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Not A Lonesome Journey

Some day I'll take my journey,
From earth to heaven's shore,
Where many friends and loved ones,
Have just gone on before;
I know that I shall meet them,
In the land where angels dwell,
And my journey won't be lonesome,
I'm glad this news to tell.

Oh, my journey won't be lonesome,
When I bid this earth farewell;
For I shall go with the angels,
In that heavenly land to dwell,
Where all sorrow will be ended;
No tears shall dim my eyes,
'Twill not be a lonesome journey,
From earth to paradise.

You may feel sad at parting,
When you know that I must go,
At the call of my Redeemer,
To meet Him on that shore;
One thing I want to tell you,
Before I'm called away,
My journey will not be lonesome,
To that land of endless day.

When life on earth shall fail me,
And through death's vale I glide,
Then I shall fear no evil:
With Jesus by my side,
He has promised to go with me,
I know He'll faithful stand,
'Twill not be a lonesome journey,
While Jesus holds my hand.

—Ulysses Phillips.

Be Wholly Sanctified

That it is the will of God for every believer to be wholly sanctified is plainly taught in the Word of God. In first Thess. 4:3, we read, "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication." In the first few verses of the fifth chapter of Romans the apostle writes of us first being sanctified by faith and then speaks of us also having access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, causing us to rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. In the first chapter of Ephesians Paul speaks of us trusting in God after we heard the Word of truth, which is the gospel of salvation and then he goes on to say in whom also, after that ye believed, ye were sealed with the holy spirit of promise. You note in this writing that we were sealed with the holy spirit of promise after we believed. Sanctification is for those who have repented, believed and have peace with God through faith in Jesus.

When we are sanctified we receive an earnest of our inheritance, just a small portion which gives us assurance until the redemption of this body which is his purchased possession. We are purchased by his blood (Acts 20:28) and when sanctified wholly his Spirit possesses us and then we await the redemption of the body when this decaying body will be changed and fashioned like unto his glorious body. Phil. 3:21.

Jesus when praying for his disciples said, "Sanctify through thy truth, thy word is truth." John 17:17. In the 19th verse he says, "For their sakes I sanctify myself that they might also be sanctified." He meant that he consecrated himself to die on the cross and there pay the penalty of sin and deliver us from the curse by being made a curse for us. Gal. 3:13. Faith in the blood of Jesus will cleanse us from the defilement of Satan, take the very root

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of sin out of our soul and our consciences will be purged from dead works to serve the living God. When we are purged by his blood and that sin nature is taken out we will have no more consciences of sin. Read Hebrews 9:14, and 10:14.

Incorporated in the word salvation is justification and also sanctification. God never intended for one to stop short of going on to perfection (Heb. 6:1.) or being sanctified wholly. Our salvation is never complete until we are sanctified and have the Holy Spirit living in us which is the earnest of our inheritance. We are sanctified by the Holy Ghost so says the apostle Paul in Rom. 15:16. When the Holy Ghost comes in He sanctifies us or cleanses us from the pollution of Satan and begins to dwell in our hearts, leading us and guiding us into all truth, (John 16:13) and giving us power to witness for the Lord.

We are justified by faith and then we are sanctified by faith in the work that Jesus has completed for us. In order to get justified we first become very sorry (2 Cor. 7:10) because we have transgressed the laws of God and then we repent asking God to forgive us of all sin, promising him to quit sinning by his help and by faith in the blood of Jesus our actual sins are blotted out, and then we have peace with God through the Lord Jesus Christ. Rom. 5:1. As we go on living for God we will find that there is a sin nature in us a planting of Satan that troubles us and hinders us; it is an impurity in the heart. When we read in the Word of God, "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." Matt. 5:8., and also what Jesus says, "I sanctify myself that ye may be sanctified", that this is the will of God even our sanctification, then we long to be cleansed from all the defilement of Satan and we look to the Lord with faith believing, and God is faithful to do the work.

God has planned this for us all down through the ages. Zech. speaking of this gospel day says, "In that day there shall be a fountain opened in the house of David, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness." You will notice that he speaks it is first for sin and then for uncleanness.

In the fifteenth chapter of Luke we have a record of the prodigal son getting saved, and we find that he first comes to himself, or in other words begins to realize what a great sinner he really is, and then he begins to repent and says, I will go to my Father and confess; so he puts the decision in action and arises and goes. The father saw him, and he ran to meet him, threw his arms around him and planted

a kiss upon his brow. Surely the son feels safe and forgiven while in the father's arms and thus this act is typical of our justification, but he does not stop at that, for he leads him to the house and tells the servants to kill the fatted calf (The Spirit will lead us into sanctification). He puts the ring on his hand which denotes eternal love, puts shoes on his feet, (shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace) and brings forth the best robe and puts on him. Sanctification by the Lord Jesus Christ.

St. John in the eleventh chapter, in speaking again of how we get saved uses a man that has physically died to illustrate this truth to us.

Jesus told the sisters that he was the resurrection and the life. He not only can resurrect people that are physically dead, but he also resurrects people that are dead in trespasses and sins. The resurrection of Lazarus is typical of the way He saves us. Lazarus had been dead for four days, and Martha said, "By this time he stinketh." This represents a man who has been dead in trespasses and sins for a long time until he becomes a stench in the nostrils of God. All things are possible with God, and Jesus called to him with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth." And he came forth bound hand and feet with grave clothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. He came forth, had life and could move about. This represents a justified person. Jesus speaks the second time and says, "Loose him and let him go." This represents sanctification, for it is a second work wrought upon the soul of man by the Holy Ghost. When a man is sanctified wholly, he is no longer bound, and the grave clothes of sin fall off, and the man is free to fully glorify God.

We might use the illustration of David and Goliath, the giant. Goliath represents Satan; David goes out against him; he first throws a stone, and it knocks him down which is a hard blow. David does not stop at this, for he takes the sword of the giant and cuts off his head, and the blood runs out, that was a second work, but it was a death blow to Satan. When we become justified by faith in the atoning blood we hit Satan a hard blow. When we become sanctified by faith, we cut his head off and are entirely freed from all of his pollutions.

Sanctification is a thorough, complete work, and our salvation is never complete until we are cleansed and filled with the Holy Ghost. It is a preserving element that preserves and keeps us free from sin and gives us power to witness for Jesus.

In the fifth chapter of Thessalonians, Paul exhorts us to, "Abstain from all appearance of evil:

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole Spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you who also will do it.' When we are sanctified wholly it includes our spirit, soul and body. If your whole spirit, soul and body is preserved blameless, for God is faithful to do it, I want to ask, How much of it would be left to sin?

Brethren and sisters, let us go on to perfection, for this is the will of God, even your sanctification.

—Fred Pruitt.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CHURCH OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

First we wish to say that there is a close relationship between the literal body of Christ and His spiritual body, the Church. Both are His Body, and they are the same in moral character, pure and holy. In fact, the Church is substantially a continuation of Christ on earth, both in spirit and in flesh. 1 Cor. 6:17. "He that is joined unto the Lord is one Spirit." Eph. 5:30 "For we are members of his body, and of his flesh, and of his bones." "For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery; but I speak concerning Christ and the Church, verses 31, 32. There is but one cause given in the New Testament whereby a man may legally put away his wife and that is fornication. Matt. 19:9. There is but one cause of separation between Christ and his bride (the church) that is sin. Paul here makes a very beautiful illustration by using man and his wife as a type of Christ and the church. As the wife by committing fornication legally separates herself from her husband; even so spiritual fornication (flirting with the world) separates us from Christ, our husband, for the marriage vow has been broken in both cases. And just as man puts away his wife for fornication (he puts her away from being his wife) just that sure will God put us away from being his wife. Read Exodus 32:33. "Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book." Will a good husband stand for his wife to flirt with other men? Even so God will not stand for or allow his bride to flirt with the world. Some may ask, "what does it mean to flirt with the world? This came by imperceptible degrees, by neglecting to read your Bible or to pray. Then you feel a longing or aching void, and instead of going to God and His Word, you begin to look to the world for

comfort. The world does not hold it in its coffers. You should look again to the cross. But nay, to the world you go, to the picture show, to all kinds of games to satisfy that aching void. The Word of God has lost its sweetness to you. The prayers and testimonies and songs that so inspired your heart at one time have lost their charm for you. It does not take much now to keep you away from the services. A political speaking is more to be desired now than the worship of God. This is a sad picture, and yet it is true. The sad part of all is that many people who are in this condition go right on professing to be saved and sanctified. Oh that God's prophets would cry aloud and spare not, but as of old "A wonderful and horrible thing is committed in the land. The prophets prophesy falsely, and my people love it to be so." Jer. 5:30-31. "For the husband is the head of the wife (her protector and provider) even as Christ is the head of the Church. And he is the Saviour of the Body" Eph. 5:23. It would not be hard for a Christian husband to love that Christian wife who is subject to him in the Christian walk together, to give his life for her life. I talk from experience. A man that would not lay down his literal life to save a loving wife, has not the love of Christ in him, for that is what he has done for us. To obey God and keep His commandments is the whole duty of man. Then we would not only lay down our literal life for a good wife, but "for each other". Let a Christian life tell the gospel story. Preach before the pulpit as you preach behind it, that is, put the life of Christ behind the sermon, and as ye would have men do unto you, do ye also unto them. —G. E. Harmon.

It Is On The Inside

"While walking down the street one day, I passed a store where a man was washing the large plate glass show window. There was one spot which defied all efforts to remove it. After rubbing hard at it, using much soap and water, and failing to remove it, he found out the trouble, 'It is on the inside.'

Many are striving to cleanse the soul from its stains. They wash it with the tears of sorrow, they scrub it with the soap of good resolve, they rub it with the chamois of morality, but still the consciousness of it is not removed. The trouble is, 'It is on the inside.' It is the heart that is bad. If the fountain is bitter, the stream will not be sweet.

Nothing but the blood of Jesus applied by the mighty hand of the Holy Spirit can cleanse the inside, for God's Spirit alone can reach the inside."

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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

Time is swiftly passing by, and soon it will be Christmas day again. A time when Christians think of the precious gift of God, the child Jesus, and their hearts become stirred to manifest love to others as God did to them and at the same time reminds them of this "Pearl of Great Price," the Saviour of the world. To make it convenient for those who wish to send gifts or give gifts for Christmas presents, we have listed a variety of good books, Bibles, Mottoes, Calendars, post cards and many other items which will be loved and appreciated by your friends, neighbors and loved ones. Send your order in early and avoid the extreme rush on the week before Christmas when the mail is congested and often tied up and delayed.

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Jesus says, "Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able." Luke 13:24. In the seventh chapter of Matt. he says, "Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life; and few there be that find it."

It is amazing to meet up with so many people who profess Christ but have never entered in at the strait gate; they seem not to know what it really means to be freed from sin or to be in Christ and Christ in them.

The word "strait" according to Webster means difficult or strict. The fact is, Christ is the gate that every one will have to go through to get to heaven. Those words of Jesus spoken last, "And few there be that find it", are weighty and carry a deep meaning which every professor ought to sincerely consider and flee from the professing throng and seek Christ until he enters in at the strait gate. If one fourth of the souls that professed Christ had entered in at the strait gate that would be more than a few, and Jesus would be guilty of speaking an untruth which could not be.

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Peter says, "And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?" 1 Peter 4:18. There is a scriptural difference between the ungodly and the sinner but yet they are both in sin and on the broad road which leads to destruction.

The ungodly man is the man who thinks well of himself and counsels folks to give no consideration to religion; he says, "Just live right, treat your neighbor right; not necessary to pray or read the Bible; do the best you can, and you will be all right in the end." He has not God in Him, therefore he is un-

godly even though he does nothing that the worldly minded would call bad. The sinner would be a man who rejects Christ and is openly transgressing his laws and stands firmly with Satan's strength against a pure, clean life in Christ. Then there is another fellow spoken of in the first Psalm and that is the "scornful" man. This fellow rejects God and makes light of the Holy Word, saying there is no God. He looks with scorn on those who separates themselves from the spirit of the world and lives the crucified life. He is an athiest and would do away with the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ.

David says in the first psalm, "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, (The ungodly walks in his ungodly ways) nor standeth in the way of sinners, (the sinner stands firmly in his wicked ways) nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful." The scornful is set in his ways; you cannot reason with him or show him the truth at all; he thinks he knows and will not receive instruction.

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In the last few verses of the first chapter of second Peter, we learn that the prophecy of the scriptures are of no private interpretation. What he means by private interpretation is without the Holy Spirit. Men who put interpretation on the Word, being not a possessor of the Spirit are never able to properly interpret them, and therefore deceive themselves and those that hear them. Peter goes on to say, "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." Those who gave the word spoke as the Holy Ghost moved upon them and only those who have the same Spirit dwelling in them can properly understand the scriptures.

For instance, we take the seventh chapter of Romans where Paul was telling how he felt when living in sin; many are putting private interpretation on these scriptures and making themselves and others believe that Paul was giving his experience as a Christian, and they go on professing and sinning because they believe such as that. In the eighth chapter of Romans, Paul tells the experience and condition of a saved man. Paul was a wretched man when in sin and was wondering who could deliver him from the body (power) of this death. (Dead State). When Paul was in sin he could not always do right, but even done the thing he hated. That sin that dwelled in him was the very thing that Christ died to remove from our soul so we could always do the thing that pleased God. When he was delivered by our Lord Jesus Christ he said, "There, is therefore, now (this

present moment) no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, (carnal mind) but after the Spirit." A saved man is absolutely free from condemnation and guilt and will continue to be so as long as he lives in Christ and Christ lives in him.

There is no such thing as a sinning Christian; neither can a man be a devil and a saint at the same time. There are only two powers or kingdoms in the world, spiritually speaking, and one is the power or kingdom of Satan, and the other is the power or Kingdom of God. Every man and woman is under the power and influence of one or the other of these two powers. Satan has the great throng that are on the broad way under his control and influence. and Jesus has the few that are in the narrow way under his power and influence. Satan, in order to confuse souls and keep them from finding the strait gate and traveling the narrow way, makes a great fuss about religion, has great crowded meetings, because he has so many under his influence, he has many and great preachers who preach many right things and entice and allure precious souls to "hit the saw dust trail." When he gets them with a profession, it is much easier to keep them from finding the narrow way. His subjects often have wonderful visions, dreams with great inspiration and zeal. He puffs up many of his subjects and makes them think that they understand the scriptures thoroughly. If he cannot keep them in a cold, dead formal congregation, he will have a congregation with an abundance of wild fire and set them there, anything, any place but the narrow way, the "strait gate." Oh, how wicked he is, how mean, how deceitful and most men seem to love to have it so. Perishing souls, oh, how sad the scene. Brothers and sisters, let each of us do all we can to get the real truth of the gospel to men that a few more might be saved before God's wrath is poured out.

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In this paper you will find a "Three Months" Offer blank with space for 25 names and addresses. We shall be very much pleased and feel blessed in soul if you will fill out this blank and return it to the "Lord's Print Shop" at Faith Publishing House. If you do neglect this and fail to respond, we shall be greatly disappointed, and God will be disappointed in you. He is depending on you to cooperate with Him and His servants to get this pure gospel to the many lost souls. We are our brother's keeper. Paul said he was debtor to the Jew and to the Gentile and to all men. When God saves a soul, they at once be-

come in debt to all people to do their best to get the glad news to them. Are you working for Jesus? If so, how much are you doing? Will you appear before the Saviour at the judgment empty handed? Remember, Jesus is pointing a "nail pierced" hand at you, and with the other he is pointing you to heaven. Can you resist His entreating, anxious look? He sees these souls that are lost, and he is expecting you to take advantage of opportunities He gives you to get the truth into homes and to all the souls you can. Brothers and sisters, we are intensely in earnest and just feel that this truth must get to more people. Will you enlist in the army of the Lord to help gather in the golden sheaves? The wheat is ripe to harvest, and the laborers are few. This work of gathering in souls is the most important business in the world and pays the largest dividends. One soul is of greater value than gaining all the world. Some are going to hear these words of the Saviour at the judgment, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of the Lord." You can be one of them if you keep willing and obedient.

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There are a number of subscriptions expiring with this issue and for your convenience we are inserting an "Expiration Slip" in each paper addressed to those delinquent. We desire that you will renew at once. If you do not have the quarter at present to send just let us know, and we will retain your name on our mailing list, and you can send the subscription price in any time during the year. We want you to have the paper as we know it will be beneficial to your spiritual growth and edification in the Christian race. If for any reason we have made a mistake or you have sent offerings and the paper should continue to you, just drop us a card telling us about it, and we will continue to send the Faith and Victory paper to you. We shall be more than pleased to send the paper to any and all who want it. Count yourself as one of the Faith and Victory Family and write us your heart's desire. (Editor).

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We are launching out with faith in God—buying much paper and printing thousands upon thousands of tracts and the workers in the Print Shop have been very busy and will be busy for a long time to come as the demand for tracts, papers and booklets increases. As the work increases, the expences increase, and much means is needed to keep every department of the work moving forward. We covet your prayers and cooperation.

PRAYER REQUEST

Sister Abe Penner of Orienta, Okla. desires the saints to fast and pray on Nov. 8 for the salvation of her husband.

OBITUARY

Mrs. E. L. Patton was born Jan. 15, 1875, and died in Anthony, Kansas, July, 1936. She leaves her husband, 2 daughters, 4 grand children one sister and a host of friends to mourn their loss.

Dear Sister Patton was a pure, kind and humble Saint of God, loved by all who knew her, always willing to do her part, in the home, in the congregation, or any place she was. When others showed her where she lacked on any line in her life she gladly moved forward—so teachable and humble, and she was a home-keeper, good wife and mother. Oh, how we miss her, and we are praying for God to fill the vacancy if possible.

I do so desire everyone concerned to seek the Lord and find him so we all can meet her.

She is singing with the angels there,
And beckoning us to come,
And join her in the sweet refrain,
Where farwells are not known.

Written by request, by the one who loved her.

Camp Meeting Reports

The Camp-meeting at New Castle, Ind. which was held from Sept 17 to 27, was truly blessed of God from the beginning to the end. Each service was a great uplift to those present; there was such a sweet spirit of brotherly love manifested among God's children. Quite a number were present from a distance, and truly God did pour out his spirit upon his ministers. Much good was accomplished in many ways. God's power was manifested in behalf of one aged brother who was thought to be on his death bed. He was under the care of a special nurse; his children, thinking he was nearing the end, had him to make his will. He called for prayer, and some of God's ministers went and prayed with him. God wondrously raised him up, and he was able to walk some distance to meeting. He is now in Kentucky visiting relatives. How great God's power is. When man's power is exhausted, the Lord surely is able to work miracles.

While this meeting was great, we are looking forward to an even greater meeting next summer, which will be held beginning the third Friday in August, to continue ten days. We are expecting this

to be one of the greatest gatherings of the saints, which has been in many years. We should begin to plan for the meeting now. Knowing the great responsibility of a meeting like this, the saints here are beginning now to prepare for it. So plan and come, enjoy this feast. Your brother in Christ.

—T. Z. Lawson, (Pastor)

The Lord gave us a good meeting 12 miles southwest of Watonga, Okla. at Amanwell school house. One was saved and one sanctified. The attendance was larger at times than the house would hold. The people seemed to be stirred about the truth. Bro. Ulysses Phillips was with us two nights, and the meeting closed with victory. We observed the ordinances of the Lord's supper and feet-washing.

—W. W. Crawley.

Mo. —Greetings to all saints: I am impressed to send my testimony. We have had a very rejoicing time in the service of the Lord this past summer.

Wife and I were in Fairview, Okla, during early spring, and held a meeting there. Some souls were saved, some definitely healed. The saints there were much encouraged. After our return home, we spent some days in north Mo. with the saints there, and had a good time in the Lord. The saints were suffering some opposition which was grievous, but the enemy was defeated and all worked out well. After returning home some time was spent in preparing for the camp meeting here, at Neosho, Mo. The meeting started July 17th and continued 10 days. We had the usual good meeting. Many souls were saved, some definitely healed; some little conflict was encountered, but the opposing forces were put to silence, so the meeting closed with victory. All the expenses of the meeting were met by free-will offerings.

After the closing of the Neosho Camp meeting wife and I with others motored to Newcastle, Ind. to attend the Camp meeting there which was glorious from the beginning to the close. We met a goodly number of old time saints. Our hearts rejoiced to meet the brethren in the East. Sweet fellowship existed among the saints there. The Lord is using Bro. Lawson at Newcastle in gathering the saints out of confusion and discouragements. So again the saints of former years are being gathered which have been scattered by false shepherds and false prophets. We are seeing the forth coming and the settling down of the people of God as never before. All we need to do is to live in the fear of God, endeavoring

to keep the unity of the Spirit until we all come into the unity of the faith, which means to have the same convictions concerning the doctrines of the Word of the Lord. Brethren, what we need at this time is patience toward those who are emerging out of darkness into the light of the truth. But have no fellowship with the unfruitful workers of darkness, but rather reprove them. There is a great difference between those seeking light and those who are rejecting it. There are many who have here-to-fore been highly esteemed among us that are leaving the old path of truth and are leaning to the world of fashion and pride. There are also those who have left the old path of truth, but now are rendering judgment without mercy. So we feel it is good to herein warn the brethren everywhere to beware of the two extreme spirits, one of harshness, and the other of looseness. Turn neither to the right hand nor to the left. Prov. 4:25-27.

May the God of all grace ever comfort your hearts and help us all to keep our eyes on Jesus is our prayer. Yours for a clean work. —Bro. Strech.

Tulsa, Okla. —Greeting to the dear saints: Today finds us saved and encouraged to go all the way with the dear Lord. Truly my heart is glad to think of the blessings the Lord bestows on us each day.

Dear saints, let us pray for Bro. Will Barton's widow, as she has many trials each day. Two of the children have married since Bro. Will's death, which still leaves six children at home and four have to go to school; One is too small, and it leaves only one girl of 16 to work out. Sister Barton had her cow turned loose, and she ate sudan grass which killed her. This leaves the children without milk which was the biggest part of their living. God being our helper, we are glad to divide our milk with her, but we only have one cow, so pray God to increase the milk for a widow's children. God knows our hearts. We feel it is to the glory of God to ask you saints to remember this dear sister in your prayers for she needs them to help her not to faint under her load of care.

Also pray that God will heal my husband, for he fell nearly 3 years ago and broke a vertebra in his back; he preaches all he can but this injured spine causes him to be very nervous. He was in meetings all summer, and expects to put in the rest of his life in the gospel work. Pray for me that I be all that a minister's wife should be. Pray for my grown daughter and 8 year old son that he grows up for the Lord. Yours for the gospel,

—Hettie J. Barton, R. 8, Box 680.

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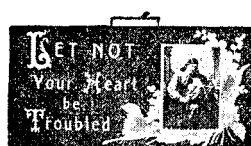
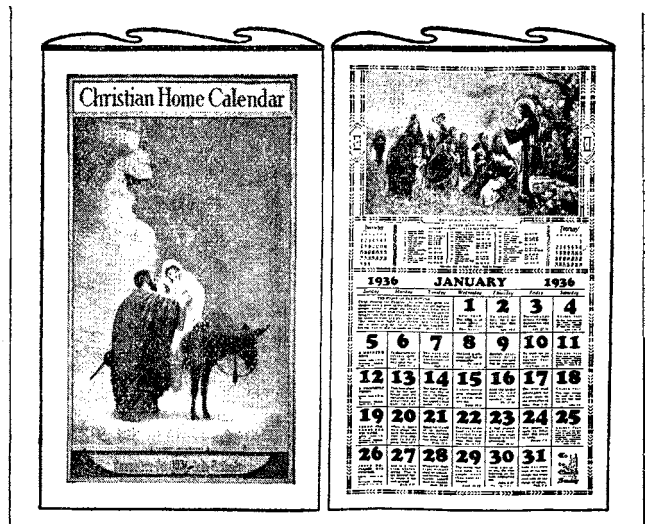
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EDITORIAL NOTES

In these days just prior to the presidential election, on every hand we hear comments on candidates, parties, policies and principles. Men of the world spend thousands of dollars, make numerous speeches and devise many plans to secure votes in order to place in office the candidate of their particular party. The combined forces of man's wisdom (which is foolishness with God) are endeavoring to institute programs with the object in view of restoring prosperity and social security, Yet these mere experiments of man will never stop or change the inevitable punishment which men have brought upon themselves.

Men of this modern age have yet to learn the truth which the ancient king, Nebuchadnezzar, finally understood after the God of heaven and earth had chastised him for seven years. This experience was given to the king "to the intent that the living (and especially the people of God) may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth over it the basest of men." Dan. 4:17. At the end of the seven

years the king lifted up his eyes to heaven and said: "And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing, and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth, and *none* can stay His hand, or say unto him, What doest thou? Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the king of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride He is able to abase." Dan. 4:35-37.

The apostle Paul further warns us that those who warreth should not entangle themselves with the affairs of this life. The Lord has separated his people from the world, and they are no more citizens of the world, but their citizenship is in heaven far above this world's politics and religious confusion.

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Just a brief review of conditions the world over convinces us of the fulfillment of the prophetic Word which points unmistakably to the supreme crisis—the end of all things, when Christ will return from His meditorial throne and sit to judge the world. To those on the left hand He will say, "Depart," and to those on His right hand He will say, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Paul says, "But the *end* of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober and watch unto prayer." 1 Pet. 4:7.

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"But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another." John 1:7. Walking in the light of God brings fellowship among God's people. Walking in the light implies that the light keeps increasing. It is not necessary that every one have the same amount of light in order to have fellowship. Fellowship exists as long as each one continues to walk in and embrace increasing light. Just as long as we have fellowship with God, we have fellowship with His people wherever they are.

Light and darkness cannot dwell together, but there is a close affinity between two lights, because they are alike in nature. Paul says, "For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light." Eph. 5:8.

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Faith Is The Victory

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Dear young people, I want to write a message for you. Faith is the substance of things hoped for. When we give our hearts to Jesus, we must be faithful, for He is faithful to what He has promised, and without faith it is impossible to please God. As we look for a new heaven and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness, with faith we must go on praising Him who is able to perform that which He has promised.

I am so thankful that I found my Saviour in the days of my youth, for when we are young and remember our Creator as Eccl. 12:1 says when the evil days come, we can say we have no pleasure in them. In this day and age the evil is sufficient thereof, and also the grace is sufficient. If we are faithful to read his Word and watch and pray, He will give us more than we can think or ask. "And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words. For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ. As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught abounding therein with thanksgiving." Col. 2:4-8. So I pray you dear young people, go on in faith believing that we may obtain the crown laid up for us. "But the Lord is faithful who shall stablish and keep you from evil. 2 Thess. 3:3.

May the grace and peace of God be with you all is the prayer of your sister, —Lucy A. Jones.

TESTIMONIES

Mo. —Dear Sister Pruitt, Greetings of love in Jesus' Name, God ever bless you and keep you walking in the pathway of the just. Today finds me happy in Jesus pressing my way to the city where the Lamb is the light and no darkness ever enters, praise the Lord for salvation full and free at the cross.

The devil sure is mean. He is always trying to cause trouble. May God help us to be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. I do desire to live just like God tells us to in His Word. I do not

want to turn either to the right or to the left, but to keep in the middle of the Path.

The saints here are well. I am glad the saints are all saved.

God bless and supply your every need. Pray for us and write when you can. I love to hear from you, Your blood-washed Sister,

—Susie Whipple.

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Vicksburg, Mich. —Dear Brother Pruitt and Family: Greeting once more in Jesus name. This morning finds me saved and trusting in our dear Lord, who is able to save us from our sins, also to heal our bodies, praise our God! I am so thankful for what the good Lord has done for us in giving us health and the right use of our minds, that we can serve Him in spirit and in truth. If we have a desire to serve Him we surely have the privilege. Praise the Lord who has given us that desire to want to please Him who doeth all things well. I have been afflicted so badly that I could hardly walk, but the good Lord has helped me so much, so I can be about the duties of life. Your sister in Christ,

—Mrs. Eulala Sherman.

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Perkasie, Pa. —Dear Sirs: My little son found your tract, "48 Hours in Hell" on the street last week. I see at the bottom of it: Send for sample of 50 different tracts. Will you please send me these samples and prices of same. Thanking you I am,

—Mrs. Frank Moyer, 325 E. Walnut St.

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Mo —To the dear saints who are traveling to the glory land. Please take thought that our dear Saviour said, "For he that is not against us is on our part." Mark 9:40. Please do not rebuke others because they go by another name as they may not have light and knowledge as you do.

Some people testify that it is so hard to serve the Lord and because of this some dread to start as people dread a hard job. They do not want to start and then go back. I have my rebukes and chastisements all the while, but that only makes me rejoice to know the dear Lord is watching over me. He says in His Word that He chasteneth those whom He loves. I am glad I have that evidence. The road is narrow, but it is wide enough for me. If I wanted to sin I would get clear out of God's High-way and not be a stumbling block in the way of sinners.

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Feed, my soul, upon the more abundant life;
Be strong to conquer 'mid raging strife:
Help other struggling souls to win today,
For thou shalt never pass again this way.

Feed, thou today upon the holy Book;
Be strong to make thy path without a crook;

Lend thou, a hand to others lest they stray;
For thou shalt never pass again this way.


O soul of mine, be ever wide awake;
Do all within thy power, for Jesus' sake,
To feed some hungry, fainting soul today,
For thou shalt never pass again this way.

Haigler, Nebr. —Dear ones at the office: Praise the Lord we are still alive and have health and are able to work for the Lord. The Lord is so good and merciful to all who really love Him and love to do His will. I thank Him for peace, contentment and joy I have this morning. All worldliness has no attraction for me, but I love the Word and to sing God's precious songs. My prayer is that other souls will see the better way. My heart is sorry for the many who know not the Lord. I enjoy giving your tracts, and love to read them myself. I only pray that everyone I give will do good for the glory of God. I love the Lord, and I want to be just what He wants me to be. I am sending some names for you to send the paper to. I feel that the Lord wants me to do this, and I pray that God will help those that read it. I love to read these papers for I receive so much good food to my soul. May God bless you all in your wonderful work for Him. I remain as one to do Gods will. —Mrs. Ella Tucker.

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West Virginia —Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus: We found a part of your Faith and Victory paper and would love to get them to read as we appreciate hearing from God's children everywhere. It did my heart good to read the testimonies in that little paper. I thought we would write for information and see if we could not get the Faith and Victory paper regularly. Your brother in Christ Jesus, —S. R. Wilburn.

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THE TEACHER'S CHALLENGE

As we approach a Sunday School class of young people or even the intermediate class to teach them the lesson, we often ask ourselves the question, are we able after all, to perform the duties placed upon us by the Lord. We are sure that the Lord will be our strength but the responsibility is so great. When we realize

that each one has a soul that must spend long eternity somewhere and the Word of God informs us that it would be of no profit if one gained the whole world then lose his soul, thus putting more value on one soul than all the world. It is only as God allows this reality to lower into our hearts that we can begin to realize the responsibility resting upon us as a teacher. The teacher has the privilege of gaining a place next to that of a parent in the confidence of a child. If we have a child's confidence his heart and mind becomes as a blank page to us, ready to receive the principles we have to offer. Knowing that these impressions guide their lives and determine their destinies throughout eternity, ye are made to cry out, "O Lord, fill our mouths with words of life; help us to be living examples before them." Many times while we were in the school room dealing with these young souls, moulding their lives for the future, as we felt our weakness in comparison to our responsibility, tears were made to flow. The heart of the child is not only open to good things, but how natural do the evils spring forth crushing out the good that has been sown.

In the light of these truths with responsibility resting upon us, can we as teachers afford to be careless and indifferent? Can we allow the cares of this life to so absorb all our time that we only have a few minutes late Saturday night or Sunday morning to prepare for class. Is it consistent that the Lord would lay the burden to teach a class upon us and then not allow us but a few moments of time for preparation? I believe we can all improve in the service of our Lord that the blood of no one will be required at our hands. The responsibility that rests upon a S. S. teacher is of no little importance. With each opportunity and responsibility comes the necessary grace and strength, therefore, we are able to press right on in the service of our Lord.

There is a great need for more consecrated workers, those who are willing to deny themselves, take up their cross and follow Him. We are glad to see some young people launching out in the work, but still we feel that many who have been called are drawing back and are not filling the place to which they have been called.

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Sunday, Nov. 1, 1936.

SUBJECT—LAW, LOVE AND TEMPERANCE

DAILY READINGS AND MEDITATIONS

- Oct. 26—Respecting Law. Romans 13:1-14.
- Oct. 27—Controlling Appetite. Daniel 1:8-13.
- Oct. 28—Training For Efficiency. 1 Cor. 9:24-27.
- Oct. 29—Maintaining Good Morals. Gal. 5:13-26.
- Oct. 30—Seeking The General Welfare. I Peter 3:8-12.
- Oct. 31—Warning Against Danger. Isaiah 28:1-3.
- Nov. 1—Causing No One to Stumble. Rom. 14:13-21.

Printed PortionRomans 13:1-14.

Romans 13-1. Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

2 Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive

to themselves damnation.

3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same:

4 For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.

5 Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.

6 For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing.

7 Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear, honour to whom honour.

8 Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.

9 For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet: and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbor: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

11 And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.

12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof.

Memory Verse: It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor anything whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak.

POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

1 Our Social and Civil Duties.

A What is the Law? The purpose of it?

B A knowledge of the law.

C A Careful Obedience of the Law:

2 Our Duty One to Another

A Owe No Man Anything.

B Promptness in Meeting Obligations.

3 Our Duty to God

A Awake Out of Sleep.

B Cast Off the Works of Darkness.

C Put on the Lord Jesus.

D Walk Becomingly.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

The first portion of our lesson for today deals with law. A law is a rule of conduct governing a certain thing or people.

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. As the earth was without form and void having no fixed order or rule of conduct, God immediately estab-

lished a routine governing each part and with minute exactness the sun, moon and stars continue in their orbits to this day. We stand in amazement as we behold how accurately the laws of God cause things to operate. How the earth is hung upon nothing and each planet continue their course undisturbed as the centuries pass by. Our faith is increased and our adoration to God mounts higher as we realize more and more what a mighty God we serve.

The same God that established these physical laws governing the universe also established civil and spiritual laws to rule the manner of conduct of the man which He created. Thus we see that government is of divine origin, although many governments do not measure to purpose and plan that God intended yet the principle remains good and right. The Word of God admonishes us to be in subjection to the higher powers therefore, it is very wrong and sinful to resist this authority ordained of God. While politics are very corrupt and the child of God cannot partake and enter into their evil deeds, yet we can be law abiding citizens thanking God that we are permitted to live in a land where we can worship Him according to the dictate of our own conscience.

As God by His power was able to speak the word, and forces that control the universe were set going, so also by His power He can speak the word and the binding shackles of Satan must fall and the soul that was dead in trespasses and sin can arise from the dead to walk in newness of life.

In conclusion we note that government and order are from God, that we should be in subjection to laws of the land as far as they do not contradict the law of God, that we should have love and care one for another and also love and honor God.

Sunday, Nov. 8, 1936.

THE CHRISTIAN WARFARE

DAILY READINGS AND MEDITATIONS

Nov. 2—A Ministry Engaged in Warfare. Acts 19:8-12.

Nov. 3—A Decisive Victory. Acts 19:13-20.

Nov. 4—A Good Armor Ephesians 6:10-20.

Nov. 5—A New Attitude Eph. 5:5-16.

Nov. 6—A Brave Ministry 2 Cor. 6:4-10.

Nov. 7—A Bitter Enemy 1 Pet. 5:6-10.

Nov. 8—A Great Deliverance 2 Cor. 1:3-11.

Printed PortionActs 19:8-12, 18-20; Eph. 6:13-20.

Acts 19:8 And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God.

9 But when divers were hardened, and believed not, but spake evil of that way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus.

10 And this continued by the space of two years; so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.

11 And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul:

12 So that from his body were brought unto the sick

handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.

18 And many that believed came, and confessed, and shewed their deeds.

19 Many also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver.

20 So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.

Eph. 6:13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching therunto with all perservance and supplication for all saints;

19 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,

20 For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

Memory Verse: Be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might. Eph. 6:10.

POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

1 Conflict With Evil.

A The Necessary strength.

B Overcome Evil With Good.

2 The Christians' armor.

A Be Ourselves—Self Control.

B Always Prepared.

3 Victory

A Battle Before Victory

B A Hard Battle—A Great Victory.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

The time of Paul's third missionary tour was about 54 A. D. Leaving Antioch he passed through Galatia and Phrygia strengthening the disciples and establishing them more firmly in the doctrine, teaching them concerning the Holy Spirit and baptism. We find that as soon as the disciples were instructed in the way, they were eager to receive Christ in His fulness. When Paul laid his hand upon them they received the Holy Spirit and were also baptized in the name of the Lord. Those today who are eager to be all the Lord would have them be should not hesitate, but should press right on to be baptized and receive the Holy Spirit.

We find Paul next at Ephesus, the capitol of the Roman province where pagan worship was foremost. The famous temple of Diana was located there. The belief in magical arts was very strong there also.

As usual, Paul begins his work at the synagogue where he received much opposition because of their un-

belief and evil workings. Paul withdrew and continued his ministry at the school of Tyrannus.

Note the experience of the vagabond Jews in their attempt to cast out evil spirits. We notice that as the Word of God went forth convicting power followed, and the result was that many confessed and burned their magic books. Bro. Paul did not exalt himself but the word of God grew mightily and prevailed.

In proclaiming the entire Word of God oppositions will come, but there are still honest souls that will confess and come weeping to the altar for forgiveness.

Sunday, Nov. 15, 1936.

THE HEROISM OF CHRISTIAN FAITH DAILY READINGS AND MEDITATIONS

Nov. 9—Duty Calls. Acts 21:10-15.

Nov. 10—The Need of Courage. Acts 21:27-34.

Nov. 11—Giving Self For Others. Romans 9:1-5.

Nov. 12—The Strength of Conviction. Acts 20:22-27.

Nov. 13—Loyalty to Christ. Matt. 10:34-39.

Nov. 14—Following Christ. John 15:18-25.

Nov. 15—Victory Through Christ. 2 Cor. 4:7-15.

Printed Portion Acts 21:12, 13, 27-34; Romans 9:1-5.

Acts 21:12 And when we heard these things, both we, and they of that place, besought him not to go up to Jerusalem.

13 Then Paul answered, What mean ye to weep and and break mine heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.

27 And when the seven days were almost ended, the Jews which were of Asia, when they saw him in the temple, stirred up all the people, and laid hands on him,

28 Crying out, Men of Israel, help: This is the man, that teacheth all men every where against the people, and the law, and this place; and further brought Greeks also into the temple, and hath polluted this holy place.

29 (For they had seen before with him in the city of Trophimus an Ephesian, whom they supposed that Paul had brought into the temple.)

30 And all the city was moved, and the people ran together: and they took Paul, and drew him out of the temple: and forthwith the doors were shut.

31 And as they went about to kill him, tidings came unto the chief captain of the band, that all Jerusalem was in an uproar.

32 Who immediately took soldiers and centurions, and ran down unto them: and when they saw the chief captain and the soldiers, they left beating of Paul.

33 Then the chief captain came near, and took him, and commanded him to be bound with two chains; and demanded who he was, and what he had done.

34 And some cried one thing, some another, among the multitude: and when he could not know the certainty for the tumult, he commanded him to be carried into the castle.

Romans 9:1 I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost,

2 That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart.

3 For I could wish that myself were accursed from

Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh:

4 Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises;

5 Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

Memory Verse: Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13.

POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

- 1 Knowing the will of God concerning us.
 - A Obedience "Even tho it be a cross"
 - B Agabus foretelling Paul's ordeal.
 - C The will of the Lord be done
- 2 The Arrest
 - A Falsely Accused. Distorted facts.
 - B The City in an Uproar—Paul was calm.
- 3 Surrender
 - A Love in action (Lay down his life for his friends)
 - B He that looses his life shall find it.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS

It would take a volume of books to contain the messages and truth embedded in this lesson for today so at the most only a few of important examples can be touched upon. In the first place if we have only a few moments for the preparation of our lesson it had better be spent in prayer than in glancing over the lesson.

The twentieth chapter of Acts gives a beautiful setting for today's lesson. Notice his testimony in the 25-26 and 27 verses and the exhortation to duty and the timely warnings immediately following.

Truly our hearts are touched as we continue the latter part of the chapter. The children of God do love one another. How sweet is the fellowship of those who are partakers of the divine love. Many times we fail to appreciate one another before the time of departure draws near. Let us hand our bouquets and strew our flowers while our loved ones are on this side of eternity. If we are not careful our bluntest words and indifferent actions will be to those who are nearest and dearest to us. May the Lord help us that today's lesson should not be only a matter of facts unto us but that these principals of truth, of steadfastness, of suffering, of self-denial and of mutual love will apply to our everyday life, that we may better love and appreciate one another and thus be of more service to Him who died for us.

Sunday, Nov. 22, 1936.

AN AMBASSADOR IN CHAINS

DAILY READINGS AND MEDITATIONS

- Nov. 16—Paul's Ministry in Rome. Acts 28:16-24.
 Nov. 17—Reconciled Through Christ. Romans 5:6-11.
 Nov. 18—Alive Unto God. Romans 6:12-14.
 Nov. 19—Sufficiency in Christ. Phil. 4:12-19.
 Nov. 20—"More than Conquerors." Romans 8:32-37.
 Nov. 21—The Christians Possessions. 1 Cor. 3:18-23.
 Nov. 22—The Day of Triumph. Isaiah 2:2-4.

Printed PortionActs 28:16-24, 30, 31; Rom. 5:6-11.

Acts 28:16 And when we came to Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard: but Paul was suffered to dwell by himself with a soldier that kept him.

17 And it came to pass, that after three days Paul called the chief of the Jews together: and when they were come together, he said unto them, Men and brethren, though I have committed nothing against the people, or customs of our fathers, yet was I delivered prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans.

18 Who, when they had examined me, would have let me go, because there was no cause of death in me.

19 But when the Jews spake against it, I was constrained to appeal unto Caesar; not that I had ought to accuse my nation of.

20 For this cause therefore have I called you, to see you, and to speak with you: because that for the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain.

21 And they said unto him, We neither received letters out of Judaea concerning thee, neither any of the brethren that came shewed or spake any harm of thee.

22 But we desire to hear of thee what thou thinkest: for as concerning this sect, we know that every where it is spoken against.

23 And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening.

24 And some believed the things which were spoken, and some believed not.

30 And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him,

31 Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.

Romans 5:6 For when we were without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.

8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

11 And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

Memory Verse: I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. Phil. 4:13.

POINTS FOR EMPHASIS

- 1 Paul's Journey to Rome.
 - A He had long Desired to see Rome.
 - B Shipwreck—Delay at Melita.
- 2 Paul's Arrival at Rome,
 - A Delivered—but not discouraged.
 - B Chained but not silenced.

3 Opportunity presented.**A In Bonds yet proclaiming freedom.****B Regardless of circumstances we can all do something.****COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS**

In our lesson for today we find Bro. Paul still fighting the good fight of faith. He had been desirous of going to Rome for a long time, but probably had never thought it would come about in that way.

His message to the Jews was that Christ was the Messiah of whom the prophets had spoken in the holy scriptures. Although he was a prisoner yet he ceased not to preach the kingdom of God and teach those things that concern the Lord Jesus.

We as ambassadors of Christ are too prone to give up, too ready to allow our environments to hinder us in rendering service as the Lord would have us to. As the child that has been sent on an errand is easily led aside by a butterfly so also we that are making our pilgrimage in the fear of God may be allured away by the temporal things such as making a living or getting an education. Let us keep our eyes heavenward and our affections set on things above that we may have treasures in heaven.

For two years Paul was chained constantly to a guard and was not permitted to go from house to house nor to the synagogue but to those with whom he came in contact he was always ready to encourage and edify.

Sunday, Nov. 29, 1936.

CHRISTIAN BROTHERHOOD**DAILY READINGS AND MEDITATIONS**

- Nov. 23—Paul to Philemon Philemon 1:7.
 Nov. 24—Paul For Onesimus Philemon 8:20.
 Nov. 25—The Centurion's Appeal. Matt. 8:5-10.
 Nov. 26—Duties of Masters and Servants. Eph. 6:5-9.
 Nov. 27—Christian Freedom John 8:31-36.
 Nov. 28—Christian Democracy. Gal. 3:23-29.
 Nov. 29—Brotherly Love. 1 John 4:7-13.

Printed Portion **Philemon 4-20.**

Philemon 4 I thank my God, making mention of thee always in my prayers,

5 Hearing of thy love and faith, which thou hast toward the Lord Jesus, and toward all saints;

6 That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

7 For we have great joy and consolation in thy love, because the bowels of the saints are refreshed by thee, brother.

8 Wherefore, though I might be much bold in Christ to enjoin thee that which is convenient,

9 Yet for love's sake I rather beseech thee, being such an one as Paul the aged, and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ.

10 I beseech thee for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten in my bonds:

11 Which in time past was to thee unprofitable, but now profitable to thee and to me:

12 Whom I would have sent again: thou therefore

receive him, that is, mine own bowels:

13 Whom I would have retained with me, that in thy stead he might have ministered unto me in the bonds of the gospel:

14 But without thy mind would I do nothing; that thy benefit should not be as it were of necessity, but willingly.

15 For perhaps he therefore departed for a season, that thou shouldest receive him for ever;

16 Not now as a servant, but above a servant, a brother beloved, specially to me, but how much more unto thee, both in the flesh, and in the Lord?

17 If thou count me therefore a partner, receive him as myself.

18 If he hath wronged thee, or oweth thee ought, put that on mine account;

19 I Paul have written it with mine own hand, I will repay it: albeit I do not say to thee how thou owest unto me even thine own self besides.

20 Yea, brother, let me have joy of thee in the Lord: refresh my bowels in the Lord.

Memory Verse: There is neither bond nor freefor ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

POINTS FOR EMPHASIS**1 Mutual Love****A Faith and Confidence one Toward another.****B Petition—Beseeching****2 Transforming Power****A A lost, wayward servant.****B A Saved Man Walking in the Light.****3 We think of Onesimus not only pardoned from sin but given liberty and sent out to work for the Lord.****A Whomsoever the son sets free is free indeed.****COMMENTS AND APPLICATIONS**

We have in this lesson a very vivid example of how salvation will transform a sinful life into a new life that will bear fruit to the glory of God. Onesimus, who was Philemon's servant, had done his master some injury. We are not told the nature of the injury, only that he ran away.

As the place of worship in that city was at Philemon's house, no doubt Onesimus had seen the apostle Paul there, so in the wanderings of the servant he made contact with the apostle and became converted.

It is always the case that when one is genuinely saved that he is desirous of making his wrongs right. While Satan makes restitution appear difficult or even impossible, yet the Lord will work things out as He did in this case by having Bro. Paul petition Philemon for mercy in the behalf of his servant.

Our lesson today is this recommendation from Paul to one of his sons in the gospel.

Are we willing to place our confidence in new converts as Paul did. Notice to what extent Paul was willing to be responsible for the wrongs which Philemon might have received.

There must be a burden to see the lost get saved and here must always remain an attitude to do all we can one for another.