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Busy, O So Busy!

Some people are so busy,
And in such a hurry too,
No time for holy worship
They have so much to do.

No time to read the Bible,
No time to sing and pray;
From morning until evening
They're busy all the day.

The cares of life surrounds them
With all its toil and grind;
For spiritual recreation
They never find the time.

One thing they have forgotten,
Important most of all,
That they with Him must reckon
Who made this earthly ball.

And so they just keep busy
In the muck and mire;
Nor will they stop to listen
To the voice that calls them higher.

Some day their pace will slacken,
Their health begin to fail;
Their steps become more feeble,
Their bodies be more frail.

Yes, death shall seize upon them
Despite their plaintive cry;
Although they've been so busy,
They will have time to die.

Salvation's plan neglected,
No time to serve the Lord;
But on to death and judgment,
To reap their sad reward.

Ulysses Phillips

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The Two Covenants

Jer. 31:31.

The covenants referred to in this text are called the FIRST and SECOND in Heb. 8:7, and called the Old and New in Heb. 8:13.

The first covenant was written on two tables of stone by the finger of God and given to Moses at Mt. Sinai. It contained the "Ten Commandments" and no more (See Deut. 5:1-22). This Stone Table Covenant was placed in a little chest called the "Ark of the Covenant" (Deut. 10:1-5). This little ark with the two tables of the covenant was kept in the Most Holy place in the tabernacle of the congregation. When King Solomon built the temple at Jerusalem he had this little ark with the two tables of stone placed in the Most Holy place in the temple. These Stone Tables had no penalties written on them; just the Ten Commandments and no more. But Moses wrote a book called "The Book of the Law," in which he wrote the Ten Commandments just as they were on the tables of stone, with the penalties for breaking them added thereto. He also wrote in the book of the law many other sundry laws and ordinances with their penalties given. He wrote laws concerning sacrifices, tithing, sabbath days, sabbath weeks, sabbath years, holy feast days and laws concerning the priesthood, tabernacle worship, and such like. But all these circled around the Ten Commandments, Stone Table Covenant.

This Stone Table Covenant was what we might call the constitution, or the foundation principles of the whole law system, and it was given to the circumcised seed of Jacob, which was called Israel, meaning an overcomer, and to no other nation. It was the best code of laws in the whole world at that time, both for state government and religion. These Israelites had the best law of any nation. (Many nations and states today copy after these laws in a great measure.) But with all the good qualities they possessed, they were faulty in many ways. They made nothing perfect. They were weak, too weak to save a soul from sin. They were strong in judgment, but weak in grace and mercy; strong to punish, but too

"Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares."

weak to save. Even Solomon the king, a great preacher, the wisest man on earth in his day who wrote the beautiful books of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon, declared in his sermons (Eccl. 7:20) and in his prayer (1 Kings 8:46) and many other places that there was not a just man on earth who did not sin.

It would have been a sad thing for this sin-lost, sin-sick, and weary world if there had never been anything better brought to it than the old Stone Covenant with its vengeance and death penalties and no power to save from sin, but our dear Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ has come and made a new covenant with his people, a better covenant, established upon better promises and dedicated with His Holy Blood, and a better sacrifice than ever had been offered on any Jewish Altar.

Yes, He came to save his people from their sins, wash them in his own precious blood, purify their hearts, sanctify their souls and fill their hearts with his sweet heavenly love, enabling them to love him with all their hearts and love their neighbors as themselves and love their enemies also. All this great work of salvation which is wrought in the hearts of God's people through faith in Jesus Christ could not be obtained through the keeping of the law given by Moses. It was only a shadow of good things to come, a schoolmaster to lead people to the great Teacher Christ that they might be saved and have grace given them to live a much higher life than it was possible for them to live under the old Stone Table, Ten Commandment Law. Oh! I am so thankful for the new covenant; it is so much better than the old, and the benefits of this new covenant is for all nations, peoples and tongues, while the benefits of the old Covenant was for the Jews only. But under the new covenant, which is the gospel covenant, any person, any place on this earth, who will believe the gospel message and repent of and confess, and turn away from their sins and be baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Ghost, can be born into the church of the living God by a spiritual birth, made heirs of God and joint heirs with the Lord Jesus Christ, can know God and have his holy and righteous laws written in their hearts by the Holy Ghost.

Since the writer of this article is a Gentile by nature, and never was proselyted into the Jewish Faith by circumcision or any other process, he has no desire whatever to turn away from the Lord Jesus Christ and His glorious gospel, which is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that will believe it and obey it (both Jew and Gentile) and have his heart veiled and darkened by some old decayed and obsolete system of religion that never could save a soul from the power of sin. Why live in the shadow when we may enjoy the real substance? I am satisfied with Jesus, who is the head over all things to his church, which is his body the bride, bone of his bone and flesh of his flesh, which he has sanctified and cleansed and made holy without spot or wrinkle or any such thing.

I have been a minister in this glorious church of God for almost sixty years, have lived in Pomona thirty-eight years, am now in my 88th year. Wife and I have been married over 64 years. We live at 705 E. 11th St., Pomona, Calif. We worship at the Church of God chapel, 750 S. Eleanor St. We have good Holy Ghost ministers of the New Testament that preach the word of God to us. Come and hear the Word of God.
Elder J. W. Youngblood

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Experiences of Wesley Trimble

(The first part of "Experiences of Wesley Trimble" was printed in the February issue of "Faith and Victory." In it he told of a life of hard bondage to the enemy of his soul and being bound by bad habits until the Lord set him free and brought great joy to his soul. His last statement was, "I still did not realize just what had taken place within me as the blessed Lord had reasons to keep me in ignorance of it.")

That was truly a happy week, but the Lord would not let me question why I was so happy. The following Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Meyer came by at night to take us to services again. After the message the preacher gave an altar call and I got right up and went down to the altar to get saved. Now here is where the reason comes in for our blessed Lord keeping me unaware of my true state. When I went to the altar my wife followed right after me. Glory be to God! How good and wonderfully wise He is!

My wife prayed through in a few minutes and got up victorious, but my prayers hit a brassy sky, not going an inch higher than my own head. I prayed and wept and labored for nearly half an hour but to no avail. I told the preacher God would not accept my prayers. He held his Bible down to me and pointed to a verse and said, "Do you believe that?" I said, "That is the funny part of it; I believe every word of the whole Book." He told me I was saved. We all got up and shook hands and went home. When we got home I got into my night clothes and kneeled at the bedside and said, "Lord, why won't you accept my earnest prayers? I want to be your obedient son in all things. I had my face buried in the bed covers with my arms upon the bed and out of "nowhere" there came a hand gripping a wooden croquet mallet with a short handle. It came down in an arc several times, perhaps six or seven, and hit me just where the good Lord directed. Then He put the proper words of explanation into my mind and I knew exactly what He meant. What a glorious experience to know that our own great God in heaven was teaching even me. I promised God I would start right then to clean up this that He so mercifully had pointed out; and "boom!" up went my prayers straight through to His glorious throne, and they have been going there ever since. He has answered some of them truly in the way of miracles.

A few weeks later wife and I were baptized in and joined Bro. and Sister Meyer's church, not realizing we were already born into God's own glorious church, and needed no human motivated substitute.

During my first few weeks with the Lord I prayed earnestly that He would help me keep my first love, and, praise His dear name, He has done that and much more. He had things in store for me that I never dreamed of. I had such a hunger for freedom and more of God in my soul that I would go some where every night if possible.

It did not make any difference what denomination, just so I could hear His Word preached. I kept it up for a year or more, then one day the Lord led me over to work for Bro. I. D. Stover here in Pomona. Sister Stover gave me a schedule of their meetings. I started worshipping there Tuesday and Thursday nights and once each month on Sunday at 2:30. I felt from the first I had found the true place to worship but told my blessed Leader I would not change till He led. Glory be to our great God! what a true pleasure it is in our hearts just to let Him have His way supreme and do all the leading, then we shall never have to go back and do anything over.

A few weeks before the Oregon camp meeting started Bro. and Sister Stover felt led to ask me to attend up there. I said I would pray about it. Praise the Lord, from the very first prayer I offered He said "Go," out when I told my wife she said we could not possibly go. I knew we could because my blessed heavenly Father had given me permission and that is all any of His dear children need. Then we can step out boldly and claim any of his wonderful promises. Bless His name! In due time I started getting the top on the truck and praying for the Lord to bring my wife and little girl along. (At that time my wife had a pitably weak experience.) Praise God! the first day I started to get ready He changed her mind for her and brought her and our little Virginia along.

That was our first campmeeting. Truly we sat in heavenly places all during the session. Untold good was done, souls saved, souls sanctified, and mountains removed and cast into the seas. During the second week, after an early morning prayer meeting I was out in a covered van praying when suddenly the Holy Spirit took charge of my prayer and all I did was just kneel there and listen to Him, as He used my tongue, throat and voice. O, that wonderful prayer He gave! Even my voice sounded strange to me—and I thank God right here He used the English language. After about an hour of this heavenly bliss, I started praying for God to lead my sister at Lawton out of her church, then my sister at Verden, then my sister-in-law at Okla. City. Suddenly, the Lord said, "Where are you, and what are you doing there?" Glory be to our great God forever! I saw it right there. There I was praying for God to take them out when I was in as big a cage as any one of them.

They will probably all read this as I have mailed "Faith and Victory" to all of them, and I am trusting God implicitly that none of them will take offense. I am just writing as the blessed Spirit directs. This church I worship in is the same my grandfather and grandmother Sexton worshiped in nearly fifty years ago in the "Gospel Trumpet" days. We believe that every truly saved person on earth belongs to it so long as they obey God's will in everything.

I am afraid space would not allow me to tell of the wonderful experience that God gave me when He sanctified my soul, but if He leads I may tell of it and other wonderful things He in His divine love for us has done for me. May God bless all His saints everywhere. And, sinners, remember He loves you just as He loves me, and if you will but seek Him He will make you supremely happy. Yours in our Lord Jesus, Wesley Trimble

WANTED—The following books, new or secondhand: The Biblical Trace of the Church, The Cleansing of the Sanctuary, To the Chief Singer, and The Life of D. S. Warner. Substantial prices paid. Write before sending any books, and state prices wanted, also condition of bindings. Martin L. Rhodes, Tionesta, Pa.

Hold Fast Sound Doctrine

"Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown."

The devil surely is loose now, and he is working hard day and night to rob every one of the true saints of the crown if possible. Dear ones, we must hold fast to this treasure which we have in earthen vessels lest Satan deceive us and trick us out of our inheritance. Jesus said (Mark 13:37) "And what I say unto you I say unto all WATCH."

We must study to shew ourselves approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, and then to rightly divide the word of truth. We know that Jesus said, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." We must have the precious Word rightly divided if we would have the truth as our Lord designed it for us. We must be very careful now in this awful time of compromising and lowering of the true Bible standard, if we would stay out of deception. The truth as it was preached fifty years ago is still the same precious truth as it was then. Jesus said to his Father, "THY WORD IS TRUTH." So, dear ones, let us buy the truth and sell it not.

The most deceptive lie the devil ever sent forth is just a part of the truth. If we would get the truth to poor hungry souls we must give them *all the truth*. However nice it may be dressed up, no lie is of the truth. A lie will always be a lie; and lies are what the enemy uses to deceive poor eternity bound souls. Jeremiah 23:29, 30 reads, "Is not my Word like a fire saith the Lord, and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces? Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets, saith the Lord, that steal my words every one from his neighbor." Isa. 9:14-16, "Therefore the Lord will cut off from Israel, head and tail, branch and rush in one day. The ancient and honorable, he is the head, and the prophet [preacher] that speaketh lies, he is the tail. For the leaders of this people cause them to err, and they that are led of them are destroyed." God said, "But to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my Word." Dear fellow ministers, let us obey the Word. Let us lift up our voice like a trumpet and cry aloud and spare not. Cry out against compromise and the lowering of the true Bible standard.—Bro. G. W. Stephenson, in care of 920 W. Mansur Ave., Guthrie, Okla.

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CONCERNING THE SONG BOOK

At the ministers' meeting in Guthrie in Dec., 1947, it was agreed that the saints send Bro. Willie Murphey to Washington, D. C. to see about Copyrights on songs, and collect songs for a new song book. Each congregation was to take up offerings for this purpose. An offering was taken at the Assembly meeting. Two congregations in Calif. have responded. We are now waiting for God to move others to respond. A record is kept at Faith Pub. House of all funds sent for this purpose. All that is sent above the cost of this trip will be used in printing songs.

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Dear saints:—Some of your good testimonies and articles are not in this paper because of a lack of space. I am sorry.
—Editor

Editorials

The printing work is moving along nicely here in the "Lord's Print Shop." The workers are holding their consecration and faith in the Lord, which brings joy and comfort to their souls. We have been printing many tracts in order to keep up the stock to supply the many and continued calls for these little gospel messengers. The Lord is certainly using the printed page in keeping the saints encouraged and convincing the unbelievers that they need Christ.

Some say that the church of God is going down, and that there is very little healing and no power in the church. Such thoughts are far from the truth and are prompted by the enemy and jealousy to discourage souls who may be weak in the faith, and such only shows an individual lack of living faith in the almighty God. Jesus said to Peter, "Upon this Rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." One who has full faith in God will know that in spite of skeptics, false prophets, and ungodly men that the church of the living God will march right on with victory even though the Lord is shaking heaven and earth and many are being shaken out, the real true church of God will never go down in defeat. The Lord is doing healing today, and sometimes he performs miracles, and we are all looking to him for greater things to be done in the name of the holy child Jesus. No, no, my friend, the real church of the living God is not going down in defeat, no never. She may not be so many in number, but she will shine more and more unto the perfect day. The gates of hell never have and never will prevail against her. Take courage my brother and do not believe the fault finders, for there are many of Job's miserable comforters in the world today. Separate yourself from the world and all of its dead things and keep your eye on the Lord and he will carry you through to a glorious ending.

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On Sunday, February 1st, four of us left Guthrie for the ministers' meeting which was to be held in Los Angeles, Calif. The car load consisted of Bro. Clyde Stroud, Bro. H. P. Huskey, Bro. Lawrence D. Pruitt, and myself. We arrived at my daughter's, Anna Marie Miles, about one o'clock on Tuesday. She lives in San Bernardino, Calif. We also visited my other daughter, Mary Lola Embly, who lives near Pomona, Calif., and Wednesday morning went on to Los Angeles to the ministers' meeting. It was a pleasure to us to meet again with brothers and sisters in the Lord whom we had not seen for some time.

Many subjects were discussed that day, and our souls were fed and encouraged. Some truth was brought to our mind that threw light on former known truth, which encouraged our hearts. On Thursday the "S. T." case was up. Most of the day was taken up with pro's and con's, and late in the evening it ended with disappointment and grief to the saints.

Thursday was the regular prayer-meeting night for the congregation at Los Angeles. As we were all

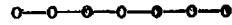
ready to begin the prayer meeting some brother said they were ready to hear the message, so the Lord supplied a message of encouragement to the saints. After the preaching service several went forward to be prayed for for healing, and God showed his love to them. I was impressed to have the ministers pray for my right ankle which had been in a bad condition since last September. It was sore, swollen, inflamed, and running. They anointed according to the Word, laid on hands, and today it is almost normal again. Many saints had been praying for my healing, and we appreciate and felt the effect of those prayers. God gave relief from pain many times. Continue to pray that God will not permit it to return.

On Friday the ministers' meeting was exceptionally good as the humility and love of God was greatly in evidence and sweet wholesome counsel was appreciated by all. It lasted until late in the night, after which we went to our daughter's home near Pomona. On Sunday morning we met in service with the saints at Pomona, and our souls rejoiced to be with the saints of God. The building was about filled. All seemed to enjoy the preaching of the Word. Sun. night we met with the saints at San Bernardino where the Lord gave us another precious service. They are planning to build a meeting house in San Bernardino and are preparing to start it soon. If any one feels led to help them in a financial way it will be greatly appreciated, as they are few in number, but are all zealous for the truth. Send the offering to Sister Gus Poulos, 805 Central Ave., Highland, Calif.

On Monday morning we left for home, going by the way of San Diego, California in order to visit in the home of Sister O'Malley and Sister Shultz. Sis. Shultz, who is 92 years old, was sick and unable to be up and around. We anointed her with oil and laid on hands and prayed for her. They were much encouraged, even as we were encouraged.

It was pleasant, like springtime, in San Diego. We came the southern route home, which led thru Yuma and Tucson Arizona. Tuesday night we stayed in cabins at Shamrock, Tex. It had become quite cold there in the night. A blizzard began to sweep across the plains. Snow soon began to sift down after we had started Wednesday morning, and increased more and more. The highways became icy. In Clinton, Okla. the highway turned and was down grade. When Lawrence put his foot on the brake to halt for a stop sign the car began to skid on the ice and hit the side of a pick-up, mashing the left front fender, and glanced across the highway and plunged into the side of a truck. The trucks were not damaged. We came to a stop with a heavy thud, mashing the whole front end of Lawrence's '46 Plymouth sedan in which he had taken us to Calif. The radiator, pump, fan, front fenders, and head lights were ruined, but no one was seriously hurt. (Bro. Huskey had remained in California to conduct meetings.) Mechanics at Clinton put on a new radiator and other parts needed to put it in a condition to drive. The lights were not fixed, so as night was coming on, the

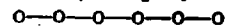
car was left in Okla. City and the trip on to Guthrie was made by bus. We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, so we have this committed to Him as one of the "ALL" things.



Since we wrote the above editorial the Lord has permitted more severe testings and trials to come to Lawrence and his wife Maybelle. Monday, Feb. 16th they, with others went to Okla. City to get their car. On their homeward journey they had driven about six miles when a reckless driver, attempting to pass another car just as it was meeting them, involved them in a three-car collision. Maybelle was thrown from the car onto a cement driveway to a home. Mud on the driveway helped to protect her head, which was the first part of her body to strike the pavement. She was bruised severely and was helpless. Lawrence was almost helpless because he had suffered a sprained back which made him unable to walk. Ambulances arrived and the drivers insisted that they take Maybelle to the hospital, and would have taken her in spite of her pleadings to be taken home if it had not been for her sister, Maud Hornbeck and Bro. Stroud and Bro. Stephenson (these two brethren had taken them to the City, but were not involved in the wreck) who informed them that she did not resort to medical aid, but trusted the Lord to heal in answer to prayer. The Hornbecks brought them on to Guthrie where the saints began to call upon God to take away the suffering and to heal them. The Lord has wonderfully helped them, but they are still confined to their beds.

The car was so completely demolished that it is useless to try to repair it. They trust the Lord to care for them and what he gives them, and they had no insurance on it, even as Job had no insurance on the things that God allowed Satan to destroy. They can say as Job said, "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord. In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly." Job 1:21, 29.

In Psalm 26:2, we read, "Examine me, O Lord, and prove me: try my reins and my heart." In the second chapter of Deuteronomy we read how God tested and proved the Israelites. In Daniel 12:10 it is written, "Many shall be purified, made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand." The wicked do not understand why the saints (who are the wise in God's wisdom) have so many afflictions and trials and tests in life, but we that fully trust the Lord know why this is. We just say "Amen" to the Lord's will in everything that He permits, knowing that as we are properly exercised in them that they will work out for us a far greater weight of glory. We ask your prayers.



A BUILDING PROJECT

Okmulgee, Okla.—To the members of the body of Christ, all assemblies, and individual readers of "Faith and Victory," greetings in the precious name of the Lord Jesus.

We, the saints of the Okmulgee assembly need a dining hall. We will greatly appreciate any help. Some have already helped, but we feel like others would like to help. We truly need your prayers; and should you send us a donation, we will thank you and God will bless and reward you for the same. Yours in his great name,

Send all money to G. W. McMillan, 1101 N. Sioux, Okmulgee, Okla. —G. W. McMillan, O. Edwards, Corean Robinson, Cora L. Jackson, Frances Dixon, and others.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Grand Cayman Islands,—I have not been feeling well for quite awhile, so am sending in a request for prayer for healing. I haven't been to a doctor. I am determined not to let go until I get the victory. I know God hears and answers prayer and He never fails us. I've proven Him in time past and know that His power is no less today than it was then. Will the saints there please bear me up to the throne of grace? Pray that I will be a vessel filled for the Lord. I also request prayer for my sister who is passing through great troubles. She is a believer in God. Pray that her burden be lifted and that her husband will be saved, and that there will be a family filled with the power of God.

I do thank God for the time He sent Bro. and Sister Egbert Allen to our island. —Hoova M. Bodden

Miss.—Dear saints everywhere,—I am thanking and praising God today for salvation and His many benefits we receive from Him day by day. The Lord is so good to us. We would like for all saints in every place who read this request to pray earnestly for my wife. She has been sick since the last week in August, 1946. The Lord blessed her and she was able to be up some two or three times during this time, and walk about in the house. Once He gave her strength to walk around in the yard outside of the house a few days. Every time that she was able to walk enough to get to a car at the door she would go to services. The first week in this past August we had a meeting and she went a few nights. That weakness and nervousness came on her at the meeting house about the second or third night of the meeting and she has not been strong enough to be up since that time. She is very weak now, and not able to sit up. She has hardly been able to sit up since this last time she got worse.

My wife and I have our life, our bodies, and all that we have—self and all—consecrated to the Lord. Saints, pray earnestly for her complete victory over this, and that all we do or say will be to God's glory.—Clyde Lea

Obituaries

Martha Ethelyn McCoun, daughter of Albro and Emma Sheets, was born in Plainview, Nebr. May 27, 1885, and passed away in her daughter's home in El Monte, Calif. on Dec. 15, 1947; age 62 yrs., 6 mos., and 18 days.

In earlier life she resided in Nebr., Kansas City, Mo., and moved to El Monte, Calif. in Feb., 1931, where she has resided since that time to her death.

On March 8, 1938 she was united in marriage to Chas. McCoun who survives her. She was the mother of two daughters, Mrs. Stanley Tice, in whose home she resided, and Mrs. Agnes Shelton of Los Angeles, Calif.

She is survived by her husband, Charles McCoun; two daughters, Mrs. Stanley Tice and Mrs. Agnes Shelton; five sisters; one brother; also many loved ones and friends.

Sister McCoun was in failing health for some time during which time she sought and found much grace from God which enriched her spiritually and enabled her to be

patient and kind in her suffering and many received inspiration from visiting her during her illness.

She was converted to Christ in her home in 1938 as the result of reading a religious tract sent to her by her mother, which touched her heart. Later she sought and obtained the experience of entire sanctification.

As death neared she raised both hands to heaven, and in her feeble voice spoke these words into the listening ears of the Lord: "Jesus, hold my hand, don't leave me; help me through." Then she fell asleep only to wake in glory as the sun was rising over the eastern horizon.

Funeral service was conducted by Opal Wilson and Bro. Clyde Bun in the chapel of the Rose Hill Cemetery at Whittier, Calif., with interment in that cemetery.

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George R. Burgess, born in Abingdon, Iowa July 24, 1872, departed this life Jan. 12, 1948, age 75 years, 5 mos., and 18 days. He was united in marriage to Olive Martin at Hayesville, Iowa on Nov. 13, 1892. To this union five children were born; three are still living.

He leaves a wife; one son, James F. of Monroe, Wash.; Mrs. Isal Barber of St. Paul, Minn.; Mrs. G. T. Clark of Knoxville, Iowa; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was saved (or born) into the church of God in April, 1896. Later God called him into the ministry and many souls found Christ thru his labors. Funeral services were held in the Reynolds Funeral home and a large crowd attended. Text: 2 Tim. 4:8.

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Bro. Moses Conley was born in the year of 1863 and departed this life Jan. 18, 1948. Bro. and Sister Conley lived in Pasadena, Calif. for a number of years. Afterward they moved near Riverside where he remained until death called him from labor to reward. Sister Conley preceded him in death.

While living in Pasadena he sought the Lord for the pardon of his sins and received a wonderful experience of salvation. According to his testimony, he was ready for the appointment of death. His hope was in Jesus.

He is survived by a loving faithful daughter, one son, two grandchildren, and other relatives and friends. His body was laid to rest in Mountain View Cemetery where Sister Conley was placed to await the final judgment day. Funeral services were conducted by the writer. Text: Heb. 9:27. —Emma Holden

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Brother Robt. W. Morgan was born in Clarksville, Texas Dec. 6, 1865; departed this life Jan. 15, 1948. He was married to Amanda Madison in 1887. Five sons were born to this union. His wife and two sons preceded him in death. The family moved to Pasadena, Calif. thirty-five years ago, and he has resided here since that time.

He professed a hope in Christ in 1915, and was active at his post of duty. He could always be depended upon to be at services. When he became feeble in body he was much hindered on account of afflictions, but he said his trust was still in the Lord.

Surviving are three sons: Alonzo W., Edward P., and Norman W. Morgan; a number of grand- and great-grand children; one aged sister of Boley, Okla., many other relatives and friends. A very impressive funeral sermon was preached by Bro. I. C. Chandler with Bro. T. T. Holden conducting the order of the service. Text: 1 Thes. 4:14-18. —Emma Holden

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Nancy Evelin Rayburn was born in Rich Hill, Ky. Sept. 27, 1872 and departed this life Jan. 20, 1948, age

76 years. She was united in holy matrimony to Henry Rayburn at Liberty, Ky. Aug. 11, 1889. To this union eleven children were born. One died in infancy.

She was converted in the church of God in 1941 and since that time lived much of her life in isolation from the saints, but lived up to all the light she had, and rejoiced to know she had found the Pearl of Great Price.

Sister Rayburn and her husband had been living in Homer, Ill., but was visiting in the home of her daughter Mrs. Vera Dame of Dayton, Ohio, when she was stricken with illness, Oct. 27, 1947. She bore her suffering patiently and although deprived of her speech, she could hear and understand and would answer questions to the last by shaking her head. She made us to know she still loved the Lord and was ready to meet him in peace.

Bereaved are: her dear companion Henry; Clay and Ira of Indianapolis, Sherman of Fisher, Ill., Jasper of Middlesburg, Ky., Bettye of Calif., Eunice of Urbana, Ill., Minnie of Muncie, Ind., Helen of Chicago, Roscoe of N. Y., and Verda of Dayton; 35 grandchildren; a number of great-grandchildren; and other relatives and friends.

Funeral service by Bro. and Sister S. E. Abbott. Texts: John 11:1-36; Heb. 9:27. Singing by the Union City, Ind. saints. Burial in Dayton, Ohio.

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I, Flavious Webster Spaur was born March 7, 1856 in Lewis County, W. Va on a branch of Bigskin Creek that was named Hall's Run before the Civil War. I was past five years old when war was declared. Most of my life was spent at that place. All my school days were spent in Lewis County. There was not much school while the war was going on. Subscription school was all, and so many did not go to school. After the war was over free school started, but I did not get to go but little. Father came home from the war—it was all work, no time for school with me, as I was the oldest one of the family. I was about ten, more or less, when the war closed. I have not forgotten about the hardships of the war that we had to go through. It seems that I never forgot anything of my life.

My first impressions of the Christian life was before the war, at the meetings in the homes, first at one, then at another. I thought it so wonderful to see the people shout as they did and praise the Lord as they did and sing. The songbook that was used was the Funk's song book. It was a happy time, and they called it religion. They would sing the "Old Time Religion" and shout it too.

Early in life I gave my heart to the Lord, or I began to seek the Lord, but did not know how to find what I was seeking after, but I never gave it up. I would be at the altar of prayer—the mourner's bench, as it was called. I wanted to be saved but I did not know how to be. I was doing all I could do to save myself, which I could never do. Jesus is the one that saves, but it was a long time before I found that out. Well, it was so easy. I have been on the way a long time. It has not all been sunshine. My life has not all been lived as it should have been lived, as I was hard to manage, had a bad inward disposition; something inside that wanted to have its way. It was the old man, the man of sin, that was wanting to have his way, and it was a fight but I never forgot the time when God by his love destroyed that old man of sin. The old seed of sin was destroyed out of my heart and I was made so light and free that I felt as if I could fly. I had never heard anything about sanctification or a holy life although it was in the Bible, but the preachers did not preach it.

The Christian life is a life of holiness, of purity, a clean life as the life of Jesus was, but the preachers said the Christian sinned more or less every day. How is one going to be free from sin when he is sinning every day, more or less? When God says in His Word, he that committeth sin is of the devil, and no one can serve two masters, and that we are servants to whom we obey. I am glad that the Bible is the way. It is the standard that we are to live by. God's way is different from man's way. It is a way that is free from sin. There is no sin in Jesus, and he says, "I am the way, the truth, and the life," and he says, "This is the way, walk ye in it." This way is not of the world. It is a heavenly way and no sin is on this way. It is a straight and narrow way.

Then another thing, the preacher never told the people about the church, only that it was something that one had to join after he was saved and it had a door that had to be opened by the preacher, then the preacher joined the ones to the church that were saved. None of this is in the Bible, and it does not belong to the plan of salvation—it is manpower. The Bible had a different way which is God's way and not one word is found in the Bible about joining a church. When I found out what the church was and the thing that I had joined was not the church, I left it, got out, went out at the back door. I found out by the Bible that when I was saved I was a member of the church that Jesus said he was going to build; that He, Jesus, was the door, and that it was never shut, but was ever opened. This is the Bible church and the Lord himself does the adding to the church, and not man. This is where I stand, as it is the Bible way. It is the life, light, truth, and the way, joy, peace, and sunlight. It is the heavenly way and the end of my journey I see. It is close at hand, so Jesus says, "Be ye also ready, watch for ye know not the day."

I was married September 20, 1876 to Miss Polly Taylor. We had no children, but we raised a big family as our home was a home for the homeless and for them that wanted a home with us. I was a farmer and a coal miner. My wife and I lived together forty years and one month. She preceded me in death. She was a dear woman to me and was loved by all who knew her. It is now past twenty-four years since she passed away, and it will not be long till I will go, as the time of my departure is not far away. I have many friends and loved ones. I am well known. It has not all been sunshine, as I have passed through the fire and water floods. I have been tried as gold, but have not been forsaken, as the dear loving friend Jesus never left me alone and will be with me to the end. He is the good Shepherd; I shall not want. In green pastures will I ever be feeding, and by the beautiful waters of life he will lead me. Amen and amen.

—Flavious Webster Spaur

Departed this life Jan. 5, 1948 at Jane Lew, W. Va. Funeral at Morris Funeral home, Cecil McMillion in charge of funeral services. Burial beside his wife in the Valley Chapel Cemetery.

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Mrs. Almeter Garner Hill was born Feb. 10, 1879; passed away Jan. 4, 1948. She was married to Charlie Hill Nov. 27, 1898, to which union seven children were born. Her daughters are: Mrs. Sadie Stell, Mrs. Mirela Ivory, Mrs. Vera Adams, Mrs. Cassie Nundly, Mrs. Rhodie White. Sons: Joe and Willie Hill.

She was saved in the church of God in Boley, Okla. in 1917 and remained faithful to death.

Bereaved are: her husband, five daughters, two sons, six grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, one sister, three brothers, and many other relatives and friends.

God Loves a Cheerful Giver

John says, "God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him." 1 John 4:16. "He that loveth not, knoweth not God; for God is love" 1 John 4:8. "Beloved, if God so loved us we ought to love one another" 1 John 4:11. "Hereby perceive we the love of God. Because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoso hath this world's goods, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth." 1 John 3:16, 17, 18.

Godly love in the heart will cause one to give and to do it willingly and cheerfully, even with much sacrifice and doing without things themselves that others might have their need supplied. God is all love and set an example to us by giving his only begotten Son that all who really believe from the heart might have eternal life with the Father and Son.

Since God is love and gave freely, he does not accept any gift from man except it be given freely. Any law that man may lay down to force, compel, and frighten God's little ones to give is not of God, for it is contrary to his very nature.

When people lived in the shadow of these good things that the saints enjoy today, God gave a law for the people to give a tenth and then free-will offerings above that. When Christ came, he fulfilled that law and the teaching of the prophets, and now in order to possess the Spirit of God in the soul we give up all to him (Matt. 13:45, 46; Luke 18:22) and let His Spirit lead us and teach us how to give, when to give, and how much to give. Because of our fullness of love for Him, we give freely and cheerfully as he directs, and thus God accepts the giving and the giver. If one will purpose in his heart of his own free-will to give a tenth of all that God gives him or allows him to earn and then with a heart full of love to give freely above that as God directs, I am sure that soul would prosper and God's favor would be upon him. But when tithing is taught and pressed on the people as a New Testament doctrine, making the lambs and sheep of His pasture believe that if they do not do it they are breaking the commandments of God, many will give in this way and the gift will never be accepted of God, and they will never have any treasures in heaven through such giving. Usually such teachers and preachers that teach compulsion of tithing and bring fear on the little ones, squeezing money out of them in this way, have a man-made system to keep up or have covetous desires in the heart, or are willingly or unwillingly ignorant of the true teachings of the Word of God, or both.

The Bible in many different places teaches the child of God to give. If it were not in the Bible, one possessed of the Spirit of Christ would give because the Spirit and the love of God in the heart would

move on them to give and it would be a pleasure and a delight for that soul, for God says in His Word, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:23.

"Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give unto your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again." Luke 6:38. "Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Luke 12:33, 34.

Read the 58th chapter of Isaiah and you will readily see what great blessings will be bestowed upon those that give cheerfully and willingly. I am persuaded that many souls are shriveled up and dead because they seek their selfish interests in their giving, or are not seeking God in prayer and supplications to find out where and how much he would have them give, but instead are laying up treasures here in the earth like the man whose fields brought forth plentifully. God called this man a fool, and we find many walking in his steps today.

In Proverbs 11:24 we read, "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty. The liberal soul is made fat; and he that watereth shall be watered also himself."

In 2 Cor. 9:6-8, we read, "But this I say, he that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly [not with an unwilling heart] or of necessity [not just because you are pressed by people to do so]; for God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that ye always having all sufficiency in all things; may abound to every good work."

Giving freely of your substance as unto the Lord is health and life to the soul even as breathing is to the body; but to give because someone is binding law upon you and using pressure by misapplied scriptures will not be accepted of the Lord and will only promote some unscriptural man-made system or gratify someone's selfish interests and your giving will be worse than wasted.

If one purposeth of his own free-will to give a tenth of his earnings and then free-will offerings above that as the Lord may direct by His Spirit, then God will bless that giver and it will be acceptable to him; but be careful about giving to those who make it a New Testament doctrine by wresting the Scriptures from their true meaning and thereby bind law tithing on the blood-bought free lambs and sheep of his pasture. God loves a willing free-hearted giver, but not the one that just gives because others press it upon them by exposing selfish or covetous needs with law pressure.

It takes much money to supply the needs of this printing work and keep the free gospel going forth

by the printed page, but we do not solicit any one to give to its support only as God directs by His Spirit, and they give cheerfully and willingly, for to give grudgingly or through pressure of law giving would be of no profit to the giver.

Your fellow laborer in promoting the true gospel of Christ, Fred Pruitt.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Hello Children:—

Did you ever watch your mother train sweet peas to grow on string or wire? Every day she would go out and tie those that fell, close to the vine so they would catch hold and grow up straight and strong and bloom and be beautiful.

So it is with you. Mother and Father are training you to grow up straight and strong of character so you can blossom into manhood and womanhood.

In the Bible the Lord tells your parents how to train you. He tells parents to teach you the ways of the Lord, to teach you to be obedient to them, and if you do wrong to punish you so you will remember to do right. Then God tells children if they are obedient to their parents that they will be blessed and will have a long life.

We don't like to think about being punished, do we? But yet it does help you to remember next time to do better, and when you grow up you will thank your parents for their training.

Your parents love you, and that is the reason they punish you. If they did not they would let you lie and steal, and when you grow up you would be put in jail probably and have much trouble. So remember it is because they love you.

A man forty years old said he was just now beginning to know how to live right. He said his parents never taught him anything and was allowed to do as he pleased. He became a drunkard and roamed all over the country and got into a lot of trouble, and now at forty he has at last learned the things your mother and father are trying to teach you now. It pays to listen to them. They will tell you right.

When you do wrong Jesus sees it and is hurt. Your parents are hurt and they go to Jesus, pray, and shed tears, and ask Jesus to help them to teach you right. They read the Bible to you and other stories so you will understand the right way to be.

Don't forget to pray. Jesus will help you and bless you. He loves you dearly. —Aunt Marie

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Oklahoma.—Dear Bro. Pruitt, greetings in Jesus' dear name,—I am sending my testimony to "Faith and Victory." By the grace and help of my Lord Jesus I mean always to be true to him. I know the life he gives is sweetest, and some day he will let me go to be with him. There will be trials and temptations down here, but praise his dear name, we won't always have to endure—just a few years, then we shall go to be with him. When we reach that golden strand, free from all our sorrows and sighings, we shall join the holy band.

Bro. Pruitt, I want you all to pray for me. I have

some kind of breaking out on my body, causing me to miss out of school. I know the Lord can heal me as he has healed my body of other things.

Your sister in Christ,

Lola Mae Keeling

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Extending the Gospel

Matt. 24:14, "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations." Spreading the gospel is the greatest thing in this world, and the only thing worthwhile. Upon whom is our blessed Redeemer depending to preach it to all nations? Matt. 24:31, "And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other." Heb. 1:7, "And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire." Psa. 68:11, "The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it." The ministers and saints are responsible for getting the gospel to all nations.

In 1 Cor. 9:9-14 the Lord clearly teaches that He expects the church to support the God-sent man or woman who has given up all to get the gospel to this dark sin-cursed world. In Acts 4:34-37 the dear children of God had a clear understanding of what it would cost to support the true minister of God and the work of God as a whole. Thank God, it worked, and great power was poured out on the church. I am not advocating the selling of our homes, but if that home is between you and God, he may require you to sell it before He puts his seal of approval upon your life. Mark 10:21, "Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, one thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me." It cost this dear man ALL, and he was very rich. At that time the Lord had rich people, but riches was not their god, nor a hinderance. God has a few wealthy people today. Thank God, all they have is in His hands to be used to the glory of God alone. They had all things common in Acts 4:32.

In Matt. 6:1 Jesus tells us not to do anything to be seen of men. When we get filled with the Spirit of God it will work out in our lives like the Bible reads. In the beginning of this present reformation those old ministers were filled with God's Spirit and power and sinners could not stand under their preaching. They preached as much against pride in the home as they did any other place. Acts 4:32 says they had all things common. That means just what it says. It takes in the home as well as on your person. There is not enough difference in the appearance of homes of worldly people and those of many saints. In Matt. 5:14 Jesus said we are the light of the world. Those claiming to be saints and strangers and pilgrims on this earth have no need of articles in their homes which are nothing more than ornaments or decorations. Money spent for such things should be used to spread the gospel or given to the

needy. If those who are guilty of buying fine furniture—including a radio if Satan is allowed to pour his trash over it—would have been filled with God's Spirit they would have stayed on the Bible line and that money would have been poured into a channel to spread the gospel.

Before I was saved I bought a large combination self-playing radio, turned it on and played my favorite dance pieces till my heart's desire was satisfied. Then about six years ago God in His great pity and mercy looked on my defiled soul (when I was at the point of taking my life) and for His Son Jesus' sake redeemed me. One Sunday afternoon He put music—real music—in my soul, and thanks be unto God forever and ever, I haven't found any use for the radio from that day to this present time. Praise God! I still have that music in my soul. Where I work there are two radios. I never turn one on, nor do I have one in my room. No doubt that one I bought would cost \$250 today, and I could just as easily get it, but the Lord is calling for what I make to help extend the gospel. I must not fail Him, for He never fails me. How can you mix those good (?) programs (as you call them) with the music you say you have in your soul? Each of us must stand trial alone before our blessed Lord. How much time do you find to pass out good tracts, even at your door? How much money are you spending for tracts or good books or to pay some preacher's expense to hold a meeting? Yet you say you have the best thing that Heaven could afford. Can the people where we live feel that way about you and me?

A sad condition exists, which has the gospel wheel tied up to some extent; and that is the lack of love between the colored and white people. It is worse today than the barrier between the Jews and the Gentiles. The Jews had a direct command from God not to mix with the Gentiles. In 1 Cor. 12:13 the Word of God shows plainly that the Spirit destroyed that feeling in every one who got saved. In Acts 10:28 it shows how unlawful it was for them to have anything to do with any other nation. And what makes it worse with the colored and white, almost anyone who reads the Bible with an honest heart knows that our Lord demands us to be one in Him. Hatred is equally as strong between the two races, but one has a better chance to display it than the other. Jesus died for all people, and loves all souls. He is merciful and wants to save everybody. He shed his blood for all nations. Though one race spitefully uses another, yet it is the God-enjoined duty of all saints, even though they belong to the persecuted race, to do all they can to get the gospel to others even to those who persecute them, so they will not have an excuse. There are many places the dear colored saints cannot go. In Matt. 28:19 the Lord said, "Go and teach all nations." If one race cannot go into a place they should support another who can. In Paul's day they had the race hatred to contend with but they did not let it stand in the way of getting the gospel to both races. Note Gal. 2:7-9. God

assigned Paul to the Gentiles and Peter to the Jews. That is God's Word. One was to go to the Gentiles and the other to the Jews, and they gave each other the right hand of fellowship. Why? because they loved the souls of all men and they knew they had to be saved or make their bed in hell.

If we (the colored) believed in hell as Jesus taught it and had the proper love for souls, we would be ready, not only to support our white brethren in places we cannot go, but also to die to get the gospel to them. In Acts 17:22 Paul told those people that they were too superstitious, and we have cornered ourselves off in a little circle until we are in the same state or worse. It is the lack of Bible salvation and love for those for whom Jesus died. If a white brother goes into a place that we cannot go and starts a meeting, about the first thing that runs through our narrow minds is that he is starting a division. It puts me in mind of a dog on a hay stack: he cannot eat the hay himself and he will not let the horses and cows eat it. One says, let them come out and hear the Word. But notice Mark 16:15—Jesus said, "Go"; in Matt. 28:19 Jesus said, "Go"; in Matt. 22:9 Jesus said "Go"; in Matt. 20:4, 7 Jesus said "Go"; and in Luke 14:21, 23. There is no found: for saying, "Let them come to church and hear Word." Thank God, I, for one, stand ready to support the gospel where it is preached. It takes the Lord to remove the prejudice over the color line, and the quicker the Lord brings it to light the better off the church will be. It is the work of the devil to keep that spirit there and cause a lack of God's love for souls. Brother Paul loved souls and his desire was that he might save some (1 Cor. 9:19-22).

Another great hinderance is the place of worship. I read in a little booklet written on the church of God where the brother said, as near as I can remember, that no town was large enough for two churches. If I understood it right, he meant two wood or brick buildings. That is contrary to the Word. Jesus did not come here to build buildings. He said he came to seek and to save the lost. (Luke 19:10; Matt. 18:11; Matt. 9:13; John 3:16; John 4:21, 22). Acts 7:48, "Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands." Acts 17:24, "God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands." Wherever there is peace and harmony and a Spirit-filled man of God to preach to lost souls, it matters not if there is a meeting house on every corner (if he could preach to them all) even if the city is as large as New York City, you would find our Lord there. He is our example.

Let us look at Him a little. Matt. 5:1, we see Him on the mountain; Matt. 8:14, we see Him in a house; Matt. 8:28, out in the country; Matt. 9:10, sitting in the house; Matt. 12:1, going through the fields; Matt. 13:2, in a ship on the sea; Mark 1:38, going from town to town. A nice place to worship is fine if the things in it are all right. The Lord is not interested in houses anyway. In Rom. 16:5 Paul said to greet

the church that was in their house. Praise God, forever and ever! the Lord is interested in the church in the house. Acts 5:42 tells us that they went from house to house; that is, the church went. You say that they had meeting houses in the morning time? That is true. Notice Acts 13:1-10. They had services in the meeting house. The Spirit kept them on the go for God. The second verse shows the need of the church today. We need to come together in fasting and prayer for a mighty outpouring of God's Spirit and great power on the church, that it be humble and sinners be saved.

Isa. 66:8—There is a great need to travail in prayer with fasting that there be a mighty awakening in the church in 1948, that many sons and daughters may be brought in. The church needs to set aside one day a week through this new year on which to praise God in prayer and fasting. See what He would have us do to extend the gospel. The Lord must have a sanctified church. The words, saved and sanctified, have almost become by-words. One can hear them every place and nearly every time any one testifies. The Lord has only one type of sanctified people, and He does not change. I want to point out to you the only type the Lord has ever had. Acts 13:3—They have a missionary spirit in them. After Peter was sanctified he was bold to witness for the Lord to the people before whom he had once denied Him. That grace will take the world out of us as Jesus said in John 17:14, "They are not of the world even as I am not of the world. It places us in the hands of God and all we have at the Lord's disposal. Truly we are not our own. It will make us willing to suffer for Jesus' sake. Read about Abraham's consecration in Gen 22:1-14. Some people will do many things if they can see the altar made and the ram tied or laid on the altar where they can use him at will, so to speak. Our God is against that. Jesus tells us in Matt. 6:25-34 just how pleased He is if we trust Him without any "buts."

Heaven is cheap at any cost. In Luke 6:46 Jesus asked the question, Why call him Lord and do not what He says? Time is short and the dear Lord is demanding a mighty stir among His people to spread the gospel. This may not appeal to you now, but if you play on it will meet you at the judgment and may seal your doom.

Yours in Christ Jesus our Lord, saved and living in heaven in this present world, praise God forever! with love for every one, and I do believe it would be a pleasure for me, by the grace of God, to die for my Lord. Ed Crowl, 533 N. Jordan, Okla. City, 4, Okla.

—oOo— CORRESPONDENCE

Okla.—Dear saints and readers of the "Faith and Victory,"—Today finds me much encouraged to press on for the Lord. As I often say, salvation is the most wonderful thing we can have in life. It is so precious to live where we can have the rich blessings of God bestowed upon us, even through trials and afflictions. I am just rejoicing in my soul, and my heart is filled to overflowing

with praises to our Heavenly Father and Saviour who died upon the cross that we might be saved and have this wonderful peace in our souls. I feel burdened for the unsaved. Oh, if they could just know the peace and joy of salvation they surely wouldn't loose any time in giving their heart to the Lord. But they cannot understand it while in sin.

I feel impressed to write a testimony telling a few of the many wonderful things God has been doing for us lately. I believe it will be to His glory. First, I want to tell of a miracle God did in answer to prayer last night.

Our baby boy got a sewing machine needle run thru his finger. When I turned the wheel back a piece of the needle broke off in his finger. The pointed end was sticking out slightly where we could see it, but not enough to get it out. We began to look to the Lord to remove it, with a determination to trust God rather than man to cut it out. Some said since the needle was steel it would not fester and come out like a stick would, but would just heal and grow up in there. From human view point that is so; but we know God can do all things, and will, if we trust Him. So we continued to pray about it, and three days later it came out. Just last night my husband and I were looking at his finger while he was asleep. He mashed on the place and a little puss came out, so he took the tweezers and got it out. We give God all the praise. I want to say too, the Lord took all the hurting away in a little while after it happened. The first night the needle was in his finger he sang himself to sleep.

Our oldest boy was very sick the first part of Jan. He was in bed a week and each day he continued to get worse. On Saturday and Sunday it looked like we might have to give him up. We consecrated him to the Lord and asked the Lord to heal him if it was His will, but if he would grow up and be lost we would not want to keep him selfishly. The dear saints came on Sunday night and anointed and prayed for him, and God healed him. Oh, praise God forever for his wonderful love and mercy to his trusting children! We had some persecutions when Tommy was sick. A stranger came to our house and talked pretty bad about us not getting a doctor, but the good Lord gave us grace and was a present help in time of need. Nearly every member of our family has been sick the past few weeks, but the dear Lord has healed us all. We do not have a drop of medicine in the house, and do not have the least desire to go to a doctor for help at any time. We are just as afraid to trust in doctors as some people are to trust in God.

I could tell much more that the Lord has done for us, but it seems hard to try to write it on paper. Words can't express our praises to God for what he does for us. I write this to glorify and honor His high and holy name. Mabel Melot.

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Chicago, Ill.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt, Greetings in Jesus name,—God is being very good to us here in Chicago. It is He who has kept this little flock together. We praise Him from the bottom of our hearts. All we ask is to feel His presence and live so that we will be pleasing in His sight.

We have a wonderful time in the Sunday School and it gets so interesting we run far into the morning service time. We read the lesson by each one reading a verse, Memory Verse and Practical Truth all together. Each one reads a portion on the comments, then we have questions and answers on the lesson. We all love the Sunday School lesson. We thank God for the "Faith and Victory" paper which has such good Sunday School lessons. To know that the workers are consecrated Christians makes

it more interesting too, because we don't have to be afraid that we will get the wrong doctrine.

We all are well here in Chicago and some are really growing in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Bro. Bowen is 82 years old and rarely misses meeting. He is very well too.

We ask you to pray for us here. We all send love to each one. May God richly bless you in the work there.

In the One body, Sister Melican.

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Ohio—Dear Bro., we greet you in Jesus' name—We hope you and Sister Pruitt and all the dear saints at the office are well and still enjoying salvation and are encouraged to work for the Lord and to do all you can to be a help to poor lost souls, and help many people to know the truth. And nothing but the truth will make them free. Many of the so-called preachers are bringing a reproach on the cause, and it makes us feel sad; but we are striving to stay true to the Lord. We cannot look to anyone but Jesus. The Lord said these things would come before the end.

We are sending for prayer for my husband. He has sinus trouble very bad. He had the flu and coughs much. We have been praying for him. He gets some better, but doesn't get victory over it. Earnestly pray the Lord will heal him all to the glory of God. Also, I have a hurting in the back of my head. I ask for prayer. The Lord has been very good to us. We don't have the privilege of attending services but we pray and read our Bible. Our prayers daily are for all you dear saints to keep encouraged.

Leona Jenkins.

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Wash.—Dear saints of God,—Greetings to all in the name of the Lord. I do thank you for your kindness to me and for the Lord answering prayer. At the time I wrote you I just had the flu, and the Lord wonderfully delivered me from it. It seems as soon as the Lord delivers me from one cold I catch another one for some reason. I have a continual fight against them. Also, since October I have had a hand affliction that seems to go all through my system. I've been trying to overcome these things by the grace of God. The family with which I am rooming has the same trouble. The Lord seems to touch me from time to time, but it keeps me busy asking God to help me to overcome. Also there is a saint here that is very sick and needs much prayer.

I thank God for victory in my soul and for what He has done for me in the past. I am trusting Him for the future. May God ever bless you. Sister Whiteside

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La.—We are thankful this morning that the Lord has blessed us as he has in keeping us as well as we are in our body and keeping us encouraged to serve him. We realize that is the most important thing in life. We still have good meetings out here. When you think of it, remember us in your prayers, and our two boys who have gotten saved, that the Lord will help them through their young life to keep saved and not get into any of the devil's traps that he has set for them.

We were sorry to hear about you having a bad sore limb. All the saints here have been praying for you, and we all want to see you completely healed. We believe God is going to do it, for you all have been so faithful in His service.

Dallas Flynn and wife.

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Tex.—Dearly beloved, greetings,—I feel impressed to write this little testimony. We bought a stove when we had meeting here. I told the saints they could cook

on it, but husband would not let them. Every time we built a fire in it for about a year it would burst when it began to cool off. It could be heard all over the room. The lady from whom we bought it ate dinner with us a short time ago. She started to put wood in it and asked what was wrong with a door on it. She said that she used it all the time. I said, "You surely didn't," but she insisted that she did. It has been sealed ever since we got it. I told her if she used it, I could tell her what was wrong with it. I told her about telling the saints they could use it and then he would not let them. The Lord sealed the door. My husband took the hammer and iron tools and tried to open it, but he could not. It looks like it was put on before the iron was molded good and stuck. The Lord, He is God. Amen.

Pray for me and family, Christian love, Nellie Lovell

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California—Dear saints:—Through the many trials and temptations the devil brings, I can say down deep in my heart I'm determined to go through at any cost. That's easily said, but harder to do. But I mean every word of it. If we keep ourselves committed to God He will take us through at any cost. I can say tonight I have the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ, and by his grace and help I mean to keep it.

The devil tries in many ways to get our minds and thoughts on something else besides Jesus. That is his business, but it is our business not to let him do it. If each one of us as individuals keep as busy for the Lord as the devil does working against Him, we will not have any spare moments to criticize someone else because he is idle.

At the beginning of this new year I told the Lord I would do more for him this year than I did last year. I can see a lot of little things the Lord has for me to do, and by his grace and help I mean to do them. It doesn't matter how great or how small a thing is that we do for the Lord, it is our duty to do it, and unless we do the little things, the Lord will not give us greater things to do. The Lord wants each one of his children to grow, be healthy, and have plenty to eat, just as our earthly parents do. When the food is set before us and we don't eat, whose fault is it? No one else's but ours. It is the same way spiritually speaking. He has a table full of good things for us to eat. It is our fault if we do not eat. The Lord isn't pleased when we don't eat, and He will punish us for it. But when we eat of the good things Father has prepared for us, we will grow and be able to tell others of the riches Father bestows upon us. One thing I love about this heavenly table is that one may eat as much as he wants to. The more one eats the better it gets. Praise his precious name! Our heavenly Father is good to his children.

I can say as one brother said: "I have not enjoyed it as long as some, but, bless God, I have enjoyed it as much." I am a young person, but I enjoy it as much as some white-haired fathers and mothers in the Lord.

I am saved from all sin and do not have any desire to go back to this world to find pleasure. I have more pleasure in my Jesus than I ever had in worldly pleasures. Pray for me that I might keep true to the Lord to the end, and always lift up the standard of Jesus.

Your saved brother in Christ, Gus Poulos, jr.

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La.—Dear saints scattered abroad,—I send greetings to you in the precious name of Jesus who gave himself a ransom for our souls that we might be delivered from the power of sin, set free to serve Him in the beauty of holiness all the remaining days of our life.

I feel it will be pleasing to the dear Lord for me to send a few words of encouragement and warning at this time, while the rumors of war are afloat and the world is so busy with them and politics, the cares of this life, and the love of money. Praise the dear Lord! we who love God have something to be busy about also. Instead of praising man and his wonderful works or worrying about what he is going to do next, we should be praising our God, meditating on His wonderful goodness to us, and seeking to find out how we might aid in the saving of souls, which is the business He saved us for. For no matter what He has called us to do, it has something to do with this great business in one way or another, or it was not God who called. Please read St. John 4:31-38; also Matt. 20:1-16.

The harvest is on and there are many souls to be brought to the Master. My part in it is to preach the gospel and I love to do what the Master has given me to do. I am seeking to contact those who have not yet met the saints or who live in a neighborhood where there are no saints' meetings. I am ready to go where people want a few services or a revival meeting to do what little I can for my Master and for the good of souls. Ray Key.

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Hennessey, Okla.—To the saints of God everywhere, greeting in Jesus' dear name,—I am glad to report victory in my soul over all sin, happy in the Lord and pressing on in this highway of holiness. For some time I have felt impressed to write about the goodness and mercy and kindness that he has shone to me. Truly, when I look over the past I behold how his wide arms of mercy held me. Oh, his sweet love and peace are untold. This wonderful salvation Jesus came and brought to all mankind to deliver from sin—that awful word "sin" that so many love and hold up for and cleave to. Sin will only lead to a devil's hell. Sin is increasing in the land, taking old and young. Oh, how happy it makes one to be delivered from sin, with sins all washed away, sanctified and kept by his mighty power! I am thinking of Psalms 91 where it says, "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." Dear ones, He is a Rock to hide in, a shelter in storms, a calm place to rest, a God to trust in time of trouble, in tests, and trials, when you are well and when you are sick; and when you are near death's door you can have calmness and assurance in your breast. Dear ones, I have proved Him and found it is true in my case. Yes, I have been very sick, seemingly at the door of death, but I had that calm rest which God gives to his children that will trust him. He will bring you out if you will not become frightened and run for man's help.

Let us live for God and trust. He is a great healer. We can carry everything to him in prayer. I am thinking about Mark 4:37-39, "And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow; and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish? And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm." He is just the same today. He heals today, his power is the same.

My soul is happy in the Lord, living where the dew drops of his love and approval rest on me moment by moment, hour by hour, and day by day. It is so sweet to trust in him. The Lord has been good to me. He has healed me many times. He healed my eyes when it seemed they would go out. Sister Mary Harris was living in Hennessey at that time. He healed me instantly.

I give His name all the glory and praise. Yes, He also healed me of a tumor when they had called my brother from California to see me his last time. I was so bad they called a doctor in order to get a burial permit, not to bring medicine. The doctor said I was going to die, could not live. But the saints gathered in—Sister Edwards, Sister Winn, Sister Robinson, and others. I was helpless and could not lie down. They had to keep me propped up in bed all the time, day and night for weeks. On Saturday evening the saints had gathered in for campmeeting in Hennessey. God touched my body and healed me and I went to meeting that night. I tell you nothing can stand when my God speaks.

I attended the Monark Springs campmeeting last summer, then the Guthrie meeting and the Boley, Okla. campmeeting. I came home and got ready for the campmeeting at Dover and went. I took sick on Monday morning and was very sick down there and was still very sick after I came home. But God raised me up. I feel well in my body and the Lord is making me strong again so I can work for Him. Time is short, sin is raging, and souls are being deceived and blinded by the gods of this world. I have a stir in my soul to lift up the Word of God—that means live what I preach on every line. Now the love of God is burning in my soul and makes me happy. Glory, glory to His name! Saints, be encouraged. Be strong and valiant for the truth. The old devil would like for God's people to be quiet, but ring out glad gospel bells, ring out again until the truth is heard. Jesus gave his life.

I desire the prayers of the saints everywhere.

Your sister in the one body,

Ada B. Davis

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Ore.—I take this means to thank each and every one of you dear saints that sent us such encouraging and comforting letters, and also for your prayers for us during our great sorrow. Praise God, it is through your prayers and the sustaining grace of God that I am able to say "Amen" to God's will. Pen cannot write nor tongue tell, only God knows what your prayers have done for me. I want to thank you again, and may God abundantly bless each one and richly reward you, is my prayer.

Sister Dolly Locker.

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Iowa—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt,—Greetings in His name who died that we might have life eternal. I do so thank Him for His mercy and love. I am so glad we ever found this beautiful highway. I am sure that we never have grown tired of the way that Jesus trod before us.

My heart is broken and sad today as I pen these lines to you, yet I can say with all my heart that God's ways are best and I must bow in submission to His will. He has seen fit to call my beloved husband to that other shore where there never will be another sad good-bye and not even a tear, for God will wipe them all away. Mr. Burgess had never been ill scarcely in his life and just went to sleep in Jesus. We were sitting in the living room in the twilight talking about the good things of God. I said or asked him something and he did not answer me. It gave me a peculiar feeling and I jumped up and turned on the light. He was gone—just closed his eyes and never moved. I stepped to the porch and called a neighbor and in a few minutes the house was full. He was loved by many and our home had always been like heaven on earth, as it was filled with love and peace.

May God bless you all and keep you in the hollow of His hand, is my prayer. Pray for me. Yours in much holy love.

Sister Burgess

PRAYER REQUESTS

Tex.—Please earnestly agree in prayer for the healing of Sister W. O. Beard who suffers much. It seems to be cancer. Also pray for me. I have had a nervous breakdown.
Sister Emma Courvisier

Dear saints of God:—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. We are sending this request as we are deeply concerned in behalf of our elder Sister Groathouse of Fairbury, Nebr. She is afflicted with a very large cancer which almost covers her mouth. It looks very angry and gives her severe pain. We believe God is dealing, and believe her victory will be revealed and God glorified, as her determination is like that of Job: "Though he slay me, yet will I trust Him." People are watching her in this affliction and in her determination to trust in her Savior and divine Physician to give her complete victory over the devil and completely heal her to God's glory.

She has been anointed and the prayer of faith has been lifted up to God for her healing, but she has not as yet got the victory.

We believe God is pleased to bring together the hearts of his saints as in one in prayer and fasting for her complete victory. As we were praying and in meditation for our sister in this condition, we opened the Bible and our eyes fell on Matt. 17:21, "Howbeit, this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting." It seemed like God was speaking from His Word. We feel led to ask, as God the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost leads in prayer and fasting we may press thru this battle with our sister, overpowering the enemy through the precious blood of the Lamb and set at liberty our Sister Groathouse. We believe agreement in prayer and fasting will bring results.

CORRESPONDENCE

Oklahoma.—To all the saints scattered abroad:—It is with a heart full of love and thankfulness to our God that we feel led to write once again thru the little paper. We greet all in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who left his throne in glory and became flesh and gave his life that we thru his grace and mercy might become the sons of God. I am truly glad that the Lord sought after me until I became willing to lay aside every weight and the sin that doth so easily beset us and keep us from having the full enjoyment of this blessed salvation. I have truly found God's promises true if we meet the requirements. I have truly been learning to walk by faith and have been receiving untold blessings. I used to pray that the Lord would remove the trials that I thought I could not bear and therefore lost the benefit from them.

We read in the 12th chapter of Hebrews, "Despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth." We just want to be where the Lord can use us, therefore we are willing for the Lord to lead us, mold us, and make us into a perfect vessel for him, and truly make us a laborer in his great field of harvest, which is ripe. The day is fast approaching when we will no longer have the great privilege of freedom we now enjoy.

You pray for me that I might keep my eyes perfectly set on Christ the perfect example and follow in his footsteps in thought, word, deeds, and actions, and that I might each day strive to be more like him in love and compassion for those that are sick in soul and body. As we look about we see many afflictions on every hand. The Lord is striving for His few and the devil too is striving for the souls of man. I am begging the Lord for a greater outpouring of His Spirit, love, and faith in

all our hearts so that we will be able to rebuke the devil in any way he may appear on the scene and that he will immediately pick up his belongings and flee.

Two weeks ago we closed a precious revival meeting at the little chapel. Bro. Huskey from Anthony, Kans. felt the call and heeded, and we are truly glad that the Lord has some consecrated ministers who will dare to preach the truth in all its fullness. We had been praying the Lord for a revival and a good outpouring of his Spirit, and have been asking the Lord to make this little congregation a good example on this earth, and we are still holding that request before the throne of grace. He has answered prayer in so many ways but we are looking for greater blessings in the future. The meeting was a great source of blessings from the beginning to the end. Souls were saved, sanctified, and others sought for a closer walk with God. Those that didn't yield held up their hands for prayer. You pray with us in their behalf. We are still feasting on the good things that were spread before us. We desire more grace to live by every word. We feel that we were knit closer to each other in love and harmony, and we want to endeavor to draw closer together thru the love and grace of God. All through the meeting there was a good spirit, and we felt the spirit of God with us. We felt his anointing upon all his ministry. Bro. and Sis. O. B. Wilson, sr., and Sister May Belcher and children were with us two nights and we were truly blessed by their presence. The good Lord used Bro. Wilson in expounding His Word, and it was truly a good soaking rain from heaven. We were made to thank the Lord for these who are truly a mother and father in the gospel. We are praying for the Lord to make their days here on this earth a greater blessing and shower them with the richest blessing from heaven. We are also praying that the Lord will bless Bro. Huskey, Bro. Sam Barton, and Bro. Charles Smith in their labors of love with us, and that the grace and wisdom and understanding from on high will be so shed abroad in their hearts that they might always be the very oracles of God.

Last Sunday we were called home to pray for my brother, Bro. Adam Eck. The Lord went with us. We had services in his home Sunday morning and the Lord blessed. We felt it was good to be there. We left feeling that the Lord would undertake and all felt more encouraged to press the battle on. Pray much for them as they are isolated and need God's blessings and guidance that they might be established in the truth.

We had a good day in Zion in the two congregations in Tulsa today. Two souls were saved. Pray much for these new converts, as the way and truth is new to them. Pray that we will be a source of encouragement to them.

Time is fast approaching the wee morning hours and I must say that I am truly glad to report victory in my soul. The way is growing brighter and brighter unto a perfect day. I am nothing within myself but a failure. Through Christ we became sons of God.

Your sister in Christ,

Miss Inez Eck.

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La.—Dear saints everywhere,—Greetings in Jesus' name. I feel the dear Lord would have me write you again. I am still saved and sanctified, praise His holy name. I have wanted to live for Him and do His blessed will. I went to see Bro. and Sister Frank Brant in Bangor, Mich. They made my stay a welcome one. I thank God for dear saints like them, praise His dear name. I want to thank all the dear saints that wrote me and would like to hear from more saints that care to write. I have been going from place to place since I left the school at Tuscaloosa, Ala. I have felt led by the Spirit of

our Lord to work for Him and His cause, praise His dear name. Pray for my uncle and aunt for they are unsaved. And pray for me that I will do the will of my Lord day by day that I will be ready when he calls.

Yours in the Lord,

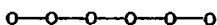
Harvey Johnson



Okla.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt,—I promised the Lord if He would heal me I would write my testimony in the "Faith and Victory" paper. This time I was worse than any other time. I could not walk or move at times. My husband said it looked like he would have to take me to the hospital, but I said no I would rather die at home. I prayed days and nights and got worse. The devil would tell me that this time was one time I would have to call the doctor. I said, no, the Lord would heal me. I put all my trust in the Lord and he healed me and I do thank you for your prayers for me, which were not in vain.

Pray for me that I may do all for the Lord.

Mrs. Henry Hiebert.



Ore.—Dear saints scattered abroad,—We greet you in the precious name of Jesus, our Saviour, our dear Redeemer, and our Great Physician. I feel the Lord would be pleased for me to write my testimony of his wonderful healing power to me. It might be some help to some soul that is discouraged and cast down in their soul.

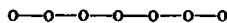
On Jan. 28 after our assembly meeting closed the 25th this year, I had an unusually large washing to do, as I had got all the dish towels, hand towels, and aprons at the cook kitchen to wash with my washing. I began washing Wed. morning about ten o'clock. Everything went along fine until about noon. I accidentally got my hand caught in the wringer. Before I could get the electricity turned off, it with some clothes had run thru up to my wrist. It pulled all the blood and skin from the tips of my fingers up to my wrist in a big roll. In releasing the wringer with my hand and clothes in it the wringer just ground on the back of my hand till I could get the electricity turned off, so it bruised quite deeply on the back and in the palm. When I got it out it was mashed flat and had a greenish-yellow look. It made me sick at my stomach for awhile, and I stood and held my fingers for they pained so bad. I looked up and said, "Lord, if I am worthy, will you please stop the pain and suffering?" In an instant the pain was all gone. I looked back at my hand and the skin had drawn back down over it and was swollen up in a big white blister. I still felt sick. I gritted my teeth and closed my eyes for a minute—still no pain. Then the blood returned to my hand and then it was a big black blister and seemed full of water and blood and was soft. The oil oozed out of my flesh. I wiped it off and tried to see if my hand was broken. I could move my fingers and my wrist. I had no more pain, praise the dear Lord. I was alone when it happened. Husband was out hanging up clothes for me. I didn't call him. I didn't say a word to any one but the dear Lord. I had no pain, so I went ahead and finished my washing. I got it done between one and two o'clock.

I went to prayer meeting that night. I didn't have it wrapped. It was a deep black-blue almost to my elbow and was swollen till it glistened. These are some of the remarks that were made about it: "Doesn't it hurt?" "You are likely to have lots of trouble with that hand yet." "If it gets well it will probably bother you the rest of your life." "Don't you put any oil or salve on it, or soak it in warm water?" My faith is in God, so I let them know that it was in God's hands and that He

would do a complete work. A young lady looked at it and told me she hoped it got well. I told her it would for God would make it every whit whole. And, dear ones, I firmly believe He will. I told them that I just could not believe that God would fail me now when He considered me worthy of a touch from His great hand and stopped all the pain and suffering when I asked Him to if I was worthy.

I firmly believe He is going to make a complete healing with no after effects at all. I am truly praising God for his great blessing to me in touching my hand; but the greatest blessing to me was that He considered me worthy of it. That just makes my very being melt in gratitude to God for that blessing to think He counted "me" worthy; for at the time it happened I was greatly discouraged and had been for quite awhile. When this happened and I asked him to stop the suffering and it was done so quickly, it brought to my mind some words I heard Bro. Stonecypher say one time when we were in New Mexico in meeting, and he was preaching. He said most people think God is away off up there (He pointed up toward heaven.) but He is right around you all the time if you could only believe it. He is near to you. That is the way it was with me that day. He was there to give the touch as soon as I asked Him, praise His dear name! I can see now God has different ways of bringing encouragement to us when we are discouraged and need lifting up. I am greatly encouraged to press on since God considered me worthy of His great blessing. My hand is not completely well yet, but I know God is going to complete the work. Remember me in your prayers.

Mrs. Sam Wilson



Kans.—To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ, grace be unto you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ..

I thank God, this cold zero morning, for Victory in my soul. The Holy Spirit has been so real in this house to answer prayer. The night before I was to leave for the assembly meeting at Guthrie, Okla. the bath tub and lavatory stopped up, and it seemed the enemy was trying to stop me from going. The dear ones in my home agreed to get along without them. When I returned I called a plumber, and prayed before he came. He looked the situation over and the enemy of our souls painted a dark picture with much expense, as much of the plumbing was inclosed and wall papered over. Things are not ever as bad as Satan paints them. Finally he found a small tap in one of the pipes and began to work from there, and then began to give up. I said, "Now the Lord is able." He said he didn't know if there was a Lord, he had so much trouble, and his wife had cancer, and the doctors had now burned her with radium, and he had taken her home. I told him there is only one cure for cancer. He questioned me and I answered, "The Lord." He looked up and saw a wire, and said, "Someone has put this here for this very purpose." I said, "No, but the Lord put it there." He started twisting the wire into the pipe, and I went upstairs and began to talk to the Lord. I prayed, "Lord, here is this man that needs to be a believer, and his wife needs healing—they both need to be brought to Thee. Let this miracle come to pass." As I got off my knees I heard the water gurgle in the sink, and knew that it was done. He fixed several other plumbing hazards that had been fixed before but would not work properly, and only charged me five dollars. I gave him some tracts. I offered to go over and pray for his wife. Help me pray for them. Surely, the Lord was in this house.

One morning the girls were looking for a new box of stationery. I had an inspiration suddenly and said, "Do you know how to find it?" Pray. I got up and walked right to the concealed place where it was. The Lord is so good to us. How easy He makes things, if we will just trust Him.

Ruth Stewart

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Petaluma, Calif.—Dear saints of the most high God, greetings in His dear name,—I am still praising him for all he is to me. I thank him for his way. He has healed me of the flu, but I have a request for healing of my body. I know the Lord knows all our trouble, so I have not asked any doctor what the trouble is. I know God knows all about His little ones, and what He wants for me is all I want. Will all the dear saints please pray for me? If it is His will he can and will heal me for there isn't anything he cannot do if we will trust him and do his will. Praise His name. With much Christian love to all the true saints of God.

Mrs. J. H. Bonner

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Preach the Word

"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the WORD, be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort with all long suffering and doctrine, for the time will come when they will not endure SOUND doctrine, but after *their own lusts* shall heap to themselves [their church] teachers, having itching [desire to hear it] ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth and shall be turned unto fables." 2 Tim. 4:1-4.

Paul's charge to Timothy to preach the Word and to "watch in all things. Do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry" was a warning for him not to compromise by believing or preaching any other doctrine than what he had been taught. Please read the third chapter of 2 Timothy to get a full understanding of this subject. And notice very carefully the first eight verses. You can see that such men are professors of religion, have a form of godliness, but deny the power thereof: "from such turn away" 2 Tim. 4:5.

In Paul's epistle to the Galatians (1:8, 9) he said, "But though WE, or an angel from heaven preach any other gospel unto you than that we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again IF ANY MAN preach any other gospel unto you than that you have received, let him be accursed." Then in the 10th verses he says, "For do I persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men, or God? for if I pleased men, I should not be a servant of Christ." Please read the rest of this chapter, Gal. 1:11-24.

Many preachers in these last days are very careful to preach in a way that will please the worldly, sinful people, and get them to profess salvation without a real godly sorrow for sin that worketh repentance unto salvation. False prophets are very careful to stress their church doctrine; such as, eternal security, once saved always saved regardless of how much sin you commit after you believed, for all will

sin more or less until death; sanctified at death, not in this life; etc. They will twist many plain Scriptures, such as the 7th chapter of Romans that shows the condition of a man under the law, and apply it to mean a man that is under grace. Also Paul in Eph. 2 is trying to show the Christians at Ephesus the difference between the law and the gospel and that they were saved by grace instead of by works under the law. Therefore the Gentiles that had been aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenant of promise, having no hope and without God in the world, were made nigh (now, not after death) by the blood of Christ, making peace by breaking down the middle wall of partition between them (the Jew and Gentile) therefore making peace, abolishing the enmity, the law of commandments contained in ordinances; that through him (Christ) they (Jew and Gentile) both have access by ONE SPIRIT unto the Father, making them fellow citizens with the saints and of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone. In whom (Christ) all the building (not part of it) fitly (according to God's plan) framed together (not apart) groweth unto an holy (not unholy) temple in the Lord. In whom ye also are (present tense) builded together (not apart) for an habitation of God through the Spirit (1 Cor. 4:16) viz., in this present world. God dwells in His temple not made with hands, his church, the body of Christ. Ye (all true believers) are the body of Christ, and members in particular (1 Cor. 12:27).

In conclusion I will say that sound, heaven sent, Holy Spirit, Bible doctrine can only be preached and practiced by a man (or woman) that has been convicted, converted, saved from ALL (not part) sin and sins, been set or placed (His gift) in the church by the Holy Spirit just as it pleases God, not man. Every Spirit-filled and Spirit-led minister will preach and practice (live it) sound gospel doctrine, the Word that will save lost sinners from their sins, not in their sins. And all such converts will bear the fruits of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-25) if they abide in the vine, Christ (John 15:4, 5). Another soul-damning doctrine that is deceiving many people is that there is no danger of being separated from the vine (Christ) once you are in the vine, a branch of the vine.

Satan is just as deceptive in these last days as he was in the garden of Eden where he preached his first no-danger sermon, causing Eve to disobey God and bring the whole human race under condemnation. The same subtle serpent spirit is going strong in these last perilous days, deceiving poor sinners by the thousands by their cunning, crafty, seducing, false, sin-you-will teachings. False teachers with all their converts will be greatly surprised when they go to the judgment. I know they teach that you will not be judged. Read the seventh chapter of Matthew, especially from the 13th to the last verse. Beware of false prophets.

—C. S. Wyatt.

"How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things."

We Can Know Them

The time of the end and the doom of this wicked world is in the making. The Lord of heaven will thrust in the sickle in the final outpouring of his judgment upon this hypocritical generation. The evil spirit which now is at work in the children of disobedience will be consumed by the fire of God's wrath.

You know how desperately Satan is employing his demon spirits to destroy the faith of God's people. Since the fall of man in the garden of Eden, the Tempter has been sowing his wild oats, wherefore we see evidence that Satan, as a destroyer, has been making use of hireling ministers to mix the truth with error, which is the way he likes to hear it.

But we are not to be overthrown by the preachings of faulty doctrines; insomuch as we have from the beginning learned the simple truth how that Christ Jesus, the Holy One of God, made his appearance in the flesh to those who would receive him, and even to be seen of those who saw no promise in him. Many centuries have passed by since Jesus arose from the grave and was caught up into heaven to sit at the right hand of the Father. Before Jesus ascended on high he left a message of hope and a promise of a dear Comforter Who would instruct us and lead us on to a perfect love and understanding.

Beloved, knowing these things to be so, let us make sure the message that we have received of the Father that through his Son Jesus Christ there awaits a wonderful heritage of eternal life to everyone that believeth and is saved.

Remember that we as his servants to obey have an heavenly calling to be dependable and faithful witnesses on earth. Every fiber of our souls must be strengthened and well shielded to repel the fiery darts of Satan's onslaughts. Bear in mind that the adversary holds complete mastery over this sinful world, and there will be no repose nor end of struggle until Satan's power is broken and God's dear children are all called to his home in glory. Until then we must openly declare the terrible but precious truth by putting into use our choicest possession, the Holy Bible, and preach the love of God in the beauty of holiness.

There is no need for any saint of God to be ignorant as to who the reliable witnesses are. When you cast your eyes into the fields you will discern many laborers at work sowing gospel seeds. But realize also that Satan (the mimic god) is sowing his deadly seeds, which dragon seers are the despoilers of many of the offsprings of Adam's fallen race. Because of them many are groping about in darkness, "Ever learning, but never coming to the knowledge of the truth." Because of such who are lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God, many have been misled and overcome by the crushing weight of sin. But the true wheat rises above the tares, for the true wheat must grow and produce. You can identify God's loved ones by these signs:

They have no part in this world's foolishness. Their time is spent in hard labor to do God's work. Soul winning is their soul's delight.

They speak as the Spirit moves them.

With prayers and much persecution they serve God. They never complain, but give thanks, for they are overcomers and steadfast in time of trouble.

Their life insurance is heavenly assurance that God will provide for them.

Their great faith in God puts many to shame.

They greet one another with a kiss of love, and in this they are no respecter of persons.

With untiring patience they carry out their Father's will, ready to suffer for the cause of Christ, wise as serpents and meek as lambs.

Their testimony is without boast, ever at work in the fields of labor, sowing the seeds of truth.

—Bro. Salvatore DiDio

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Flowers for the Living

How can we strew beautiful flowers in the pathway of the living? There are many ways, and here is one instance:

Many years ago a young man, unconcerned about his soul's salvation, was given some gospel literature and informed just how to seek and find the Lord with full salvation from all sin. One evening about three months afterward on his dying bed he was gloriously saved and rejoiced in the great salvation. The urge and opportunity from the Lord came to the humble servant and worker who acted promptly. Rejected opportunities seldom ever return. "Gone into eternity unsaved" brings sadness and agony to anyone who failed to warn the unsaved when opportunity presented itself. Many times a full gospel tract or message sent out or given with instructions how to seek and find full salvation from all sin has eventually been, and will continue to be, a sweet lovely beautiful flower strewn in the pathway of the living. It means nothing to a soul or spirit on the other side to put flowers on their graves, whether saved or unsaved. Perhaps, if they would speak, they would say what a foolish waste of money which might have been used for a more sensible need or purpose.

An aged man once declared that he could have strewn many lovely flowers in the pathway of his parents had he been considerate of their needs when he had plenty of money.

Ministering unto the needy in the name of the Lord is as ministering unto Jesus were he literally here among us. See Matt. 24:40. Many were rejoiced to learn that so many had ministered unto the needs of a certain family whose home was destroyed by fire some time ago. All we have is the Lord's and to freely use such without stint, stopping not at the tenth of ones income. "Freely ye have received; freely give."

Those who live and measure up to a full gospel standard of righteous living as defined in Col. 3; Gal. 5:22, love joy peace, gentleness, goodness, faith, coupled with loving Christian virtues, acts, and deeds, loving even their enemies, overcoming evil with good, are strewing lovely, fragrant flowers in the pathway of one and all.

—John H. Griffith

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THE PERSONAL WITNESS OF THE CHRISTIAN

Sunday, March 7, 1948

Printed Portion Acts 8:26-39.

Acts 8:26. And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south, unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.

27. And he arose and went, and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship,

28. Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esai-as the prophet.

29. Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.

30. And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readeest?

31. And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.

32. The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearers, so opened he not his mouth:

33. In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth.

34. And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?

35. Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.

36. And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?

37. And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

38. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

39. And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.

Memory Verse: Ask and it shall be given you: seek and ye shall find: knock and it shall be opened unto you. Matt. 7:7.

Practical Truth: Jesus is found of them who seek him with their whole heart.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The angel, or messenger, of the Lord told Philip just where to go. The Lord wanted him to contact a hungry soul away out in the desert. What a beautiful lesson we have here of Christ fulfilling his promise in Matt. 5:6, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled." In this case God called Philip to leave a meeting where numbers were getting saved and miracles performed to go minister to this one hungry soul. Philip, God's true messenger, was able and qualified to tell him about Jesus who would be the satisfying portion of his hungry soul. Have you noticed that in different cases where hungry souls sought salvation angels helped them to get in contact with a true disciple. It might help you to be more diligent in putting forth an effort to spread the gospel if you will search the scriptures for an answer to the question: Why didn't the angel of the Lord deliver the message directly to the hungry souls rather than to wait for a disciple to do it?

Philip began with the Scripture the eunuch was reading and preached unto him Jesus. A hungry soul will never be satisfied with anything less than Jesus.

How eagerly this poor hungry soul grasped this cup of blessing that God's faithful messenger had to offer him, and he drank of it to the full depth of his soul, and immediately he requested of Philip that he might be baptized. It is evident that in preaching Jesus to the eunuch Philip had explained to him the need of being baptized.

When one truly preaches Jesus to others, he must preach the observance of all that Jesus taught.

Notice on what condition Philip offered to baptize him. "If thou believest with all thine heart." Modern professors of religion like to leave out the last part of that statement, so they can drift on with a head belief, just like they believe other historical facts, and never have a change of heart. Read Rom. 10:9, 10.

Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him, and then both of them came up out of the water. The eunuch went on his way rejoicing in his new-found treasure, and what a story he had to tell his people when he got home. Yes, he became a personal witness for the Christ.

—G. S.

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THE WORTH OF CHRISTIAN CHARACTER (Temperance lesson)

Sunday, March 14, 1948

Printed Portion Ephesians 5:6-21.

Eph. 5:6. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.

7. Be not ye therefore partakers with them.

8. For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:

9. (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)

10. Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.

11. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

12. For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret.

13. But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light.

14. Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

15. See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,

16. Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

17. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

18. And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

19. Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

20. Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

21. Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

Memory Verse: Forgetting those things which are behind, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Phil. 3:14.

Practical Truth: The dignity of character required of a true Christian cannot coexist with intemperance.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

It would be impossible to put a money value on a true Christian character. That which comes down from heaven and into our souls cannot be purchased with money. (1 Peter 1:18, 19.) The word temperance should never be used when such as alcohol beverage is under consideration, neither smoking nor chewing tobacco, nor narcotics. From such things there must be total abstinence. We are to be temperate in such things as our

natural appetites and God-given passions, but we must totally abstain from all evil habits.

The writer in this lesson warns us against being deceived. The eyes of our understanding must be enlightened thru the knowledge of the Lord and his Word. In other words we must not be ignorant of Satan's devices if we do not want to be deceived. Deception puts us in a bad tangle, which is hard to get out of.

We who are Christians used to be in the dark, but the Lord called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. Then we are commanded to walk as children of light and be not entangled again in the yoke of bondage. This lesson teaches us what the fruit of the Spirit is, and to prove what God will accept. When what we offer to God is rejected we should remember Cain who became wroth and slew his brother Abel. And we are commanded to have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, for men loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. Light exposes evil in the life, so those who hold on to evil don't like light. Those who are asleep are commanded to awake and arise from the dead and then Christ will give them light and life. We are not to walk as fools but as wise and to make the best of the time that is allotted to us because the days are evil; and be not drunk with wine wherein is excess, but be filled with the Spirit. When we are filled with God's Spirit, all that comes from our mouth or tongue will be prompted by His Spirit, thanking the Lord always for all things and submitting ourselves one to another.—G.S.

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THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Sunday, March 21, 1948

Printed Portion Luke 4:16-20; Mark 4:26-29; Luke 17:20, 21; Romans 14:17.

Luke 4:16. And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

17. And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

18. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

19. To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

20. And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

Mark 4:26. And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground;

27. And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how.

28. For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.

29. But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.

Luke 17:20. And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:

21. Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

Rom. 14:17. For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Memory Verse: Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end upon the throne of David and upon his kingdom to order it and to establish it with judgment and justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this. Isa. 9:7.

Practical Truth: His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom which shall not be left to another.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In the first section of this lesson Jesus went to the synagogue on the sabbath day as was his custom and stood up to read. They gave him the book of the prophet Esaias, and beginning with the first verse of the 61st chapter he read the prophecy concerning himself, and he announced to his astonished listeners that this prophecy or Scripture was that day fulfilled in their ears; which meant that he was the Messiah or King for whom they had been looking and expecting to come. In Matt. 5:17, we hear Him say as he began to preach, "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Jesus is announced in the Scriptures as being King or Ruler of the universe, and He is also declared to be the head of His church which He built on the rock. Being built on the rock signifies that His kingdom (church) is an everlasting or eternal kingdom. The kingdom as it is presented in its different aspects shows that it is synonymous with the church, but not identical. When spoken of as the kingdom of heaven it is sometimes identical with the church, but when spoken of in the broad sense it takes in more than the church as we see in the 13th chapter of Matthew, verse 41. "The Son of man shall send forth his angels and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend and them that do iniquity, and shall cast them into a furnace of fire." Also verses 47 and 48 of the same chapter, "Again the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net cast into the sea, and gathereth of every kind, which when it is full they drew it to the shore and sat down and gathered the good into vessels but cast the bad away. In the spiritual sense Jesus said (John 18:36), "My kingdom is not of this world." Again (Luke 16:16) "The law and the prophets were until John: Since that time the kingdom of God is preached and every man presseth into it." And (Luke 17:20-21), Jesus said the kingdom of God cometh not with observation . . . for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

"Not meat and drink." Material forces, pomp and display and things which sustain the earthly life are not part of his kingdom; but rather pardon of sin, and holiness of heart and life. Col. 1:13 shows that He has already delivered us from the power of darkness and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.

— oOo — ETERNAL LIFE (Easter Lesson)

Sunday, March 28, 1948

Printed Portion . . Colossians 3:1-4, 12-17; 1 John 5:11, 12

Col. 3:1. If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

2. Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth.

3. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

4. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

12. Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and

beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

13. Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

14. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

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

16. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

17. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

1 John 5:11. And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

12. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

Memory Verse: Jesus said, And this is eternal life that they may know Thee the only true God and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. John 17:3.

Practical Truth: If we profess that we know the Lord, then we should be very careful lest by our word or deed or actions we would deny him. Read Titus 1:16.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Notice in the first verse of this lesson the plain simple words, or language, Paul uses to convey to our minds the lesson he wants us to get: "If ye then be risen with Christ"—if we have been born again, if we have passed from death unto life, if we who were dead in trespasses and sins have been quickened or made alive—then "set your affections on things above where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God." Do not set your affections on the temporal earthly things. This admonition agrees exactly with what Jesus said, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth . . . but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven." Why? Because "where your treasure is there will your heart be also."

There must of necessity be a death and burial before there can be a resurrection. This is brought out so clearly in the 6th chapter of Romans. When we are born again we are resurrected from a dead state of sin, have come out in the first resurrection (John 5:25); then our name was written in the book of life in heaven. Read Luke 10:20 and Rev 20:15. If we will obey to the letter the wholesome instructions we find in the precious old Book then we are told that when Christ, who is our life, appears we shall also appear with Him in glory. When we have been born again we have put off the old man of sin with his deeds, then we put on Christ. Read John 15:4, 7. When we have been born again, or passed the first resurrection, then we are new creatures, or a new creation (2 Cor. 5:17). Then we are so glad and willing to forgive everyone who has wronged us. Then we will be longsuffering, forbearing one another. And above all we will put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. Then we will let the peace of God rule in our hearts and let the Word of God dwell in us richly in all wisdom, for we are called in one body and we will also be thankful. Then to, we will be able to teach and admonish one another in Psalms and hymns and spiritual songs; and then whatever we do whether eating or drinking or dressing, we will do it all to the glory of God.

—G. S.