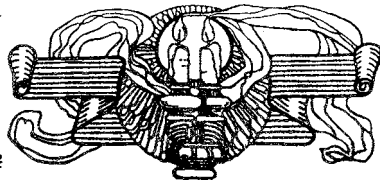


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Keep Sweet; Keep Sweet

While waging the battle for Truth and the Right,
Let this be our motto, "Keep Sweet;"
Be earnest and active, and strong in the fight,
And do not forget to "Keep Sweet."
The foe that we're fighting will threaten and rave,
Will call you a fool, or a crank, or a knave;
But do not get ruffled; be hopeful and brave;
Remember withal to "Keep Sweet."

The clouds may hang heavy, and darken thy sky;
No matter, my brother, "Keep Sweet;"
The sun will break thru in the sweet by and by,
And cheerily help you—"Keep Sweet."
Thy foes may be many; thy foes may be strong;
Around thee may gather the legions of Wrong;
But Right shall yet triumph! Ring out a glad song!
Be true and be joyful! "Keep Sweet"!

Do burdens press sorely? Just ask Him for grace.
He'll give it, and help thee "Keep Sweet."
Let sunshine and gladness illumine thy face;
'Twill help someone else to "Keep Sweet."
Do troubles oppress thee? Let God be thy stay.
'Tis easy to sigh, but 'tis better to pray;
Thy sunshine will come in His own blessed way;
So trustingly try to "Keep Sweet."

—Selected.

Jesus Saves

"For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong in behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him." Thus reads a portion of the ninth verse of the sixteenth chapter of 2 Chronicles.

This scripture ought to interest every child of God as it teaches us full reliance upon God. When circumstances are decidedly against us and every

avenue of escape is closed up, even then with faith in God as Almighty we can look through to victory. The Lord is searching for perfect hearts toward Him, hearts that will not shrink or turn away in the severe and fiery trying times; but will rely upon God to make a way of their escape, getting glory and honor to His name.

God has left on record in the Bible a testimony of Himself and of His gracious dealings with souls that fully trusted Him. Abraham was tested severely but he proved true, believing that God was able to raise his son from the dead and thus fulfill His promise, and then God said unto Abraham, "And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed My voice." Perfect hearts toward God will obey His voice in the darkest hours and in the most severe trying times, as they are seeking His glory and not their own.

When the seed of Abraham had multiplied and were held in bondage (literal bondage) by the Egyptians, God heard their cries and remembered His covenant and looked upon Moses whom He could trust as a faithful servant, He called upon him to deliver His people out of the hand of Pharaoh because He saw in him a perfect heart. Moses proved his reliance upon God when he had led the children up to the Red Sea; the mountains were on either side, Pharaoh and his hosts were following them from behind and the Red Sea before them. It seemed there was no way of escape; but Moses looked to God and God showed Himself strong in his behalf, did that which was impossible with men, rolled back the waters of the Red Sea and let His children go through on dry land, thus delivering them out of bondage and the ill-treatment of Pharaoh, who represented the power of Satan.

In the third chapter of Hebrews and fifth verse we read, "And Moses verily was faithful in all his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after." This verse of scripture has reference to the whole career of Moses;

how that he was faithful in obeying the voice of God; not only in delivering the children of Israel from literal bondage; but also in instituting and carrying out the type in blood sacrifices and shadows of law commandments which pointed to, and had their fulfillment in Christ, who has become our law and governor.

The literal deliverance from bondage and Pharaoh's cruel treatment typifies our deliverance from sin and the powers of Satan, which we receive through faith in Christ, and the animals that were slain for blood sacrifices point to Christ, the Lamb of God, which was slain of Calvary's cross to atone for our sins and to purge our consciences from dead works to serve the living God.

There is no escape from the powers of sin for any soul only through Christ. When souls realize that they have sinned against God, have broken His commandments, and then they repent, become sorry for the wrong they have done, cease to do evil, make a covenant with God to serve Him, and through faith in the atonement made by Christ, their sins are all blotted out and they then have peace with God through the Lord Jesus Christ.

Peter in speaking of Christ Jesus said, "For there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved." Acts 5: 12.

In the first chapter of Matt. when the angel of the Lord spoke to Joseph in a dream he said, "And she shall bring forth a son and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall SAVE his people from their sins." In Matt. 11: 28, Jesus says, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you REST." In Matt. 18: 11, we read again, "For the Son of man is come to SAVE that which was lost."

In the first chapter of Luke Zacharias being filled with the Holy Ghost prophesied, and, among other things, said, in referring to Christ, "The oath which he sware to our father Abraham, that he would grant unto us, that we, being delivered out of the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life."

"For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world (sinful people), but that the world through Him might be SAVED." John 3: 17.

"But I receive not testimony from man: but these things I say, that ye might be SAVED." John 6: 35.

"That if thou shalt confess with mouth the

Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God has raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be SAVED." Romans 10: 9.

"For by grace (favor of God) are ye SAVED through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift (His Son) of God." Eph. 2: 8.

We have quoted a number of scriptures which bear record of us being saved through faith in Jesus Christ and His completed work. Jesus saves to the uttermost all who will come unto Him. We get saved by believing in Christ and we keep saved by continuing to believe in Him. There is nothing more that God can do to save us from our sins, our salvation was completed when Jesus poured out His blood on Calvary's cross. It is now for men to repent of their sins, cease to do evil and then believe that the blood does atone or appease the wrath of God and then we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. We are saved from our sins through faith in the completed work of Christ. There is nothing that separates between man and God only man's sins. (Isaiah 59: 2). Believe in the atoning blood and have your sins and iniquities blotted out, and then you will be in touch with the Father of Spirit and will live and have eternal life.

The Word of God says, "He that covers his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." Prov. 28: 13. —Fred Pruitt.

Sugar-coated Religion

We live in a day of great and sweeping changes. Old methods are passing away and new methods and customs are introduced. Some of these changes we know are good. Some are doubtful; some are hurtful.

A new method of getting people to church and to embrace Christianity has been employed. We are now sugar-coating the Gospel a little so it will be pleasant to take. Our plan is to put a coat of levity and fun on the outside to draw the crowds. This "bait" is used especially to get the young people. Here is the plan as outlined by one of our leading writers.

"Our love for play is God given. Play is more instinctive than work and not a whit less important. Shall we try to suppress this God given impulse? No! Rather, we rejoice that in our best churches provision is made for it and it is encouraged. Churches are building kitchens and parlors as a necessary part of their equipment. They are spending money on the social side of their church life. Parties of the right

kind, picnics, hikes, summer camps, tennis courts and even base ball teams made up of Sunday school classes are planned for and financed by the churches. The idea is to give them better than the world offers and thereby keep their love."

We heard a preacher say sometime ago that the time would soon be here when a church that didn't have a gymnasium and bathing pool for the benefit of the young people would be a back number. He said if all the churches had these things it wouldn't be any trouble to get the young people into them.

We must mention the new plan of revivals. At the beginning of a "revival," which we know about, two prayer groups were organized. These were named the "Smile awhile's" and the "Laugh alot's." It was agreed that these should enter a contest to see which could secure the greatest attendance at their respective prayer meetings which took place just preceeding the regular preaching hour. It was also planned that at the end of the "revival" all should go on an all night fishing trip to the river some miles away, and the side that was defeated in this attendance contest must furnish refreshment on this trip. The meeting lasted a week. A squabble ensued during the week as one side accused the other of counting babies. But at the end of the "revival" they all went to the river for an all night outing. Were there any conversions? Of course not.

While fishing trips, the gymnasium and swimming pool, basket ball courts etc. is mentioned as a bait to draw people, or of "sugar coating" the Gospel to make it "pleasant to take," yet the most common form is "eating and drinking." The church kitchen and dining room are coming to be the most important part of the "church equipment."

Someone has said, "The W. M. U. meet together and they eat. The B. Y. P. U. meet together and they eat. The Sunday school classes meet together and they eat. When the church even, wants to secure an extra crowd, they announce that at a certain time they 'will eat.'" The following was clipped from a religious newspaper and is in harmony with the trend of the times: "The women of East Tyler Church served a real dinner Tuesday at the Smith County Workers Conference held in this church. So many good things to eat means so many hours of service for the Lord and nowhere is Christian fellowship more in evidence than around a table spread to promote the cause of Christ."

The early church spent many hours fasting and praying trying to promote the cause of Christ but we

have learned a more excellent way. We have learned that feasting and playing is a better method than fasting and praying.

Yes, church kitchens and dining rooms are all important now. Eat! Eat! Eat! Jesus said, "They were eating and drinking." Paul said, "Whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things." Do these refer to present day affairs?

We are sugar coating the Gospel with the hope that the world will take it better; but the world still gags at it. As is usually the case, they lick the coating off and spit out the pill.

The church is trying to be friendly with the world that she might draw the world to her. This will never work. The Bible says, "Know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity against God? Whosoever, therefore, will be a friend to the world is the enemy of God." Jas. 4:4. Instead of winning the world to Christ she has won the contempt of the world. As a consequence, churches today are in a sorry plight. The masses of people will not go to church. They pass by the very church doors bent on other things.

No, sugar coating the Gospel with carnal pleasure and fun will never draw men to Christ. There's only one thing the church can do. Jesus said, "And I, if I be lifted up will draw all men unto Me." John 12: 32. If the Church would win men to Christ she must "lift up" Christ so that the world may see Him. The world maintains the attitude of doubting Thomas who "will not believe" except they see. They can see Him only in the lives of His professed followers. Hence the way for the Church to win the world to Christ is not by trying to sugar coat the Gospel but by following Christ's example and teaching so closely that Christ may be seen in them.

"Come ye out from among them and be ye a separate people, saith the Lord." 2 Cor. 6: 17. —Sel.

Vicksburg, Ky. —Dear saints: May the dear Lord bless you in the work is my prayer, and every paper that goes out may lead some soul to Him. I want to praise the Lord for salvation. He has been good to me and healed me many times. Pray for me that I may be sanctified and get closer to the Lord every day, to work for Him and do His precious will.

Yours, in His service,

—Mrs. Hayden Lynch.

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EDITORIALS

The goodness of God is seen and is most clearly known by those who seek diligently after God's thoughts and God's ways, and He reveals Himself definitely to the heart that is perfect toward Him. It is true of us pilgrims here that we never know just what a day may bring forth as each new day brings with it new problems to face, and oftentimes strange circumstances to endure and fiery furnaces to wade through.

Knowing that we are in such a great warfare, we each one need to have on the whole armour of God that we may be able to withstand the enemy in the evil day or in the trying and hard circumstances of life. The Word of God teaches us to rejoice in tribulations, and we are sure that no one without the grace of God could truly rejoice in troubles and fiery trials, and if any of us find ourselves lacking on this line it is a sure sign that we need to draw closer to God and so live in the Spirit that God will keep the joy continually in our souls. Jesus Christ is our example, and as we study His acts and deeds we gain knowledge of how we should act and do in order to walk in the Spirit. We take note of His tender love

and care for every creature and of how He continually denied Himself that He might comfort others. In fact Jesus was continually God's expression of love toward poor fallen humanity and He went about doing good, thinking not of His own comfort but thinking always of how to please the Father and to express His love and care to some needy one, and thus the favor and blessings of the Father continued to rest upon Him.

The apostle John says in 1 John 4: 17, "Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of Judgment: because as He is, so are we in this world." Note carefully the last portion of this scripture, "As He is, so are we in this world." If any of us are falling short of continuing to manifest self denial, love and care for all souls, it is an indication of drawing back from the crucified way. All that we have of wisdom or talent or earthly goods is directly or indirectly given us of God and should be used wholly to His glory. The more He has given us, the greater is our responsibility. God requires much from those whom He has given much, and if God has given you talent or earthly goods and you are withholding it from suffering humanity and souls who are perishing in sin, it will be on record against you, as the scriptures teach us that, "Every one will give an account to God for the deeds done in the body." I firmly believe that there will be as many, if not more, souls barred out of heaven for withholding from His service the goods He has given them as for any other cause. On every hand we see the work of God suffering for lack of means; many ministers are kept from needy fields of labor because of this lack and the literature work is oppressed and hindered. Some one will have to give an account for this in that reckoning day. Every soul that realizes that God saves them ought to be at their best for God all the time, seeking His face daily with a willing heart and mind to do His pleasure, to be a blessing to all they can, to give of that which He has given them, that the blessings of God will continue upon them and their record in heaven will be kept clear.

Jesus says, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal, it shall be measured to you again." Luke 6: 38.

In considering the parable which Jesus spoke following this verse of scripture, any one teaching and practicing otherwise would be a blind leader, and he and his followers would both fall into the ditch.

In the early morning church we have record of how the disciples sold their possessions and gave and had all things common, and it is said, "great grace was upon them all." Acts 4: 32, 33. Surely this is an example for us who are saved through the merits of Christ.

"Go break to the needy
Sweet charity's bread;
For giving is living,'
The angel said.

"And must I be giving
Again and again?
My peevish and pitiless
Answer ran.

"Oh, no,' said the angel,
Peering me through;
'Just give till the Master
Stops giving to you.' "

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The Camp-meeting season is nearly over, and we are sure that much lasting good has been done. We were very busy in the office during the Oklahoma State Camp-meeting and did not get to attend very much; was there a few times and met with the saints who had gathered in from all over the state and some from other states. The crowds generally were good, and some were saved and sanctified and many of the saints were strengthened and encouraged by attending this meeting. The State Camp-meeting at Oklahoma City will begin next year as usual, on the first Friday in August.

On Aug. the 14th we took our family in the car to Springfield, Mo. and attended the camp meeting there which begun on that date. The meeting was well attended; two cars were there from Calif. A large number of saints were there of that state, and some from surrounding states and La.

The ministers present were as follows: Bros. G. E. Harmon, Clarence Miles and L. C. Kuns of Calif., Bro. L. L. Perry and Sis. Lottie Joiner of La., Bros. John Strech, C. S. Forbes, W. H. Shoot, Robert Longley and Whipple, also Sisters Allen and Susie Whipple. A sweet heavenly atmosphere preceded the meeting, and all was of one accord, no discord, clashing or crossing; the Lord richly anointed in preaching the Word. The Holy Ghost easily and clearly led into the pulpit those who had the message and the truth of the Bible was taught with liberty, power and authority; some souls were saved, some sanctified and bodies were healed.

We greatly enjoyed this meeting, and had the pleasure of meeting some of our readers whom we had never met. This meeting will long be remembered by those present as a sweet heavenly time; the love, unity and oneness of God was very much in evidence. God will bless those who were instrumental in making this meeting possible.

We also attended the last day of the Shawnee, Okla. meeting, and met with many dear saints at that place. They told us that many people had been coming to the evening meetings; some were saved, and some were baptised the day we were there. They were preparing to observe the Lord's supper and feet-washing when we left in the evening for Okla. City where we held services that night. We were glad to meet with the saints at Oklahoma City as we had been away for several weeks in person but not in Spirit. Thank God for the fellowship of the saints and for the overcoming grace He gives to each one. As I write these lines my heart is filled with warm love for each one; the more faltering and weak, the greater do we want to reach them a helping hand. Heaven is very near this morning; rejoice with me, dear readers.

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Of late we have been burdened some concerning worldliness and a lack of faith among some who claim to be of the pure and holy band. The Word of God is very plain in its teaching in our being separated from the world and distinctly teaches us not to put on adornment or costly array, making mention of gold and pearls. An article put on which is not needed is superfluity, and would necessarily be put on for show or with a desire to keep up with style and fashion. Saint should not give any thought in keeping up with the fads and fashions of this fast corrupted age, for such actions will soon mean separation from God which is the worst calamity that could befall a soul. We wish to warn all saints everywhere against those preachers and teachers who may be among us that uphold the putting on of gold, pearls or costly array, even though it may be in a small way, "The little foxes spoil the vine," also against those who favor adornments which in a general sense have been taught against by the pioneer reformation leaders, and against those who resort to remedies together with life insurance agents. God has, and is going to have, a clean, separated people, an exclusive body, a people that will not mix and mingle and fellowship the religious bodies that teach error and foster pride, division and carnal revelry. The call of God is to,

"Come out from among them and touch not the unclean thing and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." 2 Cor. 6: 17, 18.

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The "Faith and Victory" stands firmly and squarely against the compromising spirit which is moving on to destruction so many, many souls. We also stand just as firmly against spirits which agitate and press isms and doctrines and peculiar ideas which are questionable as being Bible truth and gender strife and division.

As we behold the Church of God as pictured in the Bible, we see it a body of people without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, and we know that the Church of God is in reality just as the Bible pictures it. When they offered a lamb as a blood sacrifice (which was a type of Christ), it was to be one without blemish, and so when Christ (who was the substance of the shadow) was offered as a sacrifice and an atonement for sin, He was without blame, without spot and when our souls are covered with His blood, they become blameless and spotless before God. The Church of God is composed of all the blood-washed souls, and when a company of these blood-washed souls meet together they constitute a Church of God which is without spot or wrinkle or any such thing. Search thine heart and see if thou art of the holy remnant.

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There is very little means coming in for missionaries at present, and we want to remind our readers that we shall be glad to forward any means you may have to missionaries which are really doing work for God in the dark places of the earth.

Grandma Spradling, an aged saint who is worthy of our care and keep, is in need of means as she has to have some one to watch and care for her continually; her mind is practically gone, and she is a great care. Means sent in for her support will be greatly appreciated. The work at the office is also hindered, but we are keeping our eyes upon the Lord and are praying to Him to replenish and to keep the pure gospel going to the many that are calling for it. If there ever was a time when pure, clean literature needed to go forth to the souls of men, it is now when there is so much adulterated and poisonous printed matter flooding out into this world.

We ask your prayers and co-operation in every way that God lays it upon your hearts. Our heart is fixed and settled to spend and be spent for the sake of Christ and needy souls.

Obituary

Herman Walter Eck was born June 6, 1915 near Fairview, Okla., where he lived his entire life. Died Aug. 31, 1930, age; 15 years, 2 months and 25 days.

He was a kind-hearted, quiet lad; obedient, always considerate of others, and loved by his schoolmates and teachers.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben B. Eck; three brothers, Henry, Leonard, and Clarence Delbert; three sisters, Elizabeth, Lucinda and Elreca; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nightingale of Fairview, Mr. Ben Eck of Enid and Mrs. Susie Eck of Fairview; and many other relatives and friends who mourn his passing.

Herman met his death by drowning in Marshall's Lake at Longdale on Sunday evening. Every effort was made to save him but without avail. This brings the first break in the family circle who are unconsoled in their loss.

Funeral services were conducted by Fred Pruitt. The text used is found in Genesis 18: 25, "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?"

Bro and Sister Rueben Eck have many friends and relatives in the Fairview neighborhood, and their many years of love and devotion to God has gained the admiration and respect of people for miles around. It was estimated that over a thousand people attended the funeral service.

Herman Eck who passed away was a good, clean moral boy; he was much loved by his parents, brothers and sisters, schoolmates and boy friends. He was making no profession of Christ, but those who were most closely associated with him say that he was very sober that day and had previously spoken in a way which led them to believe that he had knowledge of his soon passing on, and they have much hopes that in the last hour that he made his peace with God. We know that the Judge of all the earth does right.

In Memory

Our young and gentle friend,
Whose smile to all did lend,—
Sifting sunlight into each heart,
From us was called to depart.

The blush of youth upon his cheek,
His brow and heart of love did speak;
So, no fore-warning of decay
Fell around our Brother's way.

Yet the light of his life went down,
As goes the sun the world around:

Rising in glory and splendor again
In that beautiful world without end.

We miss him in the place of prayer,
And his voice of gentle care;
Yet his dear memory may often be
To help us our shortcomings see.

—Lawrence Pruitt.

OBITUARY

S. F. Proctor was born in Jackson county, Ala. April 17, 1847. Died August 8, 1930. Was converted or born again according to John 3: 7. Came west to Ellsworth, Arkansas April, 1869.

S. F. Proctor and T. J. Lasater were married Oct. 7, 1869. To this union were born six girls and two boys; the boys preceded him in death, also his wife died Dec. 15, 1893.

S. F. Proctor and S. E. Kendall were married April 20, 1896. To this union was born one boy.

Those left behind to mourn his going are as follows; Mrs. W. S. Hixson of Strathmore, Calif., Mrs. J. M. Hurley, Mrs. L. E. Liles of Wetumka, Okla., Mrs. J. E. Lester of Calvin, Okla. and J. S. Proctor of Checotah, Okla., also 29 grandchildren and 41 great grandchildren.

S. F. Proctor was sanctified wholly (1 Thess. 5: 23, 24) while between the plowhandles, March 1893. He was ordained to the ministry April 2, 1900. Mrs. S. F. Proctor died June 5, 1926.

A Letter From Robert Longley

Guthrie, Okla. —To the dear saints scattered abroad, greeting: It gives me great joy to have the privilege of testifying to you through the pages of "Faith and Victory."

I am visiting Bro. Pruitt and family here at the office after an absence of nearly five years, and can say it was a refreshing time to my soul when I received the little paper from time to time when I was down in the Fiji Islands—the southern hemisphere of the world—and also in the far distant lands of India and Egypt on my way back to the U. S. A. Your testimonies and good spiritual articles were such a source of encouragement to me. I was well aware that it was taking lots of work, and often the denying of themselves of many things that others had plenty of, on the part of the dear ones who kept on laboring here in the office. I was glad to find Bro. and Sister Pruitt's children taking such an interest and active

part in helping their parents here in the work. Some of them are now old enough and large enough to feel and also bear some of the responsibility of the work.

I would also just like to take this opportunity of thanking the dear saints, that I have not seen personally since landing in the U. S., for their prayers and financial and spiritual support while I was away in the "regions beyond," endeavoring to lift up Christ to those souls who are in great need of His saving grace. I deeply appreciate all this, and may God bless and amply reward you. The needs of the harvest fields are so great and the laborers that really have a divine love and care for lost souls are few. I can't go into details in this testimony of many very pitiful sights and conditions of some of the people it was my privilege to see, but the Lord helping me, I will write more of them later. Truly, dear ones, the need is great, and let us pray more earnestly with open hearts as to what the Lord would have us do.

I landed at New York on May 25, and visited some of the dear saints in New Jersey, Penn., W. Va. Ky. and then on here to Guthrie. I have now been down into Texas where my dear mother, brothers and sisters live, and I was very glad to see them all again. On returning from there, I have been much refreshed by having the privilege of attending the campmeetings at Okla. City, Springfield, Mo. and Shawnee, Okla. I was glad to again hear the old-time gospel in its fulness and purity, and to have the fellowship of the saints of God.

I am now preparing to go to Calif. and will most likely be on the West Coast for some time. However, should anyone wish to make inquiry as to the foreign work that came under my notice or in regard to any of the missionaries to whom they may be sending means, I will get mail in care of Bro. Pruitt here at the printing office, and it can be forwarded.

I ask your prayers in my behalf that every step of the future may be ordered by the Lord, and my life kept in His precious will. Your Bro. in Christ for the salvation of souls,
—Robert Longley.

"Not One Of Them Shall Taste Of My Supper"

In the Bible we read a parable told by Jesus about a certain man who made a great supper and bade many to come and enjoy it with him. He sent his servants and invited many but they all made some excuses. Finally he sent them into the highways and hedges and told his servants to compel them to

come in that his house might be filled. Then Jesus said, "That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper." Luke 14: 16-24.

We also read another parable that Jesus told about a certain king who made a wedding supper for his son and bade many, but they made fun of it and would not come; they mistreated the servants shamefully, killing many of them. "Then said he to his servants, the wedding is ready but they which were bidden were not worthy. Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage. So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found both bad and good; and the wedding was furnished with guests. When the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment, and he saith unto him, friend, how camest thou in hither, not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless.

"Then said the king to the servants, bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into utter darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Matt. 22: 1-13.

This man might have made a big profession while he was here upon earth, but when Jesus comes to claim his own, then everybody's life will be opened up to the view of all and it will be clearly seen if we have on Christ's righteousness or only an empty profession. This man was among the redeemed but did not have on the spotless robe of righteousness.

He must have regarded iniquity in his heart, and the Word says that God will not hear us if we regard iniquity or love iniquity in our heart. Ps. 66: 18. This means that we love some pet sin and will not give it up for Jesus' sake, will not repent of it and ask God to let the search light of heaven search out every hidden thing and make us pure, clean and sinless. If we yield to the Holy Spirit of God, it will search out every evil thing in our heart.

He will reprove us and make us see anything that is displeasing to God, and through this process we obtain the robe of righteousness, then we will be among those of whom the angel spoke in Daniel many years before it came to pass. "Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly, and none of the wicked shall understand but the wise shall understand." Daniel 12: 10. They have washed their garments in the blood of the Lamb.

Now we know by reading the Word of God that He does not want any to perish but He calls every

man, woman and child to repent of their evil ways.

"Today the Saviour calls,
Ye wanderers come;
Oh, ye benighted souls,
Why longer roam?"

Today the Saviour calls,
Oh, listen now;
Within these sacred walls
To Jesus bow.

Today the Saviour calls,
For refuge fly;
The storm of justice falls,
And death is nigh.

The Spirit calls today,
Yield to His power;
Oh, grieve Him not away;
'Tis mercies' hour."

If they will repent of all of their sins, God will be merciful and forgive them and set them free from Satan's power, but as long as we regard iniquity or love some pet sin, we will not be forgiven but will retain the filthy rags of sin, shame and death. He will not obtain salvation although all heaven is interested in the salvation of mankind.

So now we can see that unless we humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God and plead for His mercy and give up every known sin, there is no salvation for us. No deliverance from sin unless we accept God's plan of salvation and come to Him when His Holy Spirit is calling and wooing us for our love. When we feel his Spirit wooing us to give our hearts and lives to Him, this is our golden opportunity to move and receive God's everlasting blessings, just as it is when a young man loves and woos the maiden of his choice to become his bride and companion for life. If she wishes to become his life partner and loves him, she will listen to his pleadings and give him her heart, but if she disdains him she will refuse him and he will turn to another for a life companion. Should the first one then begin to see her folly and try to obtain his love she would be despised both in his eyes and in the eyes of the world. We should yield when God's Holy Spirit woos and pleads for us to make our peace and election sure.

It is God's part to do the wooing; it is our part to love and accept Him when He calls us to let Him be our husband. So let us beware lest we let our golden opportunity pass forever and God turn from

us for the love of others more worthy than we, to never woo us again, never urge us again to yield ourselves to his tender embrace or to live in His Holy Spirit. We truly become the bride of Christ when we accept Him as our lover, our husband, our master, our Lord, and we put on His beautiful garment of righteousness and live pure, clean, holy lives by His grace and power. Will we do it while His Holy Spirit pleads and calls for our love? Will we let God's Holy Spirit take up its abiding place in our heart? Will we live for God pure and spotless inside and outside, in heart, in mind and in soul; will we do it for Jesus' sake? If we do, we will become the bride of Christ and have on the robe of righteousness made pure and clean in the blood of our Redeemer. This is the holy throng that will rejoice at His appearing, for this is the bride of Christ. —I. Edith Kriebel.

"Be Ye Separate"

2 Cor. 6:17.

Come out from among them, one and all;
Do you not hear the gospel call?
Come out from all the sectish pens,
That ye be not partakers of their sins.

For God has warned us in His Word;
Stop! look, listen, that He may be heard
In Revelations Eighteen and Four,
Which ought to suffice, but yet there's more.

In Second Corinthians Six Fourteen
You surely can see what Paul doth mean,
For unrighteous people have no part
With God's true saints who are pure in heart.

For light and darkness doth not agree,
And to yoke the two should never be:
So come from among them, in verse seventeen,
And touch them not, for they are unclean.

They are of the world as you can see,
But my sheep hear my voice and follow Me:
The hireling comes not but for to steal,
He wants your fleece and a mutton meal.

Remember the words that I have said,
Beware of the leaven in their bread;
Their doctrine is not the bread of life,
But of division and of strife.

Come out from among them, hear His call,

Lest the awful judgments on you fall;
Then arise and shake you from the dust
Of pride and schisms and worldly lusts.

Then flee for your life, her murder mills—
Ball games, picture shows and other thrills,
Sleeveless dresses, short at either end;
They care not who it may offend.

Their shame is gone, they cannot blush;
They paint and swear with other stuff
To excite the lusts of man and boy;
Their Satanic practices do decoy.

Last call to dine on God's through train;
Get aboard, all saints, and there remain.
This gospel train is the only way,
It will land you in heaven some bright day.

The worldly system of the compromise
The Church of God it does despise;
In Revelations Twenty-two Fifteen
The characters lost there may be seen.

Then will you hear the gospel call,
My brother, sister, one and all?
O'er land and sea come, unite together
With God and angels, live forever.

A call to unity by G. E. Harmon.

What God's ministers should and should not preach

- 1st. They should preach the Word (2 Tim. 4: 2).
 - 2nd. They should preach the Kingdom of God is here, and all of God's people are in it, reigning with Him just now.
 - 3rd. That there is no authority for the anti-Christ heresy, that Christ will come back to this earth and set up another kingdom, in which the Jews or any other class of people will be saved.
 - 4th. That now is the day of salvation, and that the Jews have no other provisions made for them than is made for all mankind, namely; Jesus Christ. He is our King, and theirs also if they will accept Him.
 - 5th. That we are COMPLETE in HIM.
 - 6th. That they should preach divine healing, and heal the sick and cast out devils (Matt. 10: 1, 7, 8).
 - 7th. And without price (Matt. 10: 8).
 - 8th. And to have the world for their circuit.
 - 9th. That the laborer is worthy of his hire.
- What He Should Not Preach
- 1st. Wind of doctrine, such as I am of Paul and I

of Apolis, as there is no division in God's kingdom.

2nd. He should not preach or take part in politics, for they belong to the devil's kingdom, and Jesus had no part with them. He said render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's.

3rd. They should not hammer at the devil's subjects on dress and to what they eat and drink, for God's people dress in modest apparel. That we have no authority in the devil's kingdom. They even crucified our King.

4th. There is no use for us to try to make law, for them, and the subjects of God's kingdom have His Word which is sufficient. They are all followers of our great King in whom there is no guile.

5th. They should not teach that our King was a failure on His first mission, and was coming back to earth to set up a temporal kingdom, and reign one thousand years; when all the lost of this old world would have another chance and eventually all would be saved. That is one of Satan's slickest lies. Brethren, let us keep on our own side of the fence. Jesus drew a line between the world and his kingdom. In his prayer in John 17 He said, I pray not for the world but for those Thou hast given me. Therefore, let us not waste our time hammering away at the sins of the world, but let us hold up Christ, and follow Him in all things and He will bless us and make us fruitful in his vineyard.

The world is full of Satan's holiness preachers, but when you measure them up by God's Word, you will find they all have a hook attached somewhere to catch the unwary.

May God help the people to see the delusions the devil is leading them into in these last days, i. e. perilous times. Yours for the lost, —W. M. Wolcott.

Consecration And Sanctification

Many of God's truly 'born again' children are of the opinion that when they are fully consecrated, they have met all requirements. They talk much about their consecration, but consecration is only a means to an end. Consecration is man's part and it is as distinct from sanctification as repentance is from salvation or regeneration.

We repent and are *saved*, and then we give up talking about our repentance and talk about our salvation. When we repent God saves us—that is, if after repenting, we by a definite act of faith believe Him to do it. We have to repent, but it is not our repenting that saves us; it is through our believing

God that we receive salvation. We might go on repenting forever, but unless we *believed God*, we would never be saved, because salvation is through faith, not works.

It is the same exactly with consecration and sanctification. We might consecrate ever so fully, but we will never be sanctified wholly until we by a definite act of faith, believe God to do it (1 Thess. 5: 24). Then we must believe that in response to our faith, He does do it, and *has done* it, and we must *keep on* believing in order to keep sanctified. As someone has expressed it: "When we believe, it is done; when we cease to believe, it ceases to be done."

If by our consecration we were sanctified wholly, it would be by works and not faith. Repentance and consecration are *our* works—God will not repent or consecrate for us. But no works whatever will entitle us to the blessings of Calvary. "By grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God." But God will not give us that gift until He is satisfied with our repentance or consecration, or until the necessary conditions have been met. Then He will enable us to believe Him for salvation or sanctification, as the case may be, and then He will do the work in response to our faith; so that it is by faith alone that we are saved or sanctified—not by our works—repenting or consecrating.

Then again, if we are sanctified wholly by *faith*, it is not by *growth*. No, sanctification is not by growth any more than salvation is.

"We may be some time approaching the final moment of dissolution, but the separation of soul and body is at last instantaneous. So the old man is removed from the believer instantly." (Quoted) *When we believe!*

We are told in more than one place in the Word of God that we are "dead". It is too much for many of God's children to believe, and they say they are "dying". St. Paul did say he "died daily", but he did not say he was *dying* daily. We are told to reckon ourselves "dead indeed" to sin and everything that belongs to the old creation, and alive to God, and everything that belongs to the new creation. May God help us to measure up to the Word, and not seek to bring the Word down to fit our experience!

—E. C. Rimanoczy.

Report From Egypt

Dearly beloved in Christ, redeemed by the precious blood of the Lamb, Bro. and Sister Pruitt and

all the saints of God scattered abroad. Once more I greet you in Jesus' name from the heart of Egypt, imploring God's richest blessings upon your noble efforts in rescuing dying humanity from the peril of eternal destruction and despair for His own glory.

It is with deep gratitude both to God and to you dear ones that I take my pen to write a few lines of appreciation for the benefits received through the stay of Bro. Longley among us. Our prayers before his coming was that God might bring him safely and that he might accomplish all that God had for him to do. God answered our prayers and now our prayers go with this God-sent Brother that he may be to others as rich and full a blessing as he was to us and that he may fully accomplish the mission upon which he was sent.

Truly his visit has been very refreshing to us as well as the children of God who are gathered out for the Lord. We have carried on an extensive campaign through which the truth has come under the notice of a great many people. Some honest hearts, no doubt, have seen the Bible way much clearer than before, and we are certain that his visit to Egypt was most timely and that the information he has to take back to the Church in America will be invaluable to all and will surely help to make the missionary work of the Church sound and profitable.

For over twenty-two successive days the standard has been lifted up higher and higher in this city and God came as in by-gone days, the searching truths which were poured forth in the demonstration of the Spirit both wounded and healed. The sword went deep uncovering hidden things and probing out the sore spots of those who crowded the meeting-place to its capacity. Indeed it is impossible to describe the keen interest and the great good that is being accomplished in this place.

From here we went to Magaga where we spent about ten days. We met with some opposition from an ignorant tongues man who made quite a disturbance in the meetings for which we were obliged to leave that place and hold our services in a private house. No sooner had we did so, than a good crowd followed us. God defeated the enemy and gave us a glorious service that evening.

The news spread in the city and many were stirred to attend the meetings. Great interest was manifested and the place was packed with worshippers. Scores were obliged to stand on foot in the street, listening to the preaching of the glorious Word of the gospel that was promulgated with the unction and the

power of the Holy Spirit to the conviction of many precious souls.

As the place was not so capacious to contain the eager crowds, we were induced to rent another meeting place with two dollars monthly containing two rooms and a nice suitable hall. Several ones prayed through while others testified to their salvation from sin. About fifteen souls were added to the body of the Lord, most of whom are very poor in this world's goods. We also held one service at a village called Deirel Garnos and from there we left for Beni Suef for a few days rest on account of dear Bro. Longley who was taken sick.

From here we left for Ihnassieh, a village of about twelve thousand inhabitants. Here we met with several sincere souls who seemed to be very thirsty and hungry for the bread of life. The meetings were announced and quite a good crowd of both Mohamedans and Christians were present; the school house was filled to its capacity, so that others were obliged to stand out side listening eagerly to the pure gospel of Christ.

As the opening hymn was given out all sang most lustily. Prayer followed, all bowed and some prayed. When all was quite again the message was delivered with the unction of the Spirit that pricked the stony hearts of these people who lead a life of sin and utter wickedness. Great indeed was the conviction that rested upon the entire audience. God helped dear Bro. Longley and the people felt spell-bound. Several ones took a decided stand for God. Bro. Elijah left his tobacco and renewed his promises with God, while Bro. John acknowledged to have obtained salvation. The station master, postmaster and health department clerk were present. Many ladies also attended the services. There was a real revival that swept the whole place and many rejoiced over the providence of God that intended their salvation.

Many showed their love and kindness in our behalf while others followed the example of the early Christians in the time of the apostle Paul by going with us to the station, bidding us a hearty good-bye. Bro. Elijah wept with bitter tears over the parting of Bro. Longley, while others actually escorted us far as Beni Suef.

From here we left by train for Cairo and begun to hold our services in one of the lanes of the city. Many families brought chairs, Bibles, lamps, etc. In the fixed time we found every thing in order and quite a good interested crowd was present: ladies, men, boys and girls, and how glorious was such ga-

thering that reminded me of the times of the early Church and the true apostles of Christ.

God wonderfully blessed in the delivery of the Word and came to our help in the conviction of precious souls. This continued for several nights and we thank God that our labor in Him is not in vain. Several young men were gleaned out and took upon themselves the responsibility to continue the meetings and to stand by the old path. Praise His blessed name.

I solicit the prayers of all God's true people every where in our behalf. With much Christian love I remain yours in the Master's service,

—Hanna Arsanious.

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Kumamkulam, S. Malabar, India. —My dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt, greetings: Shall I also join in the joy you are having with Bro. Longley. It is a joy indeed to have a free talk with a dear Brother who has sacrificed everything for his Lord and for his brethren in the Lord. Wherever he has traveled in the various parts of the globe, seeing and visiting brethren and their works, you enjoy now. I will accompany you when our Captain reveals. Oh, how I wait with you all for that glorious time when our Lord appears.

You now know everything about us and the work and the needs of it. I am just sending you a copy of our magazine that you and Bro. Longley may see the improvement I have made in the magazine. It will be published in that manner every month. A word 'Malankara' is added to the name of it, as another person also who is in Travancore had taken the name, "Suvantha Duthan" to his magazine. Now the name of our magazine is "Malankara Suvantha Duthan." 'Malankara' means Malabar. Now the meaning of the name of our magazine is "Gospel Messenger in Malabar" or in Malayalam speaking country.

The cost of publishing the magazine is doubled. I can manage the magazine's cost with \$12.00 monthly now. Books and pamphlets also I have to publish besides this. So I wish for a monthly fund for the literature.

I hope Bro. Longley had told you about the need of a printing press and some other things in the meeting house here. We hope you will pray and do what is needed for these needs here. This is one of the most trying times for us.

My wife gives her Christian love to you all. With Christian love,

—K. V. Cherian.

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Richland, Mo. —Dear saints of the true and living God, greeting in His holy name: Tonight finds

me still on the precious highway of holiness, determined by God's grace to go all the way. Oh, what is it in this world to cause us to give up the blessed Bible way. The blessed Savior has promised us every thing good here and better after death, but the enemy of our souls gives nothing but sorrow here and suffering after death. Oh I am so glad I ever found this happy way; glad I was willing to trust the blessed Savior for soul and body. I feel it would please our blessed Physician to tell what He has done for me.

Lately my lower limbs and feet hurt and were swollen so badly that every day I dreaded to put my weight on them to walk. I went to the blessed Savior in prayer; I soon was healed, praise our blessed Savior. A few weeks ago I took a severe hurting in my right side, was in such pain I could not get an easy breath. Pain would go up in my breast and shoulder. I wrote for prayer to Neosho during the camp-meeting and our blessed Savior who knows all about our hearts and our suffering, touched my body the same day I sent the letter off and the suffering was taken away. Tonight I am healed; praise our Savior. I also wrote for prayer for my boy; he was completely healed. I ask prayer for my boy that he may ever keep true, and that he will make a worker for the Lord. It has always been my heart's earnest desire that he live a deep consecrated life for God. Oh if every mother and father would live a deep consecrated life to God and teach their children the Bible way, what a happy world this would be, but so many are going on in sin and leading the precious little children wrong. Oh fathers and mothers, wake up, for there is a judgment day coming we all will have to meet and oh what will our record be? I am so glad I sought the Lord and settled long ago, and I know my name is on the pages white and fair.

May God's blessings rest upon every one of His trusting children is the prayer of a Sister saved by the precious Blood,

—Fannie Brown

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Malvern, Ark. —Faith Pub. House: These few words I would like to have accompany my request for tracts. First, I solemnly promise that each of these tracts shall be carefully distributed where I think they will do good and glorify God. I have read several of them through a Sister Jones at Malvern, Ark. One she gave away, to my certain knowledge, was read and passed on by four different people. The fifth one lost the tract (God's Eagles) but we hope God will be glorified by it. She promptly wrote for another as she had not yet read it.

I only tell you this to show you I am deeply interested in spreading the gospel especially by tract distribution. He knows, He loves, He cares.

Thank you, —Mrs. Oscar E. Otts.

Calif. —I feel the Lord would be pleased for me to write my testimony that others might know how the dear Lord has blessed me in the healing of my body.

A few years ago when I arrived here I was suffering badly with lung trouble, insomuch I was running a temperature every day and had a cough every breath I drew. I arrived here on Sat. evening at my aunt's house who is Sis. Merel Britt, and on Sunday morning, mother, my brother, sister and I went to Sunday School and meeting. In the afternoon Bro. Zinn, Bro. and Sister Nichols came to aunt Merel's. Bro. Zinn seemed touched because of my condition, and after talking it over with mother, they felt led to pray for me. Bro. Zinn asked me if I thought Jesus would heal me. I told him I did. I was only eight years old but I knew how Jesus would answer prayer, so Bro. Zinn, Bro. and Sister Nichols, Aunt Merel, Uncle Edgar and mother knelt around me and laid on hands and prayed the prayer of faith, and the dear Lord touched my body. I stopped coughing while Bro. Zinn was praying and I haven't had it since. Oh, I praise the dear Lord for His love to me.

I also want to tell how the Lord healed my little brother James' foot last week. He ran a splinter in his foot. Mother picked it out, but it didn't heal up and was very sore and swollen. Two red streaks ran up to his ankle. One night we all felt very uneasy about it. Before we went to bed we had prayer. James said before we prayed, "Let's pray for the Lord to heal my foot." While I was praying the Lord came in such power and James called out, "Oh praise the dear Lord; Opal, something hit my foot and made it well." The next morning he was showing mother how he could walk on it. Those red streaks were gone and it was completely healed. Oh so much for which to praise Him.

I was saved at the camp-meeting this summer, and expect to go with Jesus all the way. I am yet young, but feel the Lord has His hand on me for service. All the saints please pray for me.

The Bible says, "He that lacketh wisdom let him ask of God," so that is my desire to get all my wisdom from God.

Your Sister in Christ, —Opal Miller.

"Behold I Stand And Knock"

In Rev. 3: 20 we find these words: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him and he with me."

Behold, look or see, I stand at the door and knock. Jesus is knocking at every heart's door and pleading for entrance, saying, "Son, give me thine heart and let thine eyes observe my ways." (Prov. 26: 26). He that hardeneth his heart falleth into mischief. The spirit of God will not strive with man always, and when the Holy Spirit quits striving with any one they are in a sad condition. Today is the day of salvation; if you hear his voice, harden not your heart, for you have no promise of tomorrow. The wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord (Rom. 6: 23).

Don't think that Jesus will fail to accept you, for John 6: 37 says: "He that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." Don't let any man deceive and get you to believe that you have a chance to repent after death, for it is not so. Eph. 6: 7, 8 says: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." Every day we are sowing seed either to life or death. Our daily life should be a life for Christ. It is not what we have been, but it is what we are today. (Heb. 2: 3). How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation? Are you going to keep saying by your actions that you don't want Jesus in your life? He died that you might live, that you might have life and have it more abundantly, and He is not slack concerning His promises. He says, "Behold, I stand and knock," asking admittance into your heart that He may cleanse your soul with His own precious blood. Again we find in Isa. 55: 3, "Incline your ear, and come unto Me; hear, and your soul shall live." He still pleads with you for your heart and says: "Whosoever will, may come and take the water of life freely." But if you do not let Him into your heart, but put Him off and reject Him, there is another 'whosoever' found in Rev. 20: 15, "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." What an awful thing it would be to hear Him say, "Depart from Me, ye workers of iniquity; I never knew you." (Matt. 7: 23). But it is not His will that any should perish, but that all should come to Him and live.

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He says, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." Sinner friend, won't you open your door for Jesus and let Him in your heart today? There is only two roads; you are traveling one or the other. One leads to life everlasting and the other to eternal damnation. Stop for a moment and ask yourself, "Where will I spend eternity?" Which road are you on today? Good and evil are set before us, and we are privileged to take our choice. Will you now decide for Jesus, and say, "As for me I will serve the Lord"?

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3: 16). Then can't we love Jesus enough to live for Him when He came to this earth and suffered the cruel death of the cross, and gave the last drop of His precious blood that we might be redeemed from sin? See Him as He stands with out-stretched arms and says, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matt. 11: 28).

Sinner friend, behold, He stands at your heart's door and knocks. Will you now let Him in?

"Just now your doubting give ore,
Just now reject Him no more,
Just now throw open the door;
Let Jesus come into your heart."

—Mary Scribner.

The Holy Spirit: His Place And Mission

"And I will pray the Father and He shall give you another Comforter that He may abide with you forever, even the spirit of truth whom the world can not receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him; but ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you and shall be in you." John 14: 16, 17. "But the Comforter which is the Holy Ghost whom the Father will send in my name, He shall teach you all things and bring all things to your remembrance whatsoever I have said unto you." (verse 26)

The existence of the Holy Spirit, the third person in the trinity, the representative of the Godhead on earth, is as real as that of the Father and Son. He is co-existent with the Father and Son. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was with the Father before the world was. (John 17: 5). So also was the Holy Spirit; this is made clear from the fact that He is called the eternal Spirit. "How much more shall the blood of Christ who through the eternal spirit offered

Himself without spot to God purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God." Heb. 9: 14. Again we learn that He (the Holy Spirit) is omnipresent, has universal presence. (Psa. 139: 7). Omniscient, has unlimited knowledge (1 Cor. 2: 9, 10). He is omnipotent; has all power (Luke 1: 35, Rom. 15: 19). The above attributes of the Spirit are also fully comprehended in God the Father, and in his Son Jesus Christ.

Seeing then as we do that he is one with the Father, we will now consider His mission or the place which He fills in the redemption of man. We turn to the gospel of St. John and hear the words of Jesus: "Nevertheless, I tell you the truth; it is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you. But if I depart, I will send Him unto you, and when He is come He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment." John 16: 7, 8. So it is clearly seen that His first work is to reprove or convince the sinner of his sinful condition. No one has ever or will ever be saved without first being fully awakened to their sinful condition; they must first see sin in its vileness, feel the weight of guilt and the blighting effects of sin upon the soul. The apostle Paul came to this experience and thus he cries out: "Oh wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" He sees deliverance through Jesus Christ the Son of God. So it is also true of all others who would enter into the kingdom of God. There comes an awakening in the life of every individual, sooner or later, and it usually comes very early in life while the heart is yet tender and sensitive to the gentle touch of the Spirit of God. Oh, if we could impress upon the hearts of young people the importance of accepting Christ in their youth, how many crimes would never be committed, and how many heartaches would never be felt, but sad to say the young and old persist on and on in their sins and rebellion against God and His precious truth. Not only does the Spirit of God reprove, but also strives with mankind, and suffers long with them. Even though He is slighted and rejected, yet again He calls and knocks at the door of man's heart for admittance. But God says, "My Spirit shall not always strive with man." Gen. 6: 3. So if mankind persist on in their sin, the Spirit of God will become grieved, (Eph. 4: 30) finally take His departure and leave man to his own way. "But they rebelled and vexed his Holy Spirit: therefore, He was turned to be their enemy, and He fought against them." Isa. 63: 10. Sad indeed is the condition of the soul which the Spirit of

God has forsakened. God says He "will laugh at your calamity, and mock when your fear cometh." Prov. 1: 26. We would say in the words of Paul: "Today if you will hear His voice, harden not your hearts." Heb. 3: 7, 8.

When the penitent sinner comes seeking the mercy and favor of God, and God for Christ's sake forgives all his sins, thus removing the load of guilt from his weary soul through the blood of Christ, then the penitent is made "a new creature in Christ Jesus." Old things (the life of sin) have passed away; all things have become new. The sinful things of earth have no attraction for him. The ball-room, theatre, picture shows, ball games, card parties, and other places of worldly amusement no longer appeals to the child of God, neither will he walk, talk or dress like the world with its ungodly styles and fashions, but he will talk and walk with God wherever his footsteps lead. So "the Spirit then bears witness with our spirit that we are the sons of God." Rom. 8: 16.

So having entered into Christ by virtue of the new birth, we begin *then* to bear fruit for God, not waiting until we are forty years old in gospel training to bear the fruit. God expects the fruit to appear when we become 'branches'. In John 15: 1, we read: "I am the true Vine, and my Father is the Husbandman; every branch in Me that beareth not fruit, He taketh away, and every branch that beareth fruit, He purgeth it that it may bring forth more fruit." So we see from this that God expects the justified believer to bear some fruit. But the fruit-bearing branch in justification is not as prolific as God desires it to be, because of its hinderance which is the Adamic nature yet in the heart. So God says He will "purge it," or rather sanctify it, that it may bring forth more fruit. It is the craving and earnest desire of every justified soul to be their best for God. Their wishes and yearnings are to be more useful in His service. With great zeal for His cause they begin the journey on the upward way. Very soon the battlefield for action is reached; the conflict begins. It isn't long until the soldier realizes the need of more strength and fortitude. The enemy suggests that he retreat or turn back, then the Spirit whispers, "If any man draw back my soul shall have no pleasure in him." Heb. 10: 38. Remembering his promises to follow all the way, and his consecration to serve God faithfully, then the promise in the Word comes to his mind: "I will give you power over all the power of the enemy. I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

I will be with you all way, even unto the end of the world." So he resolves afresh, and reconsecrates himself more perfectly to the whole will of God and thus presents himself a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God for all time and eternity. Then with faith in God he cries out for the blood to be applied to his heart, and for the Spirit to be given. (Luke 11: 13). It is then that he is filled with all the fulness of God. (Eph. 3: 19). It comes "by faith" (Acts 26: 18) through the Holy Ghost. (Rom. 15: 16). Having been filled with the Holy Ghost, we are ready for service as the Lord through the Spirit may direct. "As many as are lead by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." Rom. 8: 14.

Having equipped us with Divine power for the service of God, the Holy Spirit proceeds to appoint us our place or position in the church of God. The Word tells us that all members have not the same office, (Rom. 12: 4) and He gave some apostles, and some prophets, and some evangelists, and some teachers, etc. Why? For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ. (Eph. 4: 11, 12). —L. L. Perry.

What Would Jesus Do?

The biggest word in the vocabulary of Jesus was the little word "do." "You are my friends," He said to his disciples, "If you do the things that I have commanded." This word of two letters is at the heart of all Jesus' teaching. And it is because of the failure of organized Christianity to do all that Jesus taught that immense happiness and satisfaction have even up to the present time been denied millions of men and women; for the full happiness of human life depends on doing what Jesus taught.

Take for example his startling teaching, "Love your enemies." Suppose the Christian world had begun to do that, as organized Christianity began to spread over Europe and the world. Of course people, even in the churches, said that such a teaching could not be obeyed, that it was beyond human capacity to love an enemy. There are in the world at the present time more than 600 million human beings who call themselves Christians. If that many people had been obeying this command of Jesus and had actually done what He taught, there would have been no tragedy of a World War that killed 10 million men and crippled as many more.

Charles E. Jefferson, minister of the Broadway church, New York, said recently that the Great War

could not have been more ghastly and cruel if there was not a church in existence. Gen. Tasker H. Bliss of the United States army has said that if another war comes, the church will be to blame for it. One does not need to recall the fact that while the war was on, ministers in many parishes flamed out with warlike utterances and roused their congregations with appeals to false patriotism and denunciations of every one who did not express hate for their enemies. I can recall the instance of one well known minister in a large city church, addressing an audience of Rotarians with a passionate appeal to arms, and closing his appeal with the common phrase, "To hell with the Kaiser!" Whatever else such language may mean, I am sure it is not what Jesus meant when He taught us to "love our enemies."

Take another teaching of Jesus which He wanted the people to obey, and which up to the present time the people has not generally carried out as He wanted it to be. "All of you are brothers." If the people had obeyed that teaching, and had done what the teaching leads to, there could have been no cruel war, for it is racial hate and prejudice that for the most part have caused the wars of history, and rubbed out its happiness for millions, ground to pieces between the upper and lower millstones of fear and hate. In some ways it is sadly true as H. G. Wells says, that "race prejudice is the greatest sin in the world, because it leads to so many dreadful results in the breaking down of charity and international friendship." King Albert of Belgium said the other day in a public address that the "greatest need of the world today is international friendship." But such friendship of that sort is impossible so long as men deny the atoning blood, and wickedly and foolishly set up barriers between one another simply because of different languages and nationality and location on the face of the earth. But where were the religious organizations of Europe in all the centuries of the Christian era that the hate was not driven out of men's hearts? The love for one another was not taught or believed as Jesus taught it. Even his disciples have not practiced it as they ought. They have not done what He wanted them to do, and instead of reaping happiness they have reaped the sorrow and anguish that always flow out of the waters of hate and fear.

Or take that other teaching of Jesus in which He taught the oneness of religious belief, in his great longing that his disciples might be one. Instead of obeying that great teaching and doing as the Master wanted us to do, Christendom has been divided into

Catholic and Protestant and over 100 different sects or denominations have arisen in America alone. The Christian people have been so radically divided over its creeds and ceremonies that at a world conference where scores of men calling themselves Christians come together in Europe to discuss the principles and teaching of the Christian life, it was found, at the end of the discussion, that the different groups were so far apart in their interpretation of creeds and rituals that it was impossible for them to sit down and partake of the Lord's Supper together, and they went back to their homes without doing so.

The happiness of millions of people in this world is waiting for obedience to the teaching of Jesus summed up in that big little word "do." To say that we believe in Jesus and love Him and then to refuse to obey His teaching in these three great ways of "loving our enemies" practicing the "brotherly love" and uniting in "one flock, one shepherd," is to deny the very name of Christian itself. Even after all the centuries of what we call organized Christian belief, the world still waits for action. The world has been full of words. What it needs is deeds. Happiness is waiting for it. "This do, and thou shalt live."

—C. M. Sheldon.

He Knows And He Cares

Sometimes I cannot help but wonder,
Why my tears should overflow,
But, I never feel like doubting,
For He always says, "I know."

I cannot help but wonder
Why my friends all go away;
And just then I ask my Jesus,
"Shall it happen every day?"

And no matter how I suffer,
No matter if I pine;
Jesus whispers very softly,
"Do not worry--child of mine."

And He puts His arm around,
Gently leads me o'er life's way;
Even though my friends departing,
Say to me "another Day."

And when evening's sun is setting,
And I lay me down to rest;
There's within my heart a stillness,
Angels whisper, "He knows best."

—Helyn M. Baker.