

FAITH AND VICTORY

THIS IS THE VICTORY THAT OVERCOMETH THE WORLD, EVEN OUR FAITH. — I JOHN 5:4

HAVE FAITH
IN GOD

GOD IS
LOVE

YE SHINE AS LIGHTS
IN THE WORLD.
—PHILIPPIANS 2:15

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JESUS CALLS

Jesus says come unto me,
And I will give you liberty;
There is life and peace and love,
If we lay our treasures above,

We love the sun that shines so bright,
We love the Son that leads us right;
We love the Word of Truth He gave,
And thank Him for His power to save.

We love to watch for Him and pray
For the hastening of the day,
That He shall call us home above,
To dwell with Him in peace and love.

But let us follow as He leads,
And believe His Word just like it reads;
His Book is true, His words are pure,
And they will forever endure.

He's gone a mansion to prepare,
That we with Him some day shall share,
If we will read and watch and pray,
We'll dwell with Him for e'er and aye.
—Luey Jones.

Old And New Sabbath

Recently we received a letter from a man in Michigan who enclosed two tracts teaching the observance of the seventh-day Jewish sabbath. He advised us to "make a thorough study of these tracts and see if you had not better throw away the Sunday-keeping entirely."

Many others beside this man, no doubt, need to have their understanding enlightened by the plain Word of God on this matter of observing days. We can only appeal to the Bible as our source of author-

ity, and the New Testament as our only discipline in this present dispensation. The writer of the letter charges us with Sunday-keeping evidently referring to the special observance of Sunday as a day of rest, worship, or holy living. As to the command of living holy, the New Testament does not exalt one day above another, neither does it command us to reserve any certain day for rest or worship. However, just as Jesus, and the disciples with Him, preached in the synagogues on the seventh-day sabbath, as was his "custom" (Luke 4:16), even so we follow the "custom" of the disciples after Christ's death when they met together in worship on the first day, which was in commemoration of Christ's resurrection on the first day of the week. Read Mark 16:9 and John 20:19, 20. This day has become universally observed. On the other hand, we notice that there is no record in the New Testament of a Christian Church meeting together for divine worship on the seventh day.

Even though the law of Moses was abolished at Christ's death, the Jewish converts were slow to forsake the ceremonial observances of the same, such as keeping of the sabbath, eating of meats, refusing to eat with Gentiles, circumcision etc. Therefore Paul was inclined to bear with them, when he says: "Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, but not to doubtful disputations. For one believeth that he may eat all things: another, who is weak, eateth herbs." (Rom. 14:1, 2) The one who can eat "all things" is the strong man and the one who can only eat herbs is "weak." Paul goes on to say, "One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind." He knew that under the gospel there was no difference in the days themselves, but that those who were strong in this truth ought to bear with the "weak", one who was still observing the days of the law. However, we notice that the Galatian church, who had forsaken the old law, was "bewitched" by certain law-teachers who had come in during Paul's

absence and persuaded them to "turn again" to the observance of days, so he wrote to them in this manner: "Are ye so foolish?" "Ye observe days (sabbath days) and months (new moons) and times (annual feasts) and years (sabbatical years). *I am afraid of you*, lest I have bestowed upon you labor in vain." Gal. 4:10, 11. If we are obliged to observe the seventh-day, then is it not true that all the law is binding upon us?

The Ten Commandments contain both moral and ceremonial laws. Moral laws are those binding upon all men and at all times, and are inherent from their own nature. Those which have to be established by command are ceremonial laws. The keeping of the sabbath was a ceremonial law. The command said to "keep the sabbath day holy." Ceremonial holiness could not affect the character or quality of anything, but only a change of its use. Inanimate objects are not capable of moral change. The day was not morally unholy in the first place, so could not be made morally holy. Its character was not changed from that of any other day, but only its use—therefore a ceremonial holiness. Apostle Paul asserts that the ceremonial observance of the law was abolished at the cross "Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to the cross." Col. 2:14-17.

We shall show further that the sabbath-day was "a shadow of good things to come," (Col. 2:17) even as the other observances served a distinct purpose. The sabbath law was inscribed on the stone tables which were placed in the ark. This is representative of the new covenant laws written *in our hearts* in this gospel age (Heb. 8:9, 10). A literal day cannot be written in a man's heart. Not one of the Old Testament ceremonies represent literal ceremonies under the gospel, but every one met a *spiritual* fulfillment. Therefore, the sabbath commandment reaches its fulfillment *spiritually in the heart*. The literal sabbath was bodily rest; the spiritual sabbath is *soul rest*. How clear! Our great Saviour said: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest, . . . And ye shall find *rest unto your souls*." Matt. 11:28, 29. "His rest shall be glorious," exclaimed the prophet (Isa. 11: 10), and all the saints bear witness. The writer of the Hebrews agrees with this explanation of the symbolical sabbath. Read Hebrews 4:4-10. This perpetual sabbath of soul-rest is spiritual, for it is obtained by faith, and every day is a day of holiness to the true Christian.

—L. D. Pruitt.

Take Heed Unto Thyself

"Self is the only prison that can ever bind the soul; Love is the only angel who can bid the gates unroll; And when he comes to call thee, arise and follow fast, His way may lie through darkness, but it leads to light at last."

Could each one realize the depths of this saying there would be fewer shipwrecks along the shores of time. It is so natural to blame our circumstances or to delve into the faults of others for material with which to build a wall about us; but to know one's self is another kind of philosophy. Nevertheless self is really the only medium through which Satan can ever destroy the soul.

The Apostle truly says; "What can separate us from the love of God?" Nothing in earth or hell. Nay, we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. Satan accused God of having built a hedge about Job, therefore his love and affection. But God made Job a test case to show that he who holds his integrity need not be moved even at the loss of all things: health, children, possessions, friends, reputation, and whatever else makes up his little world. Ah, no! Job had a much better and enduring substance. When God allows tribulation to come upon us He does it that our attention may be directed toward Him, not outwardly to others. When He has accomplished His reproof and gotten us rooted and grounded in Himself, the outflow of our hearts will then be as fruit upon the tree of life. For Jesus said, "Every branch that beareth fruit, He purgeth it that it may bring forth more fruit."

I again affirm that SELF is the most deceptive enemy with whom we have to deal. Some one does me a grievous wrong, I am humiliated, misrepresented. I take the scripture, "If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him," and act upon it in a harsh spirit. My charges may be true, the brother may show an independent, unconcerned attitude. This only renders my argument more strong until it becomes the walls of my castle. I go onward from this experience with wrecked nerves, a joyless heart, a blighted life. Why? Because Satan has accomplished his purpose upon me in getting my eyes upon the wrongs of others and the strength of my contention. He has slipped in some hard feelings, and hatred, and thus defiled my heart. This is the only way he could possibly harm me. A whole world of wrongs and wrong doers could not otherwise blind my spiritual vision or weaken my faith.

A saint of God is afflicted. The question arises, Shall I take remedies? The Scriptures do not positively forbid, but Jesus has atoned for our bodies as well as for our souls. If he trusts fully in God he comes out of his affliction with faith strengthened and centered in God. If he resorts to remedies he will in all probability come through with the weakened effects of indecision and with faith shattered.

One has said; "We are not punished for our sins, but by our sins." This is not scripture but there is much truth in it. If a person becomes proud, their own faults will bring them to humiliation. If one becomes selfish, they will surely bring themselves to poverty and distress. Their conduct will close hearts against them, they will draw to themselves the society of other selfish people who will repay them in their own coin.

It is the condition of our own hearts which should be our first care. "Seek ye first the kingdom of heaven and its righteousness and all other things shall be added." The widow who gave her only two mites was not commended for the largeness of her gift, but for the largeness of her heart. She had let go of even her necessary food. On the other hand we see the rich young ruler had great possessions but a small, cramped, shriveled soul. The Lord knew the cure, but it seemed too painful for the young man, so he went sorrowing away. After the rich man had gone away, Jesus said to His disciples: "How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God," into this kingdom which is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. Before one comes into possession of this wonderful treasure, he must be poor in spirit, must humble himself as a little child, and empty himself of every hope, every aspiration, every treasure that would stand between him and its full realization. Therefore, let us take heed that we let neither riches nor poverty, nor wrongs, nor the cares of this life nor any other thing draw our souls away from God.

—Lottie L. Jarvis.

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Dear Brothers in Christ, I have recently received my first copy of your fine magazine, "Faith and Victory," for which please enter my subscription. I am enclosing twenty five cents.

May God wonderfully bless you in your work is my prayer. Yours in Him, —Russel Hinderer

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Monett, Mo. —Dear Saints of God, greeting in the precious name of Jesus. May God bless you all and keep you in His love is my prayer. I truly

praise the dear Lord for the rich blessings that he gives his faithful ones. The dear Lord is blessing our souls here at Nesho as we meet from time to time, and our hearts are being enriched in Him. "Many shall be purified made white, and tried." Dan. 12:10. This is the preparation for the Lord's coming. Those that are purified and made white are not exempted from fiery trials, but are the more subject to them. "That the trial of your faith being much more precious than of gold that perisheth though it be tried with fire might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ." Most persons after they are made white are looking for sunny skies and unruffled seas, and when they meet the storm and tempest, they are filled with astonishment and perplexity. But this is just what we must expect to meet, if we have been purified and made white, if we would always stand true, always obey His Word and stand on His promises, and trust God for grace for whatever He may permit to come.

Your saved Sister,

—Artie Bowers.

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Lansdale, Pa. —Dear Sister Pruitt, The Lord bless and keep you, make His face to shine upon you and give you peace. This is my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me. Ps. 119:50. For I trust in thy Word. v. 42.

I am so glad the Lord does comfort our hearts right in the midst of trials and affliction. To the faithful there are always blessings accompanying the trials and afflictions, as it is the Father's good pleasure to give good things unto His children, therefore we should seek to find all the good to our souls out of the trials. The Lord undertakes for those that wait for Him. Thank the Lord.

Finally, I would say, keep encouraged, fight the good fight of faith. There is a crown awaiting all the true and faithful.

Christian love and prayers for all,

—Julia Cramer.

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Pa. —Dear friends, will you please send me what tracts you can. I have nothing to pay with, but am a servant of the Lord trying in my sickness to work for Him and His glory among the children. I would like to have as many of the following tracts as you can send me. Please send me those that will do to hand out to boys and girls for God's glory. You know what is most impressive for children. I have nothing to pay only my prayers for you that God will bless you in your labor of love.

Yours for His glory,

--W. W. Carpenter.

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From age to age this voice shall cheer:—

Whate'er may die or be forgot,

Work done for God, it dieth NOT."

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EDITORIALS

Many men take great pleasure in bathing their bodies and putting on clean clothes and at the same time go about with a dirty soul; defiled and made so by Satan. They should bath their souls in the fountain "opened in the house of David for sin and for uncleanness." Zech. 13:1.

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We have received many responses from the readers of Faith and Victory paper since the Sept. issue was mailed out, some speaking of the enlightenment, edification and comfort derived from reading the contents. Others commenting on the clear truth taught against sin and wickedness of all kinds, some regretting that they could not receive the paper in August.

It encourages our hearts to know that God is making the contents of the paper a blessing to so many precious souls. Jesus says, "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed, and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." We love to teach the plain clear truth, as we know that souls can only get free by hearing the truth, doing the truth and abiding therein. It saddens our hearts when we see so much of the literature that goes forth teaching many right things but mix enough false, and twist the scriptures sufficient to keep souls from getting the real freedom truth which belongs to all redeemed souls.

Truly, these are perilous times and there are many "winds of doctrines" blowing and preachers and editors drifting, becoming blinded in heart by love of money, love for worldly honor and praise of men and trying to cover it all, under a cloak of religion and devotion to God. Such teachers will so teach that much of the scriptures will mean nothing at all.

We know that the current toward the world is very strong in these days and it takes much willingness in the heart, coupled with sincere love, honor and respect for God's commandments to be kept by His mighty power.

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By the grace and help of God we mean to go right on teaching the plain simple truth of the Bible that souls may be made free by hearing and believing. We expect, by his help to so teach that men will have respect for His commandments and in a way to create faith in God. Many are teaching or endorsing teaching that undermines faith in God. Not long ago a brother minister told me that he did not see any scripture teaching against life insurance; also a wo-

man preacher declared publicly in my presence that she did not see any wrong in life insurance. By this we know that the heart is becoming darkened and the eyes blinded. The fact is, every verse of scripture that teaches us to have faith in God teaches against life insurance for insuring your life in earthly companies and putting your money and trust in them is opposite to faith in God. Not only do you deny God the right to care for you in the future but you are laying up your treasures in the earth instead of laying them up in heaven as the Holy Writ teaches us to do. Matt. 6:33. Such actions are just as wrong as it is for men to horde up thousands of dollars in banks or holding such money and property fearing that they or their children will need it along in years to come. Brethren, let us have real faith in God. A feigned faith will never pass at the judgment.

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We are taught in the Word of God by the apostle Paul that "all scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." 2 Tim. 3:16 Mind you, it says, "ALL SCRIPTURE." We have some teachers that claim to be saints who would like to do away with the teaching of the Bible on the subject of dress. They twist and wrest and side-step and back-step and cunningly make it appear that it is such a small matter that it should not be mentioned at all. Oh, they say, it was only mentioned a few times in the Bible and not by Jesus at all. Such writing and talk as that puts me in mind of a mother's little boy. She was cooking the noon-day meal and the fire was getting low; she told her boy to go and get her an armful of wood; little Johnny kept playing on; after a little she spoke a little louder and Johnny looked around but went on with his playing. Pretty soon the fire was about out, and the mother took hold of a stick and told Johnny again to go get her an armful of wood. Then he reluctantly went after the wood. Jesus says, "If ye love me keep my commandments." John 14:15. The loving obedient child will not grieve the parent by being disobedient because they have not spoken three or four times. The fact is that three of the strongest and most favored apostles teaches against being conformed to the world in dress, adorning with unnecessary articles and having friendship or being a friend of the world (James 4:4) loving the world and the things that are in the world. (1 John 2:15). Jesus himself in relating about the rich man that went to hell said, "he was

clothed in purple and fine linen," which was one sign of a wrong heart. Those who wrest the scriptures around and try to do away with the teaching against worldly dress and unnecessary adorning and endorse those that do such things would, if it were not for fear of losing support from some dear saints, put on unnecessary articles for dress.

One minister preaching a compromising sermon said, "the Holy Ghost is not concerned about how we dress." It seems strange to me that the Holy Ghost would move on the apostles to teach against these things and now in this modern age of pride, fashions and fads, cease to be concerned about it. Another speaks of them as just tradition. Any one who reads the Bible and has the Spirit of God to direct them and has a heart to obey would know that it is wrong to adorn and dress like the world, even if they had never heard these things taught against before.

I know that there are some who get carnal about these things and make a hobby of things and cause the scriptures to mean more than the apostles taught but this reproach we have to bear, for they will dote on questions which gender strife but with all this the truth of these things is still the truth and should be upheld by all true teachers in love, gentleness and meekness.

Those who are beginning to drift with and toward the world, speak of us as being narrow minded. I believe all those who are in the narrow way spoken of by Jesus would seem narrow minded to those in the broad way.

Dear saints, we yearn after you with intense desire that you "let no man deceive you" for we know, "if the blind lead the blind they shall both fall into the ditch."

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God has made all of His true ministers ambassadors of His, and we are expected to be true representatives of Him here in the earth, holding up all the Word of God and manifesting an unfeigned faith in God to all people, praying unto God in Christ's stead that they be reconciled unto God and not have their affections and treasures with interests here in the earth.

The true ambassadors will teach saints to stay as far away from the world in spirit and in conforming to its ways, which are out of harmony with the Holy Scriptures, as possible. They will not fear what men may say or think neither will they crave to receive honor and praise of men. They will want to

know that He is pleased and that He is honored. God has given us the "TRUE RICHES" and we should be faithful to give out the truth of His Word so that men believing will be made really free from Satan, his power and influence.

The editors of the Faith and Victory are standing firm for the whole truth of the Bible and we expect the cooperation and support with means and prayers of all lovers of the truth. There are many phases of the work that continually need attention, and it takes much time and means to keep every thing up and the thousands of tracts and papers, together with booklets printed and sent forth to souls every where. The bulk of the literature is sent out to those who are unable to pay. Many tract distributors are giving most, if not all, their time to scattering tracts and doing personal work with souls so they have no time to earn money and consequently have none to purchase tracts with. We are glad to see the truth go to the people by the printed page and so should every one that loves God and eternity-bound souls. Let each member of the body look to God as to what they should do to further the cause of God in the earth.

May God's Spirit bless your soul in reading these editorials and cause you to see the great need of making your short stay here on earth count for God and for the advancement of His Kingdom in the earth.

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Being away most of the summer in evangelistic work we were unable to attend many of the Camp-meetings this summer. Father and Mother Winn have been attending them and Sister Winn was telling me that the meetings were excellent in spirituality and the saints were much in rejoicing and oneness of heart and soul. Since we returned home we have been continually busy in the Print Shop; however a car load of us from the office attended over Sunday the Hennessey Okla, Camp-meeting and our souls were much refreshed and the meeting was started off good. Sister Roethler, who stayed and attended the meeting, brought home a glowing account of the good spiritual meeting at that place with some souls saved and believers sanctified. She was also greatly impressed with the young people's meeting, they were so active and spiritual.

A car load of us attended the last Sunday of the Shawnee, Okla. Camp-meeting and had the pleasure of meeting again many dear saints we had not seen for some time and also visited Sister Melot who

has been in bed sick for many months. She was quite cheered up while we were there and we felt much blessed by our visit with her and husband.

Bro. O. B. Wilson told me that the meeting had been very good, especially emphasizing the fact that the day meetings had been very helpful to the souls of the saints. We rejoice that God is working and encouraging His saints and saving all who humble their hearts and believe. May God bless every saint and keep them filled with divine love inasmuch that they will not care to be conformed to this vain perishing world.

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Bro. O. C. Porter has been laboring faithfully with much love for the souls of men, boys and girls, in preparing the Sunday School lessons each month and the saints should remember him in prayer and also write him an encouraging letter of appreciation. It would add much to their convenience if those ordering Sunday School supplies would send their orders in several weeks before the quarter begins so they will have time to get your supplies to you. Bro. Porter and his wife are real saints living in love and devotion to God. They have no fellowship with worldward, drifting professors, nor those who are conforming to the world or endorsing such.

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The scripture has declared that, "Jesus went about doing good." Many men are going about, but live selfish, unclean lives. God forbid that we should just go about.

MEETING REPORT

The Camp-meeting at Ithaca, Ohio was much blessed and owned of the Lord, and those in attendance were comforted through the preaching of the Word, and three souls claimed deliverance from sin and many others were deeply convicted. It was the first meeting of its kind ever held at that place, and the people attended well and gave good attention.

Saints from six or seven states met together in this meeting and had never met before and they had good harmony and sweet fellowship and some were healed in answer to prayer.

The ministers present were: Bro. Elihu Key, Bro. Hill, Bro. John H. Strong and wife, Bro. Kutra, Sister Myers and her daughter Willa Myers, Sister Emma Gesig and W. J. Foster, also Bro. T. Z. Lawson and Bro. Losh.

Those who took the pulpit had a message and we

heard from heaven. The meeting was run on the free-will plan and those present gave freely as God moved on their hearts.

Thirty-nine happy saints took part in the Ordinance service, which was most sacred and precious.

Bro. Coate and Bro. McCoy and their families live at Ithaca, Ohio and were instrumental in God's hands in launching this meeting and this good meeting will no doubt open the way for many more meetings. —J. W. Foster.

THE RETURN OF THE SOUL TO ITS CREATOR OR MAKER

Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was, and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it. (Eccl. 1:7). --And God said, let us make man in our image, and after our likeness, so God created man in His own image, in the image of God created he him. (Gen. 1:26, 27).

When man came forth from the laboratory and workshop of its creator, he possessed both moral and spiritual life free from guilt or condemnation. He was the crowning work of the Almighty: an absolute pure and holy being, or the spiritual likeness of his maker, who was pleased with his wonderful work.

"Lo, this only have I found that God hath made man upright" (holy), (Eccl. 7:29). What an awful reproach and insult to God, our creator, for those void of godliness to declare mankind originated from certain forms of animal life which do bear a close resemblance to human beings.

The Lord God was sorely disappointed in man, because he disobeyed him, and forfeited his right to the tree of life. In Gen. 6:6, we learn that God was sorry He had ever made man, for his principal thoughts and purposes of life were of a sinful nature; yet He loved him, and made provisions to annul the decree of death so that spiritual life could return to his soul or spirit.

The Lord, in speaking to Jeremiah the prophet, concerning the depravity of man and the waywardness of His chosen people, declared: "Yet I had planted (created) thee a noble vine, wholly a right seed; how then art thou turned into the degenerate plant of a strange vine unto me, for though thou wash thee with nitre and take thee much soap, yet thine iniquity is marked before me, saith the Lord, (Jer. 2:21 22)."

Then the question arises as to what we shall do to be restored to that former state of spiritual life,

for which provisions have been fully made in the atonement or the great plan of man's redemption? Man must feel his inditement of evil before God, or the acknowledgement that he is a sinner, lost and without hope. This is confession which leads to repentance and salvation. He must be deeply sincere and earnest from the urge or motives of the heart, which is godly sorrow.

"The redeemed must bear the image of the heavenly", (1 Cor. 15:49). The mighty host of heaven rejoices over even one sinner that is saved and returns to God, holy, pure, and spotless in that it has triumphed over the enemy of our souls; but Oh, how unspeakably sorry or disappointed at its rebellion against its maker to be condemned and doomed to eternal woe.

The sinner's vital need is to get serious minded concerning the destiny of his soul, or where he must spend eternity. Where would I go if I should, this very day or night, suddenly die without a moment's time to get ready to meet my God?

No one has an excuse to offer to his maker for the gospel abounds in warnings to repent and believe the gospel, or flee from the wrath to come. "This is the condemnation that light (hope or salvation) is come into the world, and men loved darkness (evil) rather than light because their deeds were evil" (Jno. 3:19). So it is not God that sends the sinner to eternal doom, for man signs his own death warrant by rejecting his maker.

The Lord God values your soul far above the price of rubies, silver, and gold, and wills it not that you perish. What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul, or what shall a man give in exchange for his own soul, (Matt. 16:26).

Satan delights to rob you of your soul's right or heirship to eternal life and glory; so by the right of choice to be the servant of sin, you barter away your soul to the devil, and receive in exchange, the wages of sin which is eternal death. (Rom. 6:23).

According to the gospel standards, the inspired Word of God; the soul, to be reconciled to God, must return to its creator in the same spiritual image of innocence, purity, holiness of heart and life, as it was in the day of its creation. To present you holy, unblameable and unreprouvable in His sight. (Col. 1:22). —John H. Griffith.

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Undeveloped Talent

We, as the saints of God, need to get a vision of conditions in the spiritual world to-day. Not that we become discouraged; but that we may see the need of doing more, that the body of Christ may be edified. In Eph. 4:7 we read: "But unto every one of us is given grace according to the gift of Christ. Wherefore he saith, when He ascended up on high He led captivity captive and gave gifts unto man." Verse 11 says, "And He gave some, apostles, and some, prophets, and some, evangelists, and some pastors, and teachers, for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.

Conditions among us to-day are such that the Church of God cannot be as clearly seen as it should be, because people have failed to use the talents God has given them.

The whole world has been benefited because men have put forth an effort to develop the material things of this world, risking their lives, using their time and money to search treasures out of the heart of the earth and sea, and to-day we enjoy many conveniences, and have comfortable surroundings, because men have used their talent.

But oh, the need of talent being used that is hid away down in the hearts of mankind, that the world needs the benefit of! Treasures unknown, diamonds in the rough, are gifts God has given that are not being used. "The heart of man is the most unexplored region in the whole universe."

If the people who live only for the present time, labor so much to promote the progress of the terrestrial things that will perish away, should we not be willing to lose our life for the gospel's sake? We know "our labor is not in vain in the Lord"; and we are advised to "Neglect not the gift that is in us."

We each have gifts according to our ability. Some can bear more responsibility than others, some are more dependable. We must begin at the smaller tasks, that we may prove ourselves trustworthy and surely God will promote us.

Some people, who profess to know God, remind me of what I saw not long ago:

A boy moved into a new town, and he wanted some work to do, so accompanied his mother to the newspaper office to put in his application for a paper route; but because he was inexperienced, the manager could only offer him a very short route, on streets, where there were mostly apartment houses, which of

course, would mean small wages. The boy went away disappointed, feeling like it would almost be disgraceful to start at so small a task. So we find it to be true that some would consider doing a little more for the Lord, if they could do something very noticeable and important; but unless we prove ourselves dependable, and do the smaller things with a willing heart, the Lord will not trust us with greater tasks, "Let us do with our might what our hands find to do"; because in the parable on the talents we read, "to him that hath shall be given that he may have abundance." (Matt. 25:29.)

Bro. Orr, in writing a wonderful article entitled "The Potter's Clay", and telling of us being clay in the hands of the Potter says: "Some time in your life God has given you a vision of what He wanted you to be." You may have lost it long ago. In talking with different saints, they often say, "I once thought God wanted me to preach", or; "my life's work, seems to be visiting and praying for the sick, doing personal work, or singing for the Lord"; and such like, and failing to use their talent has caused them to lose a vision of the work God had purposed for them to do, and now they are drifting along, failing to enjoy the fullness of salvation. Our light will only shine clear and bright when we have surrendered to God and He is working through us according to His good pleasure, and accomplishing the work He has for us to do in His great plan for human life. (Phil. 2:13) "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure."

We must do more than just live the truth. We must use our talents. When buried and hidden they will be of no benefit. There are so few young people out in the gospel work to-day. Is it because God is no longer calling them? Nay, they are failing to let God work through them. Vessels marred in the hands of the Potter, because they will not surrender to God's will and use their talents. God is going to work through people as long as He can find people with enough faith to let Him work.

Some saints say, "I used to go visit the sick, the Lord blessed my efforts, and I went many places"; but what are you doing now?

Awake, awake, O Zion, the world is perishing! God help us to get more of a vision of souls and use our time, means and talents for Jesus! Those who failed were cast on Christ's left hand.

Are you using your talent?

—Ruth McNeely

« Young People's Section »

Ore. —Dear Bro. Pruitt: Greeting in the name of Jesus. I am sending in my testimony.

One day while out in the woods wrestling for victory, God heard and as I felt the waves of glory roll across my soul, He gave me this song and a tune to fit the words. I have often felt inspired to write poems but never a song before. Here are the words:

My soul was shackled in bondage,
So tight in its chains I was bound,
I had no hope for redemption,
Until the dear Savior I found.

CHORUS

Goodbye, goodbye, sinful follies,
I'm leaving you all far behind,
My soul has caught a new vision,
He opened my eyes once so blind.

I ever was seeking for pleasure,
But no satisfaction I'd gain,
For when I awoke in the morning
I'd find that my search was in vain.

One day my heart was awakened,
I heard a strange voice there within,
Arise! Awake! came the warning,
Make haste turn away from your sin.

I fell on my face before Jesus,
Oh pardon I pray and forgive,
My sins rolled off as a mountain,
Oh God, what a sweet life to live.

Today I'm seeking the weary,
Some weak one who fell by the way,
To tell them that Jesus still loves them
Though far they have wandered astray
Yours in the one body, —Miss Grace Ann Myers.

EDITORIALS

It may be true that some preachers have rehearsed too often and at wrong times certain lines of truth for the greatest benefit of the cause and thereby brought reproach, but we are willing to bear the reproach rather than to sacrifice, as some have done, any right principle of truth.

Sister Geneva Bailey, who came to the office last May in obedience to a call of the Lord, returned on September 8 to her home in New Mexico. While here, she quickly learned to operate the linotype machine and performed that work faithfully. Her labor of love was appreciated and we are confident that the Lord will abundantly reward her. She was also with the company of workers in the South during part of the summer.

Saints, remember her in prayer that she will continually be led by the Spirit of God and that her godly life will be a bright heavenly light among those with whom she may associate.

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Willie Murphey, a young brother from Jena, La., just lately arrived to help in the office work, mainly, the operation of the linotype. Every saint has a place to fill and a work to do in the body of Christ, for we are "workers together with Him." 2 Cor. 6:1.

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Christ Himself, declares that "the gates of hell shall not prevail" against His Church (Matt. 16:18), the one which He established in the morning of this dispensation. God's people can still boldly say, "If God be for us, who can be against us?" Rom. 8:31. He fighteth our battles and gives us the victory. It may appear in some localities that every one has retrograded, gone back and "bowed their knee to Baal," but Christ's declaration still stands, and there are a few "Daniels" and "Hebrew children" who will not bow to the world, the flesh or the devil, nor observe the decrees of any religious monarchy. To the "strangers and pilgrims" who look for Him, will He appear the second time—a bright anticipation!

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The saint of God carries a genuine life insurance policy, symbolically speaking, which guarantees that you will never die, but have everlasting life. This is the best out, and no other life insurance will bring this result. The policy is put in effect at conversion, and the payments are a faithful, victorious life, then at the end the face value—eternal life—is the inheritance of the saint. Bible salvation insures against eternal death and the flames of hell. Other

kinds of insurance may bring perishable rewards, but Jesus asked this all-important question, "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" Mark 8:36.

Dear unsaved soul, take out a policy against eternal death, for "the soul that sinneth it shall die." Ezek. 18:20.

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Bro. J. N. Murphey of Jena, La., and Sister Ruth McNeely of Nesho, Mo., were united in marriage at Shawnee, Okla., on Sunday, August 30th, 1936 with Bro. O. B. Wilson officiating. These young people are called to the work of the Lord, and are anxious to carry the gospel to every honest, hungry soul. At present they are with the office family helping in the work in various ways. They intend, the Lord willing, to labor in the gospel work in the South, perhaps in some new fields.

Let all the saints everywhere pray for these young saints that the Lord will bless their labors and make their service a greater blessing in the future than ever before.

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RADIO SERVICE

The Church of God of Nesho, Mo. will have a gospel service over radio station M B H, Keystone Hotel, Joplin, Mo. on Oct. 4, from 8:15 A.M. to 9:15 A.M. (Central Standard Time.)

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Mo.— Dear Saints of God scattered, I am saved and satisfied to go through for the Lord and to always do what He would have me to in every way that pleases Him. I am encouraged as never before to serve the Lord and to go all the way with Him and to go through for God at any cost. God in His mercy reached out after my soul and lifted me out of this dark and sinful world and I have the sweet peace of God abiding in my soul. As I read the testimonies that comes out in the paper each month, it helps me to search myself and see how I stand before God. As I study and meditate on the good things of God, I can not find words to express how I feel before God. Whatever it takes to help the people in this world to see their lost condition before God, I am willing to go through with the trials and tests that Jesus went through with if it will be any benefit to them. The Lord is my hope and stay in this world and I am very thankful too. The joy of the Lord is my strength. No. 51 in the Reformation Glory is my decision while I am in this world and I expect to go on by the grace of God and to fight the good fight of faith until I reach that beautiful home that

the Lord is preparing for me, where there will be no troubles nor sorrows and we will be with Jesus who gave His life for all that are willing to take the way that will lead them to the glory world. I will trust and not be afraid though the devil and all his imps can roar and howl all they want to, but by the grace and help of the Lord, I put a staunch resistance against him and I expect to keep him out of the way because he is no friend of grace at all. If we listen to what the enemy suggests to us, and do not take heed to what the Lord says, we will fail, so let us be careful and know that we are in God's order and doing His will from the heart. So pray for me that I keep myself where God can do for me that which pleases Him and that my faith will be increased each day as long as the Lord permits me to live to please Him.

Your Bro. in the Lord, —Alvah Lawson.

"COME" —THE INVITATION

A great invitation is being extended to all people, to come unto Jesus. In Matt. 11:28 we read, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Here we see that Jesus accepts every one who will come unto Him, lay their burden of sins at His feet, He will give them rest, that rest which cometh only from Jesus. Truly, this is a great promise to all who will believe and come.

Dear sinner, it does not matter how many sins you have committed or how deep in sin you have gone Jesus is inviting you to come to Him, repent of all your sins and get His blood applied to your heart so you can gain eternal life. His love and mercy is being extended to each one, and He desires you to come to Him.

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow: though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Isa. 1:18. We know that Jesus can make the vilest sinner clean, and we are thankful for it. We are glad today that we have accepted this invitation, and our desire is to see others accept it. Truly, it is wonderful what God can do for us.

Dear soul, do not give up in despair, because the Lord is ready and willing to help you if you will only come to Him. Again we read in Rev. 22:17, "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely." In reading the Word of God, we see that Jesus has every thing that a human soul needs, so if you want to satisfy that soul which is desiring something, Come to Jesus; He has an abundance for you. Many times in this life we are invited to go here or there, and accept the invitation, but later regret that we did. Dear soul, this is one invitation you will never regret that you accepted, and you will be so completely satisfied that you will desire to invite others to come. "Go with us to heaven."

—Mrs. L. D. Pruitt.

CORRESPONDENCE

Canada —My dear Bro. in Christ: Now I sit down to write you a few lines. I am hoping this finds you still trusting in the dear Lord. How are you getting along in the dear Lord's work? Bless His Holy Name. Well, Bro. Pruitt, I am reading the Holy Bible every night as the nights come on. Well this is Sunday night and the ministers come to preach the gospel to us, but we never had the minister to preach to us today, but I know that the Lord is always with us. I pray to God every night to help you in your work. Bro. Lively is reading the tracts and the paper all the time. When I have to go away I give all the Faith and Victory papers to him, and he is sending them all over the place. Of course, there are some people who like them, and there are many more that do not like them because it hits them too hard. Well, Dear Brother, I must close now and God bless you and help you in your work, so goodbye and God bless you.

—Christopher Knowlden.

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Konawa, Okla. —Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt, and all of God's devoted workers at the office: Be encouraged; God is with you. He seems to be in every line you print. I get a blessing every time I read the Faith and Victory; it is food to my soul. I am so glad that God has a people that stands for all the Bible truths. So many try to do away with the most precious promises. The things that would bring them most joy and comfort they will not have. But you know they rejected Christ, our Saviour, and they will also reject His Word. We that are Christ's people will have to prove to the world that His Word is true and for all who will believe and accept it. I am enjoying the blessings of full salvation. Husband and I are saved, sanctified, living and working for God. Pray for us; we want to keep humble and worthy of His many blessings and understand His will and the leading of His Holy Spirit.

Yours in His service, —Mr. & Mrs. Walter Cummins

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Mo. —To all the readers of the Faith and Victory. I am still on the highway, the way of holiness. O, what a blessed way to be in and God is our Captain. It is only through the goodness of God that I ever found the way. I will say a few words in regard to Bro. Pruitt and to all them that work at the office. If there is anybody that should eat of the good of the land it is them. How they sacrifice to put out the blessed truths that we might eat of the bread of life and drink at the fountain

so let us not let the work drag at the office because of the lack of means. I am sending \$2.00 to buy paper to print on and the other for family needs. I sure was thankful when I heard that they had the new press. So remember me when you pray.

Your brother in Christ, —S. W. Middleton

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Ark. —Dear Saints of God, Bros. & Sisters in Christ, Greeting in the name of Jesus.

So glad tonight in spite of trials and troubles I can report victory in my soul. I am so glad that my soul is covered by the blood of Jesus. Glad of the precious Holy Ghost. I am so poor in this world's goods but I am rich in heavenly things; I am a child of the King; my Father owns everything. Oh, I am looking for Jesus to return for His Bride and by the grace of God I want to be ready. Oh, won't that be a wonderful day, saints, to be with Jesus throughout eternity where there will be no more heart-aches, no tear-dimmed eyes, no sickness, no pains, nor sad farewells, where all will be joy, peace and happiness throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity. Praise the name of the Lord. I ask all the saints to pray for me that I will do the will of my Father.

—Mrs. Edna Ward.

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S. C. — To the dear Saints scattered abroad, in the precious name of Jesus I greet you this beautiful day. I am glad to testify to victory over sin, sectism, the world and the devil through the virtue of the precious and all cleansing blood of Jesus, and I mean to go right on until the end in this good old Bible way; this way just suits me; the straight and narrow way is the Lord's way from earth to glory, praise His Holy name. Some cry out, "Be more broad minded, don't be so particular and narrow minded." They cry out, "Extremists, fanaticism." I am afraid of the broad way that will let down the line and take the "no-harms and trivials." Many that profess to be saints have so let down, and educated their conscience that they partake of and indulge in and fellowship things that they know could not be to the glory of God. I love the narrow way; it is so narrow that none of the things: eats, drinks, dress, habits, words and acts that do not glorify the Lord can not be carried along therein; it is broad enough for all of the dear Lord's blood-washed, redeemed saints with things, eats, drinks, dress, habits, words and acts of life that are to the glory of God can be carried along therein, praise the Lord. God's people are particular, peculiar, separate from the world, wholly

consecrated people unto the Lord, glory to God. Oh, that all who profess His name would return to the old land marks, and again lift up the true standard of the saving grace and gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in its fulness. Dear saints, please pray for me that I keep humble and ever walk in the straight and narrow way. Your blood-washed brother on the Bible route; a member of the Church of God, —A. Newell.

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St. Louis, Mo. —Faith Publishing House. Dear Saints, enclosed you will find \$1.00 to help spread the glad news to lost souls far and near. I wish I had more to give, but will send more as the Lord provides. Pray for me that I may always be faithful.

Yours for service.

—L. M. R.

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Bend, Oregon, —Dear Bro. and all at Faith Pub. House, Greetings in Jesus' name. Your fine letter came yesterday, and it did me good in the Lord. I was pleased also to receive the latest copy of "Faith and Victory" I am enclosing 25 cents to pay for Faith and Victory for one year to my own address, also an offering to be used as you see fit for the glory of God.

Pray for my wife and myself, that we will be more watchful and faithful, also that God will give us more grace, Thank you. And we pray God will continue to bless you, and uphold you in His great work. Yours in Him, —Bro. Ed Callan.

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Natchitoches, La. —Bro. and Sister Pruitt, Faithful ones in Christ Jesus, I send greetings of love to you and all faithful ones in the service of our blessed Saviour this morning. I am really thankful that the Lord is blessing and keeping me for His own. I know that He is with me, for I could not be kept without His power, for without Him we can do nothing.

In Prov. 16:7, "when a man's ways please the Lord it maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him." This is what I ever mean to do, seek that I may please Him in all things and not to please old Satan.

The child that I requested prayer for some time ago is all right. The awful pain left her head and she seems to be perfectly well without any earthly aid, all glory to God. Praise His great name. We have had much sickness here, but the Lord has wonderfully blessed us through it all. I desire your prayers for me. Continue to send the "Faith and Victory" papers as they help me so much to read them. One who wants to be what the Lord wants me to be,

—Sidonia Benjamin.

IS OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL ALL THE LORD EXPECTS IT TO BE?

What is the purpose of the Sunday School? "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God has revealed them unto us by His Spirit, for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea the deep things of God," 1 Cor. 2:9-10. These verses are the truth from God's Word. They do not need so much explanation. The thing that is needful is that we should come to a realization of truth contained in them. We know the natural man cannot appreciate or ever fathom the spiritual things of God. Neither can the natural man receive the many good things that God is so desirous that he should have. If we realize these words are true, then is it not vanity for man to attempt to guide, to feed or to endeavor to edify others if he is not under the guidance of the Holy Spirit himself. There is much effort wasted and also much hinderance and confusion caused by this one thing, "He that saith he abideth in Him ought himself also to walk even as He walked." 1 John 2:6. How sad to see so many trying to lead others to the Lord who have not experienced a real change of heart themselves.

The burden of our Sunday School should be for lost souls. The tone should be in harmony with the divine will. The school should be surrounded with the atmosphere of solemnity, adoration and honor.

Have the habits and customs of formality ushered themselves in to replace the leadings of the Spirit? It would be very noticeable if one extra song was sung or more than one prayer offered. An altar service would be very appropriate at any time in the house of God. Is the School organized by man and the teachers voted in accordingly, or does God still set the members in the body as it pleases Him. The Sunday School class is not a place to retaliate for some injury received nor is it a place to crush or condemn some erring brother.

Is the Holy Spirit likely to be convicting some in the class when the spirit of lightness and laughter is prevailing in so much that the attention of other classes are disturbed?

As those that worship the Lord in Spirit and in truth assemble themselves together on the Lord's day at an appointed place of worship we may rest assured that the Lord will be there to manifest Himself. As we meet these conditions in the spirit of meekness, the Lord will so hallow the place with His presence that it will be noticeable even to step inside the building. It is only as we meet these conditions by entering the house of the Lord in the attitude of reverence and worship with our minds withdrawn from the affairs of life and centered on the Lord that He can reveal the deep things of God to us and lower the convicting power of the Holy Spirit on the unsaved and cause them not only to see their condition but they may also see their privilege of accepting the Lord as their personal Saviour.

It is a blessed privilege to attend a Sunday School where the Lord is having the preeminence in all things. This is a striking contrast to some schools with many coming in from 10 to 30 minutes late, children running up

and down the isles, and many times no one to teach the classes. May the Lord bless all efforts in behalf of Sunday School work.

—O. C. Porter.

“Study to shew thyself approved unto God.”



“The entrance of thy words giveth light.”

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THE MACEDONIAN CALL

Sunday, October 4, 1936

DAILY READINGS AND MEDITATIONS

- Sept. 28—Missions in New Fields. Acts 16:6-15.
 Sept. 29—Preaching Where Christ is Unknown
 Romans 15:18-27.
 Sept. 30—The burning Bush Exodus 3:1-10.
 Oct. 1—The Missionary Challenge Matt. 9:32-38.
 Oct. 2—Missionary Responsibility Rom. 10:12-17.
 Oct. 3—Missionary Success Jonah 3:1-5.
 Oct. 4—A Hero of Faith. Hebrews 11:8-10.

Printed PortionActs 16:6-15; Rom. 15:18-21.

Acts 16:6 Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the Word in Asia,

7 After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not.

8 And they passing by Mysia, came down to Troas.

9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us.

10 And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavored to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.

11 Therefore loosing from Troas, we came with a straight course to Samothracia, and the next day to Neapolis;

12 And from thence to Philippi, which is the chief city of that part of Macedonia, and a colony: and we were in that city abiding certain days.

13 And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither.

14 And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thatira which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.

15 And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she

constrained us.

Romans 15:18 For, I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ hath not wrought by me, to make the Gentiles obedient, by word and deed,

19 Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.

20 Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another's foundation:

21 But as it is written, To whom he was not spoken of, they shall see: and they that have not heard shall understand.

Memory Verse: Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Matt. 28:19.

POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

- 1 The Call for Service
 - A. Whosoever Will.
 - B. Place —Go ye therefore and teach all nations.
2. Hearing the Call
 - A. A Listening Ear
 - B. Giving Heed to the Still Small Voice.
3. Obeying the Call.
 - A. The Willing and Obedient, “Here Am I, send Me.”
 - B. Faithful —Dependable Service

COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

In today's lesson we study the second missionary journey of Paul. In the latter part of the 15th chapter of Acts we find Paul in the homeland at Antioch. (Read these chapters as a background for today's study). As Paul and Barnabas could not agree on which ministers would compose their party, two missionary companies went forth in different directions, Barnabas taking John Mark going to Cyprus and Paul taking Silas going through Syria and Cilicia strengthening the congregation that the Lord had raised up in those places. (Look these places up on a map). By using the map and tracing these journeys from city to city, we can help impress their realities upon the minds of the pupils. It is important that the teacher be informed of the happenings occurring at each of these places. We may either pass hurriedly by these opportunities and leave only a vague picture upon the mind of our pupils, or we may point out, for instance the city of Philippi, and relate that this is where Paul and his company went out of the city by the river-side, where prayer was wont to be made. How Jesus did not confine himself to fine buildings or large crowds but that secluded place where prayer is wont to be made. How the merchant woman heard and received their words.

How the devil possessed damsel was loosed from the power of Satan. Here it was that Paul and Silas were cast into prison. Their miraculous delivery by the power of God.

We may show these experiences and persecutions at the different cities and make an impression upon the hearts and minds of the young that will not only affect them for the present but will be inducive in moulding

their characters and lives for the future. After all, the thoughts, words and deeds are materials used in moulding and guiding each of us to our destiny. The LONG HOME that the Bible speaks of is awaiting each of us, even that poor little neglected child in your class that is so easily influenced either by bad or good is receiving those things day by day that determine where he will make his long home.

BECOMING A CHRISTIAN

Sunday, Oct. 11, 1936.

DAILY READINGS AND MEDITATIONS

- Oct. 5—Becoming a Christian. Acts 16:22-34.
 Oct. 6—The Christian's Goal. Philippians 3:7-14.
 Oct. 7—The Secret Joy. Philippians 4:1-7.
 Oct. 8—The Trial—of Faith. 1Peter 4:12-16.
 Oct. 9—The Blessedness of the Christian Life Matt. 5:1-11.
 Oct. 10—Hope Beyond Suffering. Rom. 8:16-25.
 Oct. 11—Comfort in Affliction. 2 Corinthians 1:3-10.

Printed Portion Acts 16:22-34; Phil. 3:7-14.

Acts 16:22 And the multitude rose up together against them: and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat them.

23 And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely:

24 Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.

25 And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

26 And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

27 And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled.

28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.

29 Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas,

30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

32 And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.

33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.

34 And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.

Phil. 3:7 But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.

8 Yea, doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord:

for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,

9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

11 If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

12 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Memory Verse: Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved. —Acts 16:31.

POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

1. A Service of Love
 - A. Willing to Sacrifice.
 - B. Things that Were Gain I Counted Loss.
 - C. Loyalty and Faithfulness.
2. The Christian's Ambition
 - A. Not Popularity but Spirituality
 - B. Biography is Good—to know Christ is better.
3. Persecution
 - A. Suffer Willingly
 - B. Letting Our Light Shine While Under a Trial
 - C. We Are Saved to Serve.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

Our success or failure in life is determined largely by our ability to put first things first and allowing the less important things to come later.

Greed and the love for money is causing many to make shipwreck along the way. Jesus said, "seek ye first the kingdom." When the work of the Lord is prospering Satan puts forth more effort than ever. After Paul cast out the evil spirit from the damsel, persecution followed. As Paul and Silas prayed and sang at midnight, the prisoners heard. We should always be aware that somebody is seeing and hearing while we are under persecution. Had Paul and Silas weakened in this trial, the result would have been different.

The requirements for one to be saved are the same today as then, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ." After one believes they are ready for baptism. Saved by believing not being baptized. Many are looked upon as failures in this world because they are not continually mindful of gain and earthly fame while others who have been able to collect many things are considered successful. What would it profit if a man gain the whole world and lose his soul?

What is the unit of measure used by the Lord in recording the deeds of His people? "Man looketh on the outward appearance, but God looketh on the heart." With this in mind that God looks on the heart then all deeds

did with a selfish motive would not be to our credit. No matter if the habits and forms are in connection with worship and the Bible if they do not come from pure motives, they are a waste of time. By the inspiration to Matthew we hear Him say, "In vain do they worship me." It is alarming to see the many many vain worshippers in this age. Self righteousness is as filthy rags in His sight. All the culture, refinement and education will not as much as tilt the scales in our favor. A stack of silver nor a store of nice clothes would not attract His attention. Eloquent speech and a following of many people would be of no avail. But those deeds that are prompted from a pure motive in heart, those thoughts that are put in action out of a love for the Lord are the things that will count. Because the deed is something great does not prove that it is from a right spirit. A glass of cold water or a small gift to a widow prompted by the Holy Spirit will not be forgotten by the Lord.

THE SPOKEN AND THE WRITTEN WORD

Sunday, Oct. 18, 1936.

DAILY READINGS AND MEDITATIONS

- Oct. 12—The Word Opposed. Acts 17:5-11.
 Oct. 13—The Word Received. 1 Thessalonians 2:7-12.
 Oct. 14—The Testimony of Scripture. John 5:39-47.
 Oct. 15—Teaching Accurately. Acts 18:24-28.
 Oct. 16—Teaching Clearly. Nehemiah 8:1-3, 8.
 Oct. 17—Hearing and Obeying the Gospel. James 1:19-27.
 Oct. 18—The Cleansing Word. Psalm 119:9-16.

Printed Portion Acts 17:1, 5-11; 1 Thess. 2:5-12.

Acts 17:1 Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where was a synagogue of the Jews:

5 But the Jews which believed not, moved with envy, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered a company, and set all the city on an uproar, and assaulted the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people.

6 And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the word upside down are come hither also;

7 Whom Jason hath received: and these all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, one Jesus.

8 And they troubled the people and the rulers of the city, when they heard these things.

9 And when they had taken security of Jason, and of the other, they let them go.

10 And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews.

11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

1 Thess. 2:7 But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children:

8 So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God

only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us.

9 For ye remember, brethren, our labor and travail: for laboring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God.

10 Ye are witnesses, and God also, how holily and justly and unblameable we behaved ourselves among you that believe:

11 As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children,

12 That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.

Memory Verse: For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword. Heb. 4:12.

POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

1. Satan Opposing the Truth.
 - A. The Gospel Preached in the Synagogue at Thessalonica.
 - B. Combined force gathering for battle.
 - C. Result—A Congregation Established.
2. The Reception of the Word at Berea.
 - A. Receiving the Gospel Indeed Makes a Noble People.
 - B. Paul's Message Measured by the Word.
 - C. A Daily Study of the Scripture.
3. Paul's Letter to the Thessalonians.
 - A. Commending Himself Unto Them.
 - B. His Love and Care For Them.
 - C. His Sacrifice and Faithfulness

COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

Continuing Paul's second missionary journey we find him at Thessalonica where he reasoned for three sabbath days in the synagogue. As is usually the case the word became the power of God unto salvation to some while others were stirred and ready to persecute the gospel messenger. From there, Paul went to Berea where the people were more noble and ready to receive the message.

Paul's message was salvation through Jesus for all people. We read in advertisements of many remedies and cure-alls that are recommended to relieve ailments. While we have no confidence whatever in these cure-alls yet this gospel of good tidings that Bro. Paul was bringing to these people is a perfect cure. It is that arm of strength and comfort needed in every circumstance of life. It is that satisfaction and joy that can be found only in the Lord. Every kindred, tongue and people who embrace it, find a safe refuge from all the storms of life. Rich and poor, young and old are entreated to find shelter in the cleft of that Rock. That fountain that was opened in that day is still flowing deep and wide. One with a soul saturated with the vilest sins whose life is blotched with stain of scarlet and crimson may plunge into this fountain and come forth with a regenerated soul, clean and pure in the sight of God.

We notice that the ones that were to persecute Paul were the Jews, the very people that the Lord favored above others, the ones whom we would think would receive the truth more readily. So it is today; the enemy uses

those that are among us to try to trap and entangle us. The Word of the Lord entreats us to watch and pray lest we enter into temptation.

We also notice in our lesson for today those people of Berea searched the scriptures daily to see whether those things that Paul preached were so. It behooves each of us to try the spirits carefully lest we imbibe a spirit of deception.

This honor and privilege has all the saints that upon the strength of the Word of God and by the guidance of the Holy Spirit that we receive only those things (even though they come from the pulpit) that are prompted by a divine purpose coming forth in the spirit of meekness to edify and unite God's people.

May the Lord bless each one and help us to walk humbly and prayerfully day by day.

CHRISTIANITY AS LOVE

Sunday, Oct. 25, 1936.

DAILY READINGS AND MEDITATIONS

- Oct. 19.—A Labor of Love. Acts 18:1-4.
 Oct. 20.—Love Described. 1 Corinthians 13:1-13.
 Oct. 21—"God is Love." 1 John 4:7-11.
 Oct. 22—Ten Commandments in Two. Matt. 22:34-40.
 Oct. 23—The Unpaid Debt. Romans 13:18-10.
 Oct. 24—Confessing Christ. John 21:15-17.
 Oct. 25—Christ Our Model. John 15:12-17.

Printed PortionActs 18:1-4; 1 Cor. 13:1-13.

Acts 18:1 After these things Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth;

2 And found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla; (because that Claudius had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome:) and came unto them.

3 And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation they were tentmakers.

4 And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks.

1 Cor. 13:1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

4 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; 7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

8 Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

12 For now we see through a glass darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

13 And now abideth faith, hope, and charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

Memory Verse: Now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity. 1 Cor. 13:13.

THE POINT FOR EMPHASIS

OUR LABOR OF LOVE

COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

In today's study we have a letter from Paul that is spoken of as the psalm of love. There is so much included in this one word that we are at a loss to try to explain it to others, so the best thing we can do is invite all to come and partake of its benefits also.

We read in the Word that God is love, so if we receive the love of God in our hearts we become the dwelling place of God. While we know that God inhabits eternity, yet He is anxious to abide with each one that will become a vessel of honor unto Him. There is a number of things that love will do for us, but we wish to call your attention to a service of love that we will render unto God if we have been born of Him.

The gold in the golden text today is that faith, hope, and charity will abide; they will abide forever, outlast time. They, all three, are interwoven with salvation yet charity (love) is greatest.

Speaking in general of man in his attempt to make a livelihood, he has to do the work before he receives the pay. Sometimes he performs the task and then is denied the pay. Many work while others do little or no work and receive big pay. In our spiritual service, we have a just pay master, one who can not be deceived nor bribed. He has no pets nor drones. We that have been forgiven of our many sins have received unmerited pay. We have a portion of our inheritance here.

Let us ask ourselves a few questions that we may know if we are worthy of the high calling wherewith we are called. Are we receiving sufficient pay for our service? If so, there is no murmuring nor complaining. Do we give of our means because others give, because we are ashamed not to give, or because we are naturally generous? Would we give the same amount if nobody knew about it?

How do we feel when others compliment us? Would we be glad for them to repeat the remark? Do we render service for a morsel of bread? Do we forget our calling so much as to be striving for a living or are we doing all things to the glory of God?

We find all we need if we do all things to the glory of God, but if we enter into the service for the hire we cannot be satisfied.

The title of our lesson for Nov. 1st is Law, Love, and Temperance. Romans 13:1-14.