without compromise or fanaticism. The Church was edified, few saved and sanctified and one dear one was baptized. Bro. Daddy McGha eighty-one years old, went down into the water and as he went he said, "good-bye old world" and he meant it. He is still pressing on. Oh! praise God, for His mercy to the children of men. I ask you who knows the worth of prayer, to pray for this little congregation, that God would send here just who will be best qualified for the place. We need a God sent minister, who will go through at any cost.

May God's richest blessings rest on you and your efforts in the work. You have my prayers.

I remain your blood washed sister for the whole truth.
—Sister Allie McAdams.

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Guthrie, Okla.—For the glory of God and the encouragement of other precious souls, I feel like adding my testimony to the "Faith and Victory."

On December the 21st, I was taken very sick with what I suppose was the Flu. As I started to arise from bed that morning I was so sore it seemed to me I was at least three or four minutes getting on my feet, for it seemed every way I moved would just tear some part of my body apart, but it just looked as though I couldn't stay in bed as the children were all about sick, some had just been up a few days and two others in bed with fever. So I just thought, I would go on about my work as usual and perhaps the soreness would get better as I had been so sore for several days and after moving about awhile it would get some better, but this time I got worse. I fixed breakfast, so husband could get off to work and thought I would do some cooking for Christmas, but as I began to stir about I felt so queer and my head and eyes began to hurt and I begin to shake and Oh! such suffering, no one but God and I knew. So the children said, mamma go to bed, but I said no, I have some things I just have to do, so I got up and thought I would do what I had to do and then go to bed. But I continued getting worse and did have to go to bed.

I said Lord, how can I go to bed and all the children or most of them sick; and you know how I promised to help with the cooking for the assembly meeting? And now Lord I do want to keep my word, but if you can get glory out of my sickness, I am just willing to suffer. So I just lay in bed and talked to the Lord while I was just suffering so bad, then these words came to me, "This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God."

At noon when husband came home for dinner, he went to the dining hall to find some of the ministers, and Bro. Winn and Bro. William Cramer came and obeyed James 5: 15. My head and eyes got easy and I went to sleep, when I awoke I was sweating, but the soreness still held on and I began to spit blood and my left shoulder and lung was so sore I couldn't lay on that side at all. At about six o'clock P. M. I began to shake again and coughed awful hard; so husband went again for the ministers and Bro. Glasgow and Sister Winn came and prayer was offered and the Lord touched my body again and the soreness began to leave my body and the next morning I felt much better and the saints agreed in prayer for my healing and on Sunday the soreness was all gone, except my left lung and shoulder. Monday morning I got up out of bed, claimed the victory and Tuesday went and helped in the kitchen, helped all during the meeting after that and am still healed. Praise God.

Truly it pays to trust God; while people all around us were sick for two or three weeks having Drs. and taking medicine. Some claiming to be Christians and to trust God for healing, but when the test came they resorted to medicine. How I praise God for his wonderful healing power; for His dear children and ministers that can pray the prayer of faith.

For twenty years we have trusted in the dear Lord for healing as well as other things and praise His dear name he has never failed us. I am the mother of eleven children and can say for the glory of God, we have had only two Drs. in our home since we have been married, which is thirty years ago last September. We just had our trust in Jesus and he just wonderfully brought us through. Bless His name. Oh! so many things the dear Lord has done for us, I just could never get through telling of His goodness and so many times He has healed our bodies in answer to prayer. And so many times he has made ways, where it seemed there was no way.

Tonight I am still trusting in this same God and am not afraid, for He has promised, never to leave nor forsake us. And I do ask the prayers of all who read this, that I may be just what He would have me to be. That my life will tell the gospel story; as it always seemed I couldn't tell just what all the good things the dear Lord has done for us, but I do love to tell others what the Lord can and will do for us, if we will let him. Tonight leaves me with a deeper determination than ever before to follow the Lord all the way. And when he is done with me here, I expect to enter that mansion he has prepared for me.

As we look about us and see so much sin and crime of every kind; and people departing from the faith, going into deception, truly it grieves our hearts. If there was ever a time when people needed to pray and live close to the Lord it is now. Oh! I am so glad I got salvation so many years ago; for there is so much deception now in the world, till I fear I may have been deceived, but I thank God tonight for the Bible way. The strait way. The humble way. And it just grows brighter all the time and my prayer is each day, that God will give me more wisdom and knowledge of His precious word and help me to so live as to win souls to the truth.

The enemy is certainly about his business, he knows just what to do to attract the people and he certainly has most of them going his way.

Pray for me dear saints, that I ever be found doing the will of God and that I may bring my little ones up in the way they should go.

Your saved Sister, —Mrs. Cenia Miles.

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A LETTER FROM INDIA

Kunnankulam, India.—My dear brothers and sisters in America: I am here in the southern part of India, still contending for the faith once delivered to the saints. I am for the Gospel and the Church which God has purchased with His own blood.

Though the world is getting cooler and cooler spiritually, yet I am convinced more and more deeply than ever before that the workers of the Lord have much to do. I am preaching the gospel everywhere. Every morning I go to town with another brother and preach aloud the way of holiness. On Sundays after the meeting, I go to the suburbs with some others and preach.

As I see that the literature is doing wonders and that the literature work is deep and standing, I sacrifice much time for the literature work. You know that I am publishing a monthly magazine "Suvantha Duthan" (He that bringeth good tidings) and pamphlets in our own language. Malayalam.

I do all these in the interest of the Church of God and in accordance with you brethren. I am ready to accept whatever the brethren (who are in the way) find right, though at anytime I may not be able to find as the brethren do. I do not want to cling upon my opinion recklessly. I love the unity taught in the Bible. I see the Lord is glorified by the unity.

As the outcome of the work is, the truth is heard near and far, a few are gathered to the Church and others are getting interested. Several wanted to be with us, but they could not keep close to the fire of the truth.

We have to keep a spiritual fight here with the several sects, such as Old Syrians. Reformed Syrian, Plymouth Brethren, (in three classes) Free love Church etc. They claim a high standard of purity. Sell the religion for a very low price and try to have inheritance with them anyhow and they have constant

struggles among them for robbing off each other's peoples. They want only an outward keeping of religion. Sometimes I feel like crying to see this Satanic Merchandise.

Literature in our own language does good work in these places. This literature enters anywhere and speaks to any body. But I am sorry to say that I am not having the needed copies of the Magazine and pamphlets. Many more copies of them are badly in need of. Satan hinders the good work. The work here is greatly hindered because of the lack of money. If I can have twelve dollars monthly for the literature alone, I can go on with it some what satisfactory. You know beside this expense of literature, I have to spend for the occasional Missionary towns, have to give to other workers and to provide for my family of six members and pay rent for my house. Now all these items are suffering a great deal.

Brothers or Sisters, who come forward to open their hands toward the work of the Lord in this part of India; may feel assured that their deeds will answer in the eternity. With much christian love to you all,

Yours in the Lord and for His work,

—K. V. Cherian.

Our Governor

The Holy Bible is just teeming with statements and references that Jesus was and is the Son of God; the only begotten of the Father: and yet, in the face of all the testimonies of this truth given out by Moses and all the prophets, yes, and by the Father Himself, we find men in the world today who will deny these truths and claim that Christ was not divine, but was only a good man and said some good things.

In the first chapter of Matt. we read that the angel of the Lord in speaking to Joseph concerning Mary his espoused wife said, "For that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost" and in the twenty-fourth verse he is referring to the prophet Isaiah which he quotes as follows.—"Behold a virgin shall be with child, and bring forth a son, and they shall call His name Emmanuel; which being interpreted is, God with us." These scriptures clearly teach us that the conception was of God and Christ was divine, that He did not come by blood, nor of the will of flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God; for the Word (Christ) was made flesh and dwelt among us. (St. John 1: 13-14).

When Jesus was here on earth in a mortal body, He continually bore witness that He was the Son of God, not only in words but also in deeds, as He showed his power over the devil in healing the sick, casting out devils and raising the dead. When Peter said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God"

Jesus sanctioned this truth and told him that, "flesh and blood had not revealed this unto him, but my Father which is in heaven." (Matt. 16: 17). By speaking thus, He positively declared himself to be the Son of God.

In the eleventh chapter of John and the twenty-fifth verse, He makes another statement that no one of human birth would dare to make, in this verse He says, "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." In this scripture He gave us to understand that He not only had power to resurrect the natural body, but that he had power to give eternal life to believers insomuch that they would never die, but would live on with God the Father in a glorified state forever, this is the inheritance of the saints. The apostle Paul said, "If children, then heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ." (Rom. 8: 17).

Jesus told the Pharisees who were doubting his divinity that, "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." (John 8: 12). In the seventeenth verse He says, "It is written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true. I am one that bear witness of myself and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me."

Truly the Father did bear witness that Christ was the son of God, not only through Moses and the Prophets, but also personally when He walked here on the earth. Turn to the third chapter of Matt. the sixteenth and seventeenth verses and read, "And Jesus when He was baptised, went up straightway out of the water and lo, the heavens were opened unto Him, and he saw the spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting upon him: and lo, a voice (the witness of God) from heaven saying, this is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

In the seventeenth chapter of Matt., we will read of another time when God bore witness that Jesus was His Son. "While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and, behold, a voice (the witness of God) out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him."

Before the crucifixion of Christ when He was yielding to this death to fulfill the will of the Father he said, "Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, "I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again." (John 12: 28). This is another witness from God that Jesus was his Son, but people that stood by said, that it thundered, others who had some belief said, an angel spake to Him.

Those whose hearts were rebellious and full of darkness, only heard it thunder and that is the condition that most people are in today, though God is bearing witness of Christ and of Himself at this present time in thundering ways, yet few people seem to hear His voice, do not get any truth from it in a way to bring godly fear into their heart, they just hear it thunder and discern no distinction, being filled with their own ways they have no room or place for the lowly Lamb of God and thus they continue desolate of eternal life and wrest the scriptures to their own destruction.

Peter in testifying of Christ said, "We have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eye witnesses of His majesty. For He received from God the Father honor and glory, when there came such a voice to Him from the excellent glory, this is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased." (2 Peter 1: 16-17).

The Hebrew writer in the second chapter and third verse, in speaking of Christ, the great salvation said, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; God also bearing witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to His own will."

These scriptures ought to convince any candid person that Jesus was more than human, that He was divine, that He came from God and went back to God, that He was truly the Saviour of men. Read 1 John 5: 9-12.

Jesus was not only divine and the only begotten of the Father, but he was invested with "All power, both in heaven and earth." He was born a Governor, a Ruler, a King.

The prophet Isaiah in writing of Jesus who was to be born said, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, (John 3: 16) and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end." (Isaiah 9: 6). In Hebrews 1: 8 we read, "But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom."

Matthew in quoting from the prophet Micah said, "And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a governor, that shall rule my people Israel."

One who does not realize and know the ruling power of Christ today is in great darkness and have need of much humbling of heart and mind as they are dull of hearing and only hear thunder, where they should hear the voice of the Son of God.

People who do not believe in the divinity of Christ are unbelievers and cannot be saved, because there is nothing about any human-being that can save a soul; if Christ had of been only human, his blood would of availed nothing in saving our souls, for it is written, "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." (Rom. 3 23). Jesus is the Son of God and He did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth, therefore His blood which he shed in death on Calvary's cross was innocent, spotless and blameless and it is the only atonement that God accepts for our sins. When we believe from the heart that Jesus is the Son of God and that His blood atones for all our transgressions and the Father seeing us pleading the blood as a covering, blots out our sins and sends peace into our souls and in this way we are "saved by grace, through faith: and that not of ourselves; it is the gift of God." (Eph. 2: 8).

Man cannot save himself as his righteousness is only as filthy rags in the sight of God. The only thing that man can do is to repent of his sins, having godly sorrow for all of his evil doings, turning from them, ceasing to do evil and accepting the sacrifice made of God, for their redemption.

When Jonah preached to the Ninevites that God would overthrow their city in forty days, they were stired from the depths of their hearts, believing God they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them. The king was stirred and made a decree that man and beast would fast, that all should cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, saying that God would see and turn from His fierce anger, that they perish not.

"And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not."

Believing on the Lord Jesus Christ means more than just saying it, one that really believes from the heart, will turn from all his evil ways and do them no more.

Jesus says, "If ye believe not that I am He, he shall die in his sins." (John 8: 24). In the twenty-first verse He says, "Wither I go ye cannot come." Men who reject Christ and do not believe him, shall die in their sins and where Christ is, they cannot come.

That is why so many people are lost today. And hatred is the cause of many being lost today. Jesus said in John 13: 35, "By this shall ALL men KNOW (not guess at it) that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." (not hatred one to another). Pride is another thing that is driving souls down to a devil's hell. So called Christianity has gone off into pride, and well did Solomon say in Prov. 16: 18, "Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall." How true it is, and how we in our own day and time seen this fulfilled; when we've seen with our own eyes the power of God manifested among certain people and now they have gone into pride. They once taught against the thing they now allow. Paul speaking in Rom. 14: 22 said, "Hast thou faith? Have it to thyself before God. Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth." That body of people are condemned of the thing they once taught against, because they now allow it to be done and yet recognize such as being right. This is a reason for many to be lost.

They allow the women and girls which are the members of their creed, to wear dresses lacking at both top and bottom and also the sides. They wear their dresses so short they are above the knees and the top part so low till their breast is showing, the part that should be covered with a modest covering, no sleeves at all and the garment where the sleeve should be sewed in is trimmed out; hair cut so short, you can hardly tell them from the boys and men, yet they recognize them in the church as in good standing. What a shame. This also is a reason of so many people being lost today. "The word teaches us to abstain from all appearance of evil."

Now all such living is the cause of men becoming so disgusted till it is no wonder that they will say they have no soul and that man sprang from a monkey, or from a tadpole; or some other of the beast nature. They also are the cause of men becoming fools, as the word of God in Psa. 14: 1 says, "The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God." also (Psa. 53: 1). False Christianity is largely to blame for these things and cause men to become skeptical until they will mock at God's word; say such words as, "where did Cain get his wife?" And then say something like unto this, "God made man and then rested a thousand years and then made Adam, then he rested another period and made Eve." etc.

Jesus said when he was here on earth, "that as the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the coming of the Son of man." They mocked at Noah, all during the time he was warning them of their coming fate,

but they refused to heed the warning till the door of the ark was closed and it was too late for them to be saved. So it is today, there is a very, very few that are living the life of the righteous and warning men of their fast coming danger.

Dear reader, are you saved? If not, may God help you to take this as a real holy warning to you, may this be a precious and a glorious blessing to you in you getting saved with an everlasting redemption.

Well did Jeremiah prophesy of the present day, so-called people of God, (Jer. 5: 31), "The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?" And surely the people do love these abominable prophesies and abominable ruling priests, these are the same kind Paul spoke of when he said, "For of this sort are they which creep into houses and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers (many) lusts, ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth." (2 Tim. 3: 6-7). Yet they have a form of godliness; and if possible have such a form as to deceive the very elect, yet denying the power of God. Now of this sort is the cause of many being lost today.

The sin of unbelief is damming souls by the thousands and thousands. I would to God that the saints of God would all stand together, in the ONE BODY OF CHRIST, that they may not be the cause of any poor precious soul being lost; and I must say when some one pulls off that there is something wrong. The word says, "But if any draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him." No, the saints can have no pleasure in him, because he most always is giving and making trouble among the saints and when those that are spiritual try to restore such an one in the Spirit of meekness; then he stirs it up worse than ever. Now this is another cause of many being lost today.

We could give many more reasons why so many people are lost today, but we have not time and space. But in conclusion, we will say that every one of the reasons herein explained; is a trick of the devil. I trust and pray that each one who reads this article may receive a blessing by accepting a warning through it from God and those who stumbled over the lives of others, will turn and be saved ere it be too late.

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The way to hell is paved with good intentions.

It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.