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Art Thou Weary?

Art thou weary, worn, and sad?
And dost thou feel cast down?
Can nought of thine now make thee glad?
Or friends erase thy frown?

Is it true that none can know
Or understand thy heart?
And does thy load more heavy grow
While none can help impart?

Others have gone the way you go,
And found a sweet release
From all their burdens and their woes
And traveled on in peace.

For they appealed to One who knew
And understood their case;
And earnestly they sought and found
His sweet sustaining grace.

Dear friend, look up, there's hope for thee;
Cast on the Lord thy care.
He thy helper will ever be;
He will thy burdens bear.

For none have trusted him in vain,
Who came with all their heart,
And cried to him in grief or pain:
Trust him; he'll take your part.

He'll take your part and you shall see
That he's a friend indeed;
And He will lend a helping hand
In every time of need.

And you will find that you can sing
And praise him for his grace,
Till on that golden shore you stand
And see him face to face.

—Ulysses Phillips

Can We Lose Sanctification, and Yet Remain Justified?

The graces of justification and entire sanctification each rest upon their own distinct conditions. However, most of those conditions are inclusive of each other. Faith, and obedience to all the known will of God, maintains justification. Entire consecration, faith, and testimony preserve the soul in entire sanctification. The faith in each case rests upon the promises of God that relate to that state of grace. An actual disobedience is also a failure in consecration; hence will forfeit both justification and entire sanctification. To knowingly and willingly violate any condition of sanctification, will also forfeit justification. Because this is the will of God, even our sanctification, and no person can remain justified in known omission of his will.

But, beloved, such a thing is very possible that a person may have sufficient light to appropriate sanctification; and yet not wisdom enough to constantly hold the sanctifying faith against the wiles of Satan, though he honestly desires to do so. He may also not be aware of the fact that definite testimony is an actual condition in maintaining holiness of heart. Hence he may ignorantly and innocently come short of the conditions of entire sanctification; consequently fail to maintain that grace, and still not feel himself a condemned sinner. For instance, a person gets to a holiness meeting, hears the preaching, is convinced it is what he needs, seeks, and by faith grasps that grace. He returns home with a new experience, but is also now exposed to temptations of a different nature. Nor is he sufficiently posted in these new wiles of Satan, to always detect and resist them. It is very easy for a person to form erroneous ideas as to how a sanctified soul should always feel. But when that feeling is not realized, it is also very natural for that soul to entertain the suggestion that, "After all, you are not sanctified." In fact, conscience, under the existing defect in knowledge, would suggest, "It were hypocrisy to claim that perfect grace, feeling as you do." Then the faith that claimed the second

grace, would relax its hold, and of course the grace would be forfeited. And yet no forfeiture of justification, or a good conscience.

Take another instance. A person who has received the second grace, but knows not the absolute necessity of supporting his faith with definite testimony. He observes that such testimony is not wanted by the people with whom he worships.—This, of course, is back in Babylon.—Finally he is advised in all kindness by one of the most exemplary old members that he had better desist from that kind of testimony, as it only disturbs the peace of the church. The advice looks reasonable; in his humility he does not wish to make trouble, and in his lack of knowledge, he avoids the offensive testimony. Does it too with good motives, hence, cannot feel condemned in conscience. Nevertheless, his faith for entire sanctification fails in the absence of its proper support, and soon there will come a realization that he does not possess the second grace.

The following theses we clearly perceive to be correct and true. 1. No person who clearly understands the conditions of sanctification, can forfeit that grace without also falling from justification. 2. No person who loses sanctification by knowingly taking anything off the altar, can retain the former grace. 3. The only way entire sanctification can be forfeited without losing all grace, is, by a failure in keeping up the conditions through a want of knowledge of the same. 4. No person having been in the experience of sanctification, or having a knowledge of that grace, can continue justified, if satisfied to live beneath his known privilege.

Some people think that because full salvation is obtained by two distinct works of grace, namely, regeneration (or justification) and sanctification (Tit. 3:4, 5; Rom. 5:1, 2; Acts 26:18), that they can lose the experience of entire sanctification, and yet remain justified. But we find by searching the Scriptures, nothing short of obedience will retain either justification or sanctification. Jas. 2:10, "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet [knowingly] offend [reject, or fail] in one point, he is guilty of all." There is no cause for losing salvation only through disobedience in some way, either by neglecting duty, or transgressing the law of God, which is sin. 1 John 3:4. "To him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." Jas. 4:17. Sin of any kind always brings forth (spiritual) death. Jas. 1:15; Ezek. 18:4, 20. Therefore being dead in trespasses and sins, not a child of God (1 Jno. 3:8), under condemnation. 1 John 3:20.

But some people say, "We might do things ignorantly sometimes: what about that?" If it be done ignorantly, we are not accountable for such. Our faith in Christ preserves us, and his blood covers all our ignorance. We are only responsible for what we know, or could know by improving the time allotted to us.

A person cannot become justified, and remain so, in the light of God's word, which plainly teaches holiness and sanctification, unless he goes on unto perfection (Heb. 6:1), or in other words, consecrates for

entire sanctification (Rom. 12:1; 1 Thess. 5:21-24), which is the will of God. 1 Thess. 4:3, 4. If we do not walk in the light (obey God's word), then darkness (sin) is the result. And if we ever get lukewarm (leave the first love), the Lord says he will spew us out of his mouth; and the command is, (Rev. 2:5), "Remember, therefore, from whence thou art fallen; and repent, and do the first works. —Thos. Carter

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Earthly Cares Forbidden

"Casting all your care upon him, for he careth for you." 1 Pet. 5:7. We are living in an age of time of many cares. Jesus knew they would come to us, because he told us what to do with them when they came. Cast them ALL—not a part, but all—on Him.

It is not the one who bears the heavy burdens and cares that is strongest and the one the Lord can use best; but it is that one who is able to exercise himself unto godliness as we read in 1 Tim. 4:8, by casting (throwing) them on Jesus. Exercising ourselves unto "godliness is profitable unto all things, having the promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come."

If we are crushed beneath the weight of cares, regardless of what they are: domestic, financial, physical, etc., we are not able to be of much service for our Master, and are endangering our souls to spiritual death. The Lord wants his children to be strong in him so he can use them, Eph. 6:10. The strong person is the one who is able to CAST his cares upon Him. If a person stays beneath the load or weight of an object that has him pinned underneath it, he is not of any use to himself or anyone else, and if he remains under the object long enough, he is in danger of losing his physical life. So it is in the spiritual life. When we permit our hearts to stay beneath the weight of cares and burdens and sorrows, regardless of what causes them, instead of casting them on Him (Jesus) then in time our spiritual life will be crushed out.

Phil. 4:6, "Be careful for nothing"—not one thing. Help us, O Lord. But "in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God." The care does not become too great nor trivial to take to him in prayer. In everything by prayer, casting all your care on Him.

In Luke 10:41, 42, Jesus reproveth Martha for being careful and troubled and she had not learned that one thing of casting all her cares upon Him.

In Matt. 13:22, we are told that the thorns which choked the Word and caused the individual to become unfruitful were the CARES of this world.

John 15:8 teaches us to bear much fruit, in order to glorify God and be his disciple.

In Luke 21:34 Jesus warns us to be watchful in these, the last days, because at any time we could be over-charged with cares of this life and other things, and be found unworthy to escape the awful destruction that awaits the careless and neglectful.

Matt. 6:25-34. Jesus again teaches us to be careful (or over anxious or troubled) about nothing of our needs of this life. Verse 33 says, but "seek

first his kingdom and righteousness and all these things shall be added." Casting all our cares upon Him, for he careth for us.

Psa. 127:2. We learn it is vanity to spend all of our time troubling about things of our needs of life. "Bread of sorrows." "Because he gives his beloved sleep." (Sleep means rest). If we seek him first, we rest in him to care for us. Casting all our care upon him, for he careth for us.

In Luke 12:6, 7, Jesus again tells us of some of his close care for his children, by letting us know the hairs of our heads are all numbered.

Dear children of God, let us learn the secret of this little text of 1 Peter 5:7. It is one lesson of very vital importance to our spiritual welfare. I believe God has recently taught me some of its secrets that have brought to me joy unspeakable and glory. Satan is working and pounding with many tools today to murder the children of God, and I believe cares of life is one tool he is using successfully. Let us take warning and heed the text, "Casting all your care upon him, for he careth for you."

Cares of life destroy grace.

"Why carry a load that Satan would bring?"

Oh, rest in the Lord with your care.

While saved by his grace, the victory sing,

Whatever the burden you bear."

Pray for me, your sister in his service.

—LaVern Manuel

God Is Love

"God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life." "God is love." "We love him because he first loved us." 1 John 4:19, "Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another," 1 John 4:11.

Yes, I love God because he first loved me, and the love I have for him causes me to be burdened for lost souls. I must be up and doing, working the works of righteousness to help rescue perishing souls. We have no time to lose. We must seek to please him daily in everything we say and everything we do, that our lives may shine brighter and brighter every day and help bring sinners to the Lamb of God who died that we might live. Yes, God is love, and if his love abides in us we will seek to please him. He tells us to let our light so shine before men that they may see our good works and be constrained to glorify God. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world, he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." John 8:12.

We, the people of God, are trying to get all people to see that they must live free from sin in this world if they enter heaven. "But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life." Rom. 6:22. Now dear people, seeing that it takes being made free from sin to become servants to God, you will have to keep free from sin to remain a servant to God.

Dear saints and readers of the "Faith and Vic-

tory," I am glad I can testify to the world that Jesus saves, sanctifies, and gives power to reign over sin in this world. Yes, God is love, and let us continue to lift him up in our lives until he calls us home.

—Salissa Griffin

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Valley of Humiliation

In the 13th chapter of John is the account of Jesus' establishing the feet-washing ordinance, which is also a great lesson on humility. The humble servant of the Lord is made happy by knowing and observing this. Read John 13:14-18. We read of a faithful servant of the Lord on pilgrimage who was experiencing a great struggle against worldliness and the works of darkness to keep the victory. Not until he was led into the beautiful valley of humiliation was he able to get that sense of freedom from self and every hindrance to the spiritual growth of his soul.

Every loyal full-gospel Christian is on pilgrimage, and it is their privilege and opportunity to daily live and walk with their Saviour in sweet communion in this highly spiritual realm. To be humble, contrite, and obedient is a great trust and it is a real hero who will give up everything that is detrimental for Christ's sake. When we meet such persons, we see greater victors than any ruler of kingdoms and empires of this political world. He that exalteth himself shall be abased, but he that humbleth himself shall be exalted (Luke 18:14). God loves a willing, obedient, humble servant who is not searching the Word of God for non-essentials, but who is searching and hungering for righteousness to be able to measure up to the Word with no compromise with the works of darkness.

None but the obedient and pure in heart and life (Consecrated, set apart, or sanctified) are able to walk with Jesus in holy communion in the lovely valley of humiliation. Before one can enter this great spiritual realm, there must be a daily dying out to self, a purging of all worldliness, filthiness of the flesh; or, in other words, a real house cleaning process, including the eradication of all unsound and unclean speech, worldly superfluous dress or fashions, decorating the body with jewels and pearls, the painting of lips, toes, and finger nails, the use of tobacco in every form, etc.

Would that everyone who professes to be saved but have the wrong interpretation of the Word of God would be willing to be humble enough to be rightly informed so they could walk humbly with Jesus as obedient ones in the beauty of a holy life in the valley of humiliation! "Before honour is humility."

The ministers of the church of God are laboring faithfully to hold up and keep without any compromise the high standard of the full gospel of our Lord, that it spread, increase and multiply. The need is very urgent to bring light to those in the darkness of Babylon confusion.

—John H. Griffith.

The best sermons are those preached by our daily lives (1 Pet. 2:12; Rom. 12:17; 2 Cor. 8:21; Phil. 2:15; Tit. 2:8; 1 Pet. 3:16).

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Editorials

We send greetings of holy love to all of our readers in the name of Jesus who has washed us in his own blood and has given us power to tread on serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy (Luke 10:19). Treading on serpents and scorpions would no doubt mean to have victory over evil and wicked spirits possessing religious men who have Barabas loose in their souls instead of Christ. It is a precious privilege that the true children of God enjoy while reigning with Christ in this life, for the Lord came forth from the tomb a mighty conqueror and put his enemies to an open shame, triumphing over them, and hath bequeathed to us the power to reign in this life over all evil and wicked spirits, while we look not at the things that are seen but at the things that are not seen.

When we meet up with men who have a reputation of being strong spiritually but who possess the wrong spirit, we see them as merely puny men, and see God exceedingly superior to them, and by keeping our faith in God, we triumph over this inferior spirit by reigning with Christ in this life.

We see the foolishness of the wisdom and strength of man manifested in their attempt to hold the body of Christ in the tomb. They did not believe that he would be resurrected from the dead, but thought the disciples were hypocrites and liars like they were, and judged that they would come by night and steal the body away and claim that he had risen from the dead. They went to their extreme strength and power to make the tomb secure. First they had the tomb sealed with the governor's seal. It would be a criminal act for anyone to break the governor's seal. Second, they placed a watch of brave soldiers around the tomb. All this extraordinary effort of securing the tomb to keep the Lord's body there did not baffle the unseen things or powers, but when God sent his innocent angel down, the brave soldiers became as dead men, the governor's seal was broken, the stone rolled away, and the angel sat upon it, while Jesus came forth a mighty conqueror to live for ever; and puny man could do nothing about it. Oh, how helpless is the weak strength of men when the unseen powers are at work. Jesus declared to his disciples that all power was given unto him in heaven and in earth. He demonstrated this power while living in the fleshly body, and after he ascended to heaven and shed forth the Holy Spirit upon the believers on the day of Pentecost, they also received the same power that he had, and performed all manner of miracles, which proved that he was living in them.

In Heb. 13:8, it is written, "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever." Let us get our eyes on those things that are not seen with the natural eye and believe God's word with actions following, and truly we can then fulfill the Scriptures which teach us that we are kings and priests unto God in this life. Read Rev. 5:10.

An apostolic consecration will bring apostolic results. Paul instructs us in the first few verses of the

12th chapter of Romans concerning the consecration that every child of God should have. He beseeches us to present our bodies as a living sacrifice to God, and assures us that this is our reasonable service. To keep your body before the Lord as a living sacrifice would mean that you daily deny all your selfish desires and keep busy doing the pleasure of God. This also harmonizes with the words of Jesus found in Luke 9:23, which reads thus, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." How many professed believers are doing this today?

In the second verse of this 12th chapter we read, "And be not conformed to this world." This scripture is exceedingly plain, but how few professed believers are obeying it today? You will find nearly all of them conformed to the world in one manner or another; some in fashions and fads in dress or putting on of adornments, others in putting their affections on the things of this world or entangling themselves in different ways and manners, and in many different ways denying the consecration they profess. How shameful is all this in the sight of God.

We have on record the kind of consecration the early church had in the latter part of the fourth chapter of Acts. It says that the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul. They did not claim what they had was their own, but they had all things common. When living this kind of a consecration the results were: (verse 33) "And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all." It also says, "As many as had lands and houses sold them." This must mean any lands and houses of a surplus nature, for we all know that it was needful for some to have houses in which to live, and we have on record that some of them did have. It would also be needful for those who were called to farm to have lands to farm to raise food for themselves and others who had other callings and had no time to serve tables or prepare food for the same. In the first few verses of the 6th chapter of Acts we see where the apostles said, "It is not reason that we should leave the word of God and serve tables." Verse 4, "But we will give ourselves continually to prayer and the ministry of the word." A man who is called of God to minister the word, has no business with a farm or of entangling himself with the affairs of this life. Every child of God should have the same consecration and labor with that consecration according as God calls and leads. Every child of God should see to it that he has nothing on hands which he could not successfully use to the glory of God. Any earthly surplus of any kind would take your time and attention and would break your full consecration to God and weaken the power of God in your soul. It would prove that your eye was not single to the glory of God and that your affections were not wholly on things above where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God. Read the first few verses of the 3rd chapter of Colossians.

Paul teaches us to "Endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entang-

leth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who has chosen him to be a soldier." 2 Tim. 2:4, 5. In 1 Tim. 6:6, we read, "But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out, and having food and raiment let us therewith be content. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil. Which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But thou, O man of God, flee [turn from] these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life."

The Laodicean church about which we read in the third chapter of Revelation was in a luke warm state because they said, "I am rich and increased with goods, and have need of nothing." Entangling yourself with the affairs of this life and seeking after the things of this world for fleshly ease and comfort, will mean that your affections are here and will rob you of the love of God in the soul. They are cares of this life that choke out the word. But God said they knew not that they were wretched, miserable, poor, and blind, and naked. He exhorted them to buy of him gold tried in the fire. What he meant by buying of him gold tried in the fire was for them to sell their surplus possessions and get their affections on things above, manifest faith in God, and their souls would become alive and they would then truly have the true riches. This harmonizes with the words of Jesus recorded in Luke 12:33, which reads, "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."

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The national campmeeting of the Church of God will be held, the Lord willing, on the campgrounds at Monark Springs, Mo., July 21 to 30 inclusive. The ministers meeting will also be in session on the national campground two days following the campmeeting, July 31 and Aug. 1st.

This is the only national gathering of God's people where the Bible is preached and practiced without compromise and fanaticism. The distinctive Bible doctrines which brought forth this reformation some 70 years ago are still taught and has the same effect of perpetuating the one true church of God in the earth where the "two witnesses"—the Word and the Spirit—have complete freedom to govern the body of Christ. A hearty welcome is extended to all to attend these services where you may find help for soul and body.

The national campground is in need of much improvement for the convenience of those who attend the meeting there, and some of the needs disclosed at last year's business meeting are as follows: adequate bath and wash rooms in basement of dining hall, which will require another hot water tank, large amount of water supply and drainage pipes. More drinking fountains, more dishes, and another cook stove. Doors, windows, and lumber for finishing the basement. About 30 single size mattresses for the steel cots. Last year about \$20 was given to start a fund to buy new song books for the campmeeting. The books are now available, and we should buy at least 100 books which will cost \$150.

The trustees stand ready to have these improvements made as soon as the funds are supplied, and now is the time to make ready for the campmeeting. In view of these needs of the Lord's work and since this is a national meeting, let every saint ask the Lord what He would have them to give for this cause. Let us act now and give regularly to the campground improvement fund. "Freely ye have received, freely give." Please send your offering to the undersigned.

—L. D. Pruitt, 1116 W. Wash., Guthrie, Okla.

PRAYER REQUEST

I would like for you to have special prayer for my little four year old daughter who has leukemia, for which there is no cure. The doctors here have told us there is no chance for her, but I know God can heal her. I feel like he will so I certainly would appreciate your prayers for her and she knows God will heal her.

A faithful mother,

Mrs. Juanita Rice.

Sister Mellie Esters of Olla, Louisiana desires the prayers of the saints for her and her husband who are afflicted in body. The Lord has helped them but they are yet very much in need of prayer.

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OBITUARIES

George Francis Johnston was born April 1, 1877 in Blue Island, Illinois and departed this life January 26, 1950 at the age of 72 years, 9 months and 26 days. He was united in marriage to Clarissa Clayton December 21, 1904. To this union ten children were born, four sons, Alvia C. of Haddam, Kansas, Walter V. of Chehalis, Wash.; six daughters, Mrs. Vergie Berg of Hartford,

Mich., Mrs. Ruby Coatney, Willow Springs, Mo., Mrs. Josephine Acker, Malone, Wash., Mrs. Ruth Faith and Miss Edna T. Johnston of Chehalis, Wash. One daughter, Dorothy Mae preceded him in death in 1945. Besides his wife and children he is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Levina Mull of Minneapolis, Kans., Mrs. Mollinda Prior and Miss Henrietta Johnston of Lescott, Kans.; two brothers, John of Lescott, Kans., and Albert of Salina, Kansas.

The family moved from Willow Springs, Missouri to Washington in 1945 and have made their home there since. Brother Johnston gave his heart to God at an early age, and lived a faithful devoted life to God till he was called to his reward.

Funeral services were held in the Boon Parlors at Chehalis January 31 conducted by Brother Sam Wilson. Texts used, Heb. 9:27, Psa. 23:1-4, 1 Thes. 4:13-18, Rev. 14:12, 13. He was laid away in the Fern Hill Cemetery.

The flesh we laid beneath the sod, to await the resurrection morn.

His soul is at rest, at peace with God, safe and secure from every harm.

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William Lonzo Constable was born September 5, 1884, near Marthaville, Louisiana. He departed this life December 21, 1949, aged 65 years and a few months. He was united in marriage with Eunice Beard, July 30, 1924. To this union one daughter, Helen was born. His wife preceded him in death April 30, 1928. January 1, 1934 he was united in marriage with Bernice Beard Moran and two daughters were born to them, Gatha and Rebecca. Bro. Lonzo leaves besides his wife and daughters, one brother, two sisters and a host of friends and relatives.

He has been a friend of the truth for many years, and died with a clear testimony of salvation. During his long illness he had the privilege of attending both the Hammond and Midway camp meetings, which he enjoyed very much. He loved the Lord and enjoyed singing the good songs of Zion. He was unconscious most of the day until in answer to prayer he rallied and talked. He desired prayer and said he felt better then, saying, "Amen, Amen" as about his last words.

Funeral and burial at Pisgah, conducted by Bro. C. C. Carver, text, "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his." Numbers 23:10.

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"Remember Lot's Wife"

Luke 17:32

Back in the book of Genesis we read about Lot and his wife. In Chapter 13 we read about trouble between their herdsmen because both Abraham and Lot had much cattle, so they parted one from the other, Lot toward the fertile valley of the Jordan River, and Abraham remaining among the mountains of Judaea.

But finally Lot found himself in the city of Sodom, and his children married to Sodomites. The people of Sodom had become very wicked until there were very few that loved and revered God. Their wickedness had reached the throne of heaven, and God sent angels to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah, but first they stopped with Abraham and told him what they were about to do to Sodom and Gomorrah. Abraham, knowing that his nephew and family lived down there,

began to plead for mercy for Sodom (chapters 18 and 19). But finally Abraham ceased to go farther than ten souls, and the angels left him to go to Lot and his family. They warned Lot, telling him that they were about to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah, and that they should all flee from there to save their lives. Lot plead with his children that they should also flee for their lives, but they could not believe this terrible tale. But Lot, his wife, and his two unmarried daughters fled the city. They had fled to a small town by the name of Zoar, near the south end of the Dead Sea.

Then in the early morning Abraham, looking toward Sodom and Godorrah, and all the land of the plain, beheld, and the smoke of the country went up as the smoke of a furnace.

When Lot and his family fled from Sodom, they had been told by the angels not to look back. But Lot's wife could not keep from looking back, and she became a pillar of salt (verse 26). When Jesus was warning the people about his death and what was going to come to pass, he told about the times of Noah and of the time of Lot, how wicked the people had become and how God destroyed all but a very few. In verse 30, he said, "Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed." Luke 17:30. In verse 32, Jesus said, "REMEMBER LOT'S WIFE." Lot's wife turned and looked back to see the flames from heaven burning up the cities of the plain. It was her children that were being destroyed in those flames. It was all she had loved and cared for for all her life. They had not been reared in the fear of God. They had become Sodomites, consequently there were not ten righteous souls in Sodom.

Now, today, how many of our little ones have the fear of God upon their hearts? In youth, is the easiest time for God's voice to reach one's soul. In one's youth the heart is tender with a natural fear of God, but as time passes on they harden their hearts like Pharaoh until they won't give ear, eye, nor attention even though their own father or mother might be doing the preaching or the praying while in meeting. This disrespect of the young in the house of God has caused many a child of the saints to go unsaved. And many times it is harder to win for Christ their own flesh and blood than it is to win those that have not been so closely guarded in their youth.

Why should we remember Lot's wife? Is it not a warning to the people of God, that they should rear their children to love and honor and reverence God? If you love your children as you should, and God has your heart for a THRONE, such children should be taught the love and the wrath of God in their childhood. The heart and the mind is tender then and it is easy to plant the fear of God then. If one fears to do wrong, he will naturally want to do right. The desire to reverence God is strong in early childhood. It is the parents' chance to direct their little feet in the paths of righteousness, and they will learn early to know that they can come to Christ for deliverance, if taught so.

I am acquainted with a mother who, hearing her little daughter slam the door behind her, immediately followed the daughter and stayed with her until there

was victory for the little one. Rearing children for God is no small task, and if one wants to hear "Well done," said by the Lord of glory, one has to be on the watch all the time that the little ones might be brought to Jesus. For Jesus is the only one who can do the work of salvation for children as well as for grown-ups. But the children are the responsibility of the parents or those who are bringing them up. It is easier to bend the twig than it is to bend the tree. Begin with yourself; do not tell the children any lies, whether they are about Christmas or any other fashionable tales. Be truthful if you wish them to be honest. Be in your home, among the children, like Jesus would have you to be. "Remember Lot's Wife."

By the grace of God, Ivalyn E. Kriebel
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The Kingdom, The Church

The blood-washed redeemed children of God who are in the world but not of the world are designated or symbolized in the Scriptures by different names which show up the different phases of their living and working positions in this world of sinful, deceitful, religious, and non-religious people.

The prophets who prophesied long before Christ was born tell us about the kingdom of God and also about the church. In Daniel 2:44, we read, "And in the days of these kings, shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever."

When the prophet said, "In the days of these kings," he was referring to the four literal kings who were universal rulers in their turn or time, the Babylonian, Medo-Persian, Grecian, and Roman kingdoms or empires, that literally ruled the world. He said in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom. God set it up, so it is called the kingdom of God. It is synonymous with the church, so the church is called the church of God. It could be said of God's people, "They are the kingdom of God, the church," or "They are the church, the kingdom of God." Because God is the giver and originator of both, which are practically the same.

He says also in this verse that this kingdom shall never be destroyed and that statement harmonizes with what Jesus says concerning the church in Matt. 16:18, which reads thus, "And I say unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." He did not mean to convey the thought to us that he was going to build his church upon Peter, but upon the solid truth he had uttered which God the Father had revealed to him, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." For any one to know Christ, the Father will have to reveal Him unto that one by his Spirit, and this is the kind of material that the true kingdom of God, or church of God, is built of, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone. (Eph. 2:20). Jesus also makes this plain in Matt. 21:42 when he says, "Did ye never read in the Scrip-

tures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner." In saying this, Peter denies that he is the stone that the church is built upon; and declares that it is Jesus Christ of Nazareth whom the builders (Pharisees) crucified and God raised from the dead.

In the next verse, Daniel 2:45, we read, "For as much as thou sawest that the STONE was cut out of the mountain without hands, and it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold." This image that had the brass, the iron, the clay, the silver, and the gold represented the four literal kingdoms that had been and were to rule the then-known world, but the little stone, which represented Christ, broke them to pieces, and he set up his kingdom, which is spiritual and is now ruling, not only in the church but also the world, and is now giving to every man according to what he finds in his heart. That is why we are exhorted to, "Keep thine heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life." "The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof is of the Lord." Prov. 16:33.

In the seventh chapter of Daniel, where he was speaking of the fourth beast, which represents the Roman Empire or kingdom, read the 23rd verse. The time of the reign of the fourth king when the Roman kingdom was flourishing was when Christ, the little Stone, was born. He began to preach to the people, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand," and judgment was set; so reads the 26th verse, "And they shall take away his dominion, [his kingdom,] to consume and destroy it unto the end." Christ, the little Stone, brought judgment against the Roman dominion and it was destroyed so far as it being any more a universal kingdom. Verse 27 says, "And the kingdom and the dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints [the church] of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him." Blessed be the name of Jesus! We read again in the 14th verse of this same chapter what the Son of God has done, "And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, and all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom, that which shall not be destroyed." The gates of hell shall not prevail against the church. Read the 18th verse, "But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever." Glory be to God, when we have Christ in our souls we are possessing the kingdom, for he is the little stone which is the chief corner stone of the church. Jesus said to his disciples, "Behold, the kingdom of God is within you." When Christ is in us, we are in the kingdom and the kingdom is in us. As we yield to Christ, he makes us kings and priests unto him and we reign over sin and over all the evil spirits in the world, giving glory to our king whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom. "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

"Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of

God, and saying, the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand [present tense. At hand now, not over in an imaginary Millennial in some future age]; Repent ye, and believe the gospel." In Matt. 6:33 Jesus exhorts the people to "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness." In Mark 9:1 we read that Jesus said, "There be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power." This prophecy took place on the day of Pentecost when the Holy Ghost was poured out upon one hundred and twenty souls and they were given power to witness for Christ in Jerusalem, in Judaea, in Samaria, and to the uttermost part of the earth. (Acts 1:8). This kingdom that came with power was also the church, for the record is written down, "And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." Acts 2:47. In Heb. 12:22 it is written, "But ye are come [speaking to his believing children] unto mount Sion [A metaphor of the church] and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an enumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the first born [who was God manifested in the flesh] which are written in heaven, [our names are on the Lamb's book of life.] and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect." Glory be to God. We can see very plainly that he is speaking of the church, the family of God, saved people. In the 28th verse of the same chapter he calls it the kingdom. Let us read, "Wherefore, we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear." This church or kingdom of which we are members cannot be moved; it abideth forever. The gates of hell cannot, or shall not, prevail against IT—just one.

This one body of saved people is the divinely organized church of God, and it has never been destroyed or put out of existence since Christ built it and divinely organized it by the Holy Spirit. It shall never cease to be a reality so long as this world stands, then she will shine in the glory world. I find only one place where the church is spoken of as being in existence before Pentecost, that is Acts 7:38 where Stephen mentioned Christ being in the church in the wilderness and with the angel which spoke to him in the Mount Sina. When Jesus said that the gates of hell shall not prevail against the church, we know his statement is true, for we have no record of its ever being extinct in the earth since that day, even during the hundreds of years of dark Catholicism, God's church existed; also during the 350 years of sect making, or Protestantism, when it is stated that the two witnesses, the Spirit and the Word, lay dead in the streets there was a remnant, no doubt, which was the church existing, as there were groups of saved people drawn together by the divine love of God and functioning by divine leadership before they humanly organized and became sects, denying the Holy Spirit rule; even as it has been in this "Restoration of Light in the evening time," called "this Reformation," which was the true church in its beginning. Though the most conspicuous part of the movement did not hold

to the unadulterated truths of God's word, God has preserved a body which has never drifted from the real apostolic truths, and have not conformed to the world (Romans 12:2). Those who constitute the true body have not adorned themselves with worldly adornments, nor adopted titles such as "Rev." and "D. D.," have not upheld double marriages, nor given way to man-made rules and systems in making an "Image to the Beast"; but they have allowed, and are allowing, the Holy Spirit and the Word to govern and rule in all their functions, and so it always will be.

In Rev. 11:8, where the Revelator speaks of the dead bodies lying in the streets for three days and a half, we understand this to mean in a general sense. If there had been a period of time when the church was put out of existence, the Lord's words would not be true. If it had He should have said, "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it with the exception of three hundred and fifty years." But his words do not convey that meaning to us. Any group of saved people at any place and in any time that are not humanly organized and are allowing the Holy Spirit to govern them, are not conforming to the world, are not of the world, constitute the church of the living God, and are also the kingdom of God in its "Potter's Clay" form. The kingdom of God is also referred to in the Bible as a universal kingdom, ruling over all the world, as God sets up literal kings and puts down kings. He also rules over Satan and all his imps, for his power in a universal sense is unlimited.

In 1 Cor. 15:24, we read, "Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom [the church] to God, even the Father." We read of the end and of this taking place in the 4th chapter of 1 Thess., beginning with verse 13, and we are told that the righteous dead will be raised up and we that remain and are alive at his coming will be caught up with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord. This is the kingdom of God which stands forever, the church which is delivered up to the Father. According to John 5:28, the wicked and unsaved will be resurrected at the same hour unto damnation, but will be burned up with the world or earth and all things therein. 2 Peter 3:10 and Rev. 20:9.

Knowing all these things, dear brethren, let us obey the exhortation given us in 1 Cor. 15:58, which reads, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." —Fred Pruitt

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Hungering and thirsting after righteousness is a sure evidence of justification. (Matt. 5:6; Isaiah 55:1; 65:13).

That whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel.—Phil. 1:27.

A sectarian spirit wants only what is believed by their sect.

CORRESPONDENCE

Idaho—Dear Editor,—We have been receiving your "Faith and Victory" paper and do enjoy it. We liked the last paper very much on the article of the thousand year reign. Yours in the masters service, Harold Hoffman.

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Ore.—To the dear saints scattered abroad, Greetings—I wish to testify to the glory of God. "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Phil. 3:14. What a mighty God we serve! He is my healer, He is my stay. He never leaves me nor forsakes me. Praise his dear name now and forever. I desire to go all the way with the Lord. Bertha Blaise.

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Calif.—Dear saints of God scattered abroad,—I felt like writing my testimony of how the Lord has so mercifully healed me. He is so good and loving to us. Oh, I do praise Him for all that he does. The Psalmist David said, "Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!" Psa. 107:21. Truly, we can't praise him enough. The Psalmist David also said for us to, "make known his deeds among the people." It is glorifying to God for us to tell what he has done for us.

For a number of years I had an ache and sometimes it would pain my right arm. I couldn't sleep with it above my head and even then sometimes I would be awakened with pain. I would ask the Lord to take it away and he would but I would always have that ache, therefore I would shield my right arm and do all my work with the left arm as much as I could.

Last September it grew worse and hurt me so much that one night I walked the floor with pain. About three o'clock in the morning as I was praying and walking the floor it seemed it came to me that the Lord was not pleased for us to suffer and if I just had someone to agree with me in prayer that he would heal me. Our pastor was gone so I called Bro. Ostis and Sis. Opal Wilson to pray for me, I told them that I believed the Lord would heal me. When I hung up the phone I went to bed and told my husband that he could go to sleep now that I believed the Lord had touched me. As I got into bed the Lord took the awful pain out and I found a place to put my arm so I could rest. The next morning it was so sore that I could not rise it up without pain. Bro. Ostis Wilson called that day to see how I was. I told them the Lord had taken the awful pain out but I could not comb my hair as my arm hurt me so much when I would raise it up. The devil talked hard and brought all kinds of things to me about being an invalid, etc., but I resisted him. The saints here and other places held on and the Lord completely healed me. Within a week I was completely healed. Not only the severe pain but the other ache that I had had for several years. Now I use my arm just like the other and haven't had any trouble. I truly praise the Lord for all his goodness to me.

Last November one day about three o'clock in the afternoon I had a pain in my side. At first I didn't pay much attention to it, but it grew worse and it was near time for me to have my Bible Class with the children of the neighborhood. They were coming and I could not have class unless the Lord helped. I called on the phone for prayer, then had prayer and went out to have the class, but I had to dismiss them and go to bed. My son came in and called again for prayer. When my husband came home he was alarmed. He wanted to know if I wanted the doctor as it may be appendicitis. I said no, that I

wanted to trust the Lord, that he could heal me. He called Bro. and Sis. Stover to come out. Bro. Stover was gone so Sis. Stover used Sis. Campbell's car and brought Bro. and Sis. Sam Wilson out and they prayed for me. Oh, I suffered it seemed like death. The pain in my side seemed almost unbearable. One time I lost consciousness, but the Lord was good and gave me relief after a couple hours. They had to leave as there was a revival going on and I felt like I would be all right. I got worse again for awhile and my husband said, "you better not put it off too long, better have a doctor." I said, no, I would be all right. I knew that my God had all power and it didn't make any difference what the trouble was he could heal me. The Lord relieved me again as I knew that they were praying for me at meeting. I rested all night and the next day the Lord removed the soreness from my side. Some other troubles set in the third day but I kept holding on to the Lord. The saints prayed too. I went to meeting that night. I was quite weak and didn't feel so good but the Lord helped me the next few days. I only missed two nights meeting.

On the sixth day after I was awful sick I passed a kidney stone with sharp edges on it. I knew then what my trouble had been. My sister took it to her doctor and she said I had all the symptoms of kidney stone, she would say definitely that it was one, only I didn't hemorrhage greatly with it. But I say, that when the Lord takes over things move in an unnatural way. I didn't hemorrhage at all. She said that it looked like one. I do praise the Lord for all that he does for his children. When we fully trust him he will never fail us. I thank the Lord for the saints of God who can pray. May God encourage all to have faith in God. Your Sister in the Lord, Mrs. Marie Miles.

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La.—Greetings in the dear name of Jesus,—We surely are enjoying ourselves here in the southern sunshine. We deem it a great privilege to be with God's dear saints and to have fellowship with them.

I would like to state that the dear Lord saves, sanctifies and keeps me free from all sin and he is my great physician. He just recently healed me instantly of something like intestinal flu in answer to prayer. I also thank the dear Lord for the healing faith he gives me. He healed one of my sons of a very bad case of typhoid fever instantly. He gave me the evidence when the prayer was offered. The dear Lord healed another son of mine of a ruptured appendix after gangrene had set in, also peritonitis. The doctor that operated on him said he couldn't live more than two days or three at the most. When prayer was offered the dear Lord witnessed to me that he touched his body and he was wonderfully, instantly healed. Praise his name forever!

We expect to be back to our home in Pennsylvania sometime in March, the Lord willing.

Love to all the saints,

Mrs. Rosetta Boda.

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Miss.—Dear Saints and readers,—Greetings in Jesus' sweet name. It is through the goodness of God that I can testify again. I still love the Lord and mean to press on to Heaven. This world holds no charms for me. I'd rather have Jesus than to own the world.

It means so much to live for the Lord, more than most people have ever thought about. People are playing religion. They have only a form and some are deceived. We read in Phil. 2:12 where it says, "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." After we get saved we really have something to do. We have an influence.

People are watching our lives. We want to let our light shine. Dear saints, let us see to it that nothing hinders us from serving God. The little foxes spoil the vines. Bro. Orr once said, "When little foxes get in, get them out at once." We must be renewed day by day. But they that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength. Let us do much praying and keep our heart full of flowers blooming for the master. I need your prayers.

Your sister in Christ,

Novella Pugh.

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Calif.—Dear friends of Faith Pub. House,—This morning I woke up and got up real early, I believe it was a little after 4 o'clock, and I prayed as I worked, "Now dear Lord thou who hast so lovingly given me that sweet rest and sleep, protection and care, make it count and my blessings without number. Thank thee Lord for every blessing and opportunity and use me now to do much for people, just thy way."

As I was meditating the thought came to me that I had promised a lady one of those tracts called, "An Angel Visit". So I took the box with the tracts that I have, and picked out some that I wanted to take along. I had given the woman two tracts and she said she liked tracts, so I tried to find one of "An Angel Visit" in my purse but didn't have any of them in my purse. I mentioned the name, she seemed to be interested so I want to go over and take her some, and give her a few to give to friends and relatives.

She is not a strict Christian I believe from what she said about dances, but I believe she is hungry for something. I told her that dances were no good. She looked at me curiously and I told her that dances caused much trouble, all kinds of people mingling together and getting acquainted, women and men dancing together often causes much jealousy sometimes for life. Miss Alvina Hons.

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Oklahoma.—Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt,—I truly praise the Lord for his marvelous goodness to me. What wonderful love and great faithfulness we enjoy from his bountiful hand.

As you'll recall, you anointed and prayed for my eyesight which was becoming dim, making it necessary for me to wear glasses. Even though this condition is to be expected at my age I felt it would be just like his great love to restore them in answer to the prayer of faith. And I do testify to his glory that since that time (about the middle of December) I can see to read very clearly even though the print may be small and haven't worn my glasses since. He healed me otherwise also.

I do love and appreciate you dear saints and thank you for your prayers in behalf of me and my loved ones.

I should be happy if some dear one may be encouraged to greater faith through my testimony if God so pleases to use it. May God richly reward you.

Happy in His service,

Sister Irene Wildman.

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W. Va.—Dear Bros. and Sisters in Christ Jesus,—I just received my first "Faith and Victory" paper and also the tracts. I want to tell you how much they mean to me. As I can't get to church it is the only means I have of enjoying the testimonies of others. I'd like to say they make me feel as though I were in a big camp meeting hearing them with my own ears. I really enjoy hearing what Jesus has done for others, and he's continuing to do every day, hour and minute.

It seems as though he had never tired or slacked one second to help someone in need. I don't know what I and my family would do without him. My husband and I

were both wonderfully saved about four years ago. Before we were saved we fought like cats and dogs. Our home wasn't a fit place for children or grownups either. But Jesus stepped into our hearts, cleaned us up and praise the Lord it's not that way anymore.

We've been blessed with three wonderful children. The oldest is 5, then 3 and 19 months. It's really a blessing to see them all bow their heads at the table and kneel before they get in their beds at night. Even the baby does it. I thank the dear Lord for these things, for without him we can do nothing. We give him the credit for if it hadn't been he was willing to lift up my husband and me we would probably have that same home we had before we were saved. The Lord has helped us in sickness and health. He has done many wonderful things for us from time to time. We just can't thank him enough for it. I feel that we owe our all in all along the pathway helping him and telling of him wherever we go.

Again I'd like to say I love to read your paper and keep up the good work. I ask an interest in all the prayers of the ones who read this and would also like to hear from others whom the Lord has wonderfully saved.

I also ask you all to pray for our little community here. We have a church here but for some reason can't keep it together. We have started it three times and then some little quarrel will happen in the neighborhood and the first thing we know our little meetings are broke again. Pray that the Lord will touch the hearts of the people here and show us where the wrong is being done and help us to right that wrong. As ever your sister in Christ,

Mrs. Ottawa Cool, Holly, West Virginia.

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Miss.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and Co-workers,—I feel led to testify through the paper and tell what the dear Lord did for me. It has been about three or four weeks ago that I had a choking spell. I had two light spells which did not last long, in the afternoon. About eight o'clock I began choking again. I would not say anything about the first ones but when I had the third one my fourteen year old daughter went for help. (as we were alone with my two little grandchildren) It wasn't long before they had my husband, another daughter and several others here. I was strangling for breath. They went for Bro. Clyde Lea to have prayer for me. Praise God, the choking left in a few minutes after we had prayer. It left my nerves torn up, but thank God, he took care of that also. I am not bothered with choking any more. Praise God! I have other afflictions which I would like for you to remember me for and for my unsaved family, especially.

Your sister in the Lord,

Mrs. Maurie Lea.

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Ohio.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all the saints,—Greetings in the name of Jesus our Savior. We continue to enjoy the blessings of God in all ways and thank him for all things. I'm glad to report healing of my wife in answer to the many prayers that went up to God for her. What a mighty God we serve. I thank him for the privilege of calling on him in time of need and for the good sincere brothers and sisters in Christ who are concerned enough to take our needs to God in prayer and that are living in His will, so that he hears and answers prayer.

We are glad that God still has a remnant of people, standing firm in these days of let down, compromise, and modernism, and we pray that we may ever be found with the faithful few, by God's help. Continue to remember us in your prayers that we may always do His will.

Your brother and sister in the True Christ,

V. Earle and Anna Yantis.

Mo.—To the saints scattered abroad,—I wish to testify to what God is doing for me as unworthy as I am. I am nearly 91 years of age and never have an ache or pain. I can't remember whether it is 25 or 49 years since my head has ached, for even one second. It certainly is wonderful what God can and does do for his people who put their trust and confidence in Him. I know of other born again people who are just as good Christians as I am and probably better, that have plenty of aches and pains. Why God so favors me is more than I can understand, but God knows all about it. He says in one place his ways are past finding out and in another place he says he works in mysterious ways his wonders to perform.

Your twice born Bro. in Christ, E. M. Wood.

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La.—Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt and all saints,—I feel led of the Spirit of God this morning to write a testimony, telling of his goodness to me. Although I couldn't tell it all. He has blessed me so wonderfully at different times. Praise his name!

I have a little girl two years old last January 11. About one and a half months before her birth I went to the doctor (who had attended me with two children before) and after examination he told me I had a tumor which he was afraid it would be serious for one in my condition. He seemed very upset and asked me if I minded if he had another doctor examine me. I told him he could. The other doctor seemed not quite so upset and thought maybe the tumor wasn't large enough to hinder so much. Well, I was fully trusting God with no intentions of taking medicine, but the devil surely didn't fail to make me feel bad over the situation. I was in God's hands, "live or die" but of course it wasn't a pleasant thought when I would think of leaving my two children, (one almost six and one eight) without a mother and their father unsaved. The doctor mentioned cesarean operation. I told him I didn't want that. He was very nice about it, knowing it was according to my religious belief. When time came for me to be delivered God blessed and things worked out and I fully trusted God, no medicine at all. I didn't go back for checkup when the baby was six weeks old so didn't know just how my condition was. I have a baby now three months old. After she was six weeks old I went for checkup (the same doctor attended me each time) and after examination he said, "Cassie, you don't have any tumor." Praise God for healing me. I had to go to the hospital for this last baby but still trusted in God. Once the nurse started to give me a shot and the doctor shook his head.

I thank God and all the saints who were agreed in prayer about this matter. Only the Lord knows what I went through while in the furnace, but Praise his name, he brought me through victorious. I'm glad God can give us grace, courage, and strength to suffer, although the suffering be great and lengthy, still trust fully in him. I just feel like he expects it of us.

I hope this experience will be a blessing and encouragement to someone. Dear saints, no matter what kind of trouble you have in soul or body, He surely is able to deliver. He can heal any kind of sickness or disease. Pray that I always have faith, without which no man can please God. One who intends to go all the way.

Mrs. Charlie Price.

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Ore.—Dear saints of the Lord's Print Shop,—Greetings in Jesus' precious name. I received your welcome letter this morning and sure am happy to hear from God's children and that you are having such wonderful meetings.

I had the chance or God opened the way for me to go to Jefferson to the assembly. We truly had very inspiring messages. Bro. Ostis Wilson was with us and the word went forth with power. Bro. Gene Harmon was also with us. He gave us a wonderful message on living the life. That is truly what counts, and how precious, God knows our hearts and as we learn of him. He even knows our needs before we ask him. It truly is precious to serve such a wonderful savior.

I am so thankful the Lord has opened the way for us to move to Hubbard so I will be close to Jefferson to attend services.

I had been sick for a year or more and I got so sick, husband asked me to have a test to see what was wrong with me. A blood sugar test was made and I was found diabetic. The doctor said I had to stay in the hospital I was so bad with it. I said no, I went to Jefferson when Bro. Vearl was holding a meeting. I was prayed for that evening and the Lord healed me. I am feeling fine now and so built up in the Lord. Bro. Vearl and wife are coming to Hubbard as soon as the storm breaks.

In Heb. 11, the faith chapter, part of the sixth verse, "But without faith it is impossible to please him:" Abraham, that man of God went up on the mountain, willing to go all the way with God, knowing God would make a way. He was willing to say yes to God's will. God can not use us until we come to the very place Abraham was. We must lay our all on the altar. Again we think how wonderful, to have such a precious Savior. Again we repeat, without faith it is impossible to please him. We must take the stand as Moses did, choosing rather to suffer affliction with God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.

The three Hebrew children, when they stood at the fiery furnace, their faith didn't waver. The Lord went right with them into the furnace. Praise his name, he will go with us through the furnace also. Heb. 12:1, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run, with patience the race that is set before us." And it tells us here where to set our eyes, 11th verse, "Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." I am so glad we have such a precious Savior, who is the author and finisher of our faith.

Truly it behooves us to, Heb. 12:12, "Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees;" Heb. 12:13, "And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way, but let it rather be healed."

Truly I'm encouraged in the Lord. Jesus is my all and all. St. John 6:67-68, "Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life." We must know our master's voice. St. John 10:27 "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me." Truly we must lift up this precious Savior to this dark world. St. John 12:32 "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." We truly have a precious Savior to hold up to a lost world.

I love these verses, the Savior's last message to the eleven, Mark 16:15-19 telling them to preach the word, the gospel to every creature with signs following. After he had spoken unto them he was received up into Heaven and sat on the right hand of God. They went forth

everywhere and the Lord worked with them confirming the word, with signs following.

My all is on the altar, ready to go, ready to stay, in his precious will. Pray for me that the Lord may bless me in this town to lift him up, and at all times be in the center of his will. He is my all and all. As Simon Peter said, "To whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life." Your sister in the one body, Alta Mead.

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Okla.—Dear Saints,—I was led some time ago to write my testimony but I just kept putting it off. It's never a good thing to put off when you are led to do something for the Lord.

I'm so glad the Lord permitted me to go to Guthrie for the Assembly meeting. The Lord gave us a wonderful meeting there. Since the meeting I've moved closer to the Lord and I mean to keep moving closer to the Lord.

Saints, you do not know what you miss when you miss assembly meetings. I do not doubt the least that the Lord isn't our protection because he really did protect me. I stepped off in a cellar unaware and fell down a flight of stairs. The Lord preserved my body and saved my life. Remember me in your prayers.

Your sister in Christ, Annie Wiley.

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The Signs Of the Times

To all the people of God, I feel especially burdened to write this, that it may stir up our pure minds concerning the times in which we are living. So many people seem to be asleep spiritually today, and do not know what time it is, which is a very dangerous state, as we shall see by the Word of God. Matt. 16:1-3, "The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired him that he would shew them a sign from heaven. He answered and said unto them, when it is evening, ye say, it will be fair weather: for the sky is red. And in the morning, it will be foul weather today; for the sky is red and lowering. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?"

There were many clear perdictions in prophecy which related to the first coming of Christ. In Gen. 49:10, Jacob upon his death bed uttered the prophecy, "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a law-giver from between his feet, until Shiloh [Christ] come." In this prophecy is perdicted a continuous line of rulers of the seed of Judah, which was fulfilled from David to Christ. This prophecy was given as a sign unto God's chosen people, that when they should see a foreign ruler seize the sceptre, they should know assuredly that the time had arrived for the Messiah (Christ) to come. History proves that Herod was the first foreign prince or ruler that swayed the sceptre in Judah, and it was during his reign that our Savior was born. Daniel was shown the very year that the Messiah would come (Dan. 9:25). Micah was shown the place and name of the town where he should be born (5:2). Read Matt. 2:3-6. Isaiah 7:14 told that he would be born of a virgin. Malachi 4:5, 6 described his forerunner, John. Isaiah 35:4-6 told the things that would accompany his ministry. Zechariah told of the exact manner of his entry into Jerusalem. And many more prophecies told of his coming and work,

which were fulfilled to the line. Had the Pharisees and Sadducees with the Jewish nation been spiritually awake, they would have understood these things and accepted Christ, but for some time the Jewish nation as a whole had drifted into idolatry, being spiritually blind and asleep. They put the wrong interpretation on the Scriptures (as the blinded people do so much today) and rejected him because he did not meet their expectations. They thought he would come in great pomp and great display and set up his kingdom here on earth and make a flourishing empire on this earth. But he came in an humble manner and preached and ministered to the poor, and taught that his kingdom was not of this world, therefore they rejected him as the promised Messiah. The Pharisees and Sadducees wanted a special sign from him, but he called them hypocrites, and said, "You can discern the sky and weather, but how is it you cannot discern this time?"

Oh, how smart people are today in our world! But how many can discern this time? In 1 Thess. 5:1-8, Paul said, "But ye, brethren, are not in darkness that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light." Dear people, are we really children of light and know where we are? Or are we just sleeping along with the world? Let us be careful and watchful and not be as the Jews were when Christ came the first time. I believe the Lord wants his people to discern the times in which we are living. Let us ask God to help us know where we are now. We are in perilous times, true; but do we take it as serious as we ought to?

I feel that the Lord has showed me some things that he wants me to pass on, concerning the place where the church is at this present time. We hear much about the battle of Armageddon in the world today. It is spoken of as the last great war; which is true, but not as the world is teaching it to be with the great atom bomb, guns, etc. The truth is, it is a spiritual battle, and God is gathering his army for it at the present time, and I feel we are nearing the final battle to be won by Christ and his army.

Rev. 16:13-16, "And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them together to the battle of that great day of God Almighty." Verse 16, "And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue, Armageddon." Rev. 20:7-9, "And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison and shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea."

First, let us find out the meaning of the word Armageddon. It means "the hill or city of Megiddo." It was famous for two great victories of Barak over the Canaanites recorded in Judges 4 and 5; and of Gideon over the Midianites, Judges 7; and for two great disasters, the deaths of Saul and Josiah. Hence

it signifies in Revelation the place of great slaughter. We understand it is not to be a literal slaughter, but a spiritual slaughter as in 1 Tim. 1:18, "This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare." Also in 2 Tim. 2:3, 4, "Thou therefore endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who has chosen him to be a soldier." Now we understand that God's people are soldiers; but let us read 2 Cor. 10:4, "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds." Eph. 6:12, "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." This proves that the Armageddon Battle is a great war to be fought in the last days of time, but it is a spiritual battle between the people of God and the people of the devil. The three unclean spirits that John saw came out of the beast, which is Catholicism; the dragon, which was paganism, and is in these days showing itself in the form of Communism, an anti-Christ spirit; and the false prophet, which constitute all false movements known as Protestantism. The three spirits are on the increase now, and are camped against all of God's true saints; and God has been gathering his people together for some time to fight this final battle, which is going to end with his army being caught up to meet him and the devil and his armies burned with fire from heaven, as in Rev. 20:9. So saints, look up. Times are not going to get better for God's people in this world.

Now let us notice God's gathering his army for this final battle, and see if we can find the place of the church today, and where it stands. Read the whole 34th chapter of Ezekiel. During the dark ages or the great apostasy, God's people were scattered in the wilderness and wandered as lost sheep. The enemy prevailed over them in many, many ways. But in Ezek. 34:11, 12, it is written, "For thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out, as a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day." Read Jer. 16:16 and Matt. 24:30-33. We understand that Israel was God's people in olden times, which was a type of the church of today, God's chosen. As the Israelites were in bondage to their enemies in Gideon's time, and God chose Gideon and his army to deliver them then, so Christ and his army are to lead God's people to a great and final victory today.

Now let us turn to Rev. 19:11-16, "And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse, and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True. And in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were a flame of fire and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, which no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood; and his name is called the

Word of God [Christ. See John 1:5] and the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean [This refers to the saints of God, his army here in the earth. See Eph. 1:3; 2:6; Rev. 19:8] and out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword that with it he should smite the nations, and he shall rule them with a rod of iron, and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, King of kings, and Lord of lords."

Now let us go back to Gideon in Judges 7:1. When Gideon started out to deliver God's people, he had thirty-two thousand men. God told him that he had too many, yet the enemy was as the sand of the sea in number. But God could not use all of Gideon's army. He said that all who were of a fearful heart should go home. This left Gideon with only ten thousand. That looked very small, but God spoke again to Gideon and told him that he still had too many. When he put them through the test again, he left him with only three hundred true soldiers to fight the great enemy, but the Lord led them to victory. Praise God!

Now let us compare this with the church today. Remember the Armageddon word was taken from the place where Gideon fought this battle. He fought a literal battle, but we fight a spiritual battle. The fulfillment of Ezekiel 34 began to take place about the year 1880, when Bro. Warner and the evening light soldiers were called of God with Christ their captain, as in Rev. 19:11, to deliver God's people from the enemy and to preach true holiness in all its fulness—glory be to God!—teaching us that we could live in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life. Holiness spread like wild fire over the world for a few years. God's people began to come out clean and gather together in great number. But, as in Gideon's time, God saw there were too many whom he could not use. Some would hold on to the things of the world and try to get by; some would try to get by with pride in their hearts; and some one thing and some another. God had to cull them down so he could have a pure people, unspotted from the world and all sin. This is proven in Matt. 22:14. Jesus said, "Many are called, but few are chosen." Now let us read Ezek. 39:17-22. 17th verse, "And, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord God; speak unto every feathered fowl, and to every beast of the field, assemble your selves and come; gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice [slaughter] that I do sacrifice for you. Even a great sacrifice up on the mountains of Israel [church of God] that ye may eat flesh and drink blood." Now back to the same scene in Revelation 19:17, 18, "And I saw an angel standing in the sun [evening light], and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather your selves together unto the supper of the great God." Read the 18th verse also. In Rev. 18:2 we find that these fowls which God was inviting to his sacrifice and supper were none other than the spirits of Babylon. Many people that God called and could have used just would not come clean and give up fully to God, so he sacrificed them to these Babylonish spirits. They

went on with a great profession of religion, only to be lost in the end.

Saints, as in Gideon's time again, which we are using as a type, the first great sacrifice God made for him took a large percent of his army, so did the great Trumpet movement take about the same percent in the great divide, leaving only a few to go on for God to fight this final battle. Then as God saw Gideon had too many yet, he had to make another sacrifice; so I feel here is where the church stands today. The Lord is shaking off all that will not clean up and stand for the whole truth. Dear people, take heed, or we may be sacrificed to the fowls (evil spirits) and end up with only a profession while Christ and his army marches off to face the final great battle as we see now in Rev. 19:19, "And I saw the beast and kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army." In other words, against Christ and his chosen few, or church. "And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshiped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone." And in Rev. 20:9, 10, "And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city [the church of God] and fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them." Read the next two or three verses.

Saints, don't you want to be among the chosen few that Christ will lead to the final victory? As God gave Gideon a great delivery, so he will give his army that stands true, the greatest victory of all time, and take them to be with him through all eternity. Look up, saints, for your redemption draweth near. Read 2 Thess. 2:8-10; 2 Thess. 1:7-10; and 1 Cor. 15:24-28.

—Archie Souder

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The 23rd Psalm

Possession—The Lord is MY Shepherd.

Provision—I shall NOT WANT.

Position—He maketh me to LIE DOWN in green pastures (not on barren sands).

Progress—He restoreth my soul; HE LEADETH ME in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Preservation—Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will FEAR NO EVIL.

Presense—For THOU ART WITH ME; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Plenty—THOU PREPAREST A TABLE before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Prospect—SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY SHALL FOLLOW ME ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE, AND I WILL DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD FOREVER.

—Sel.

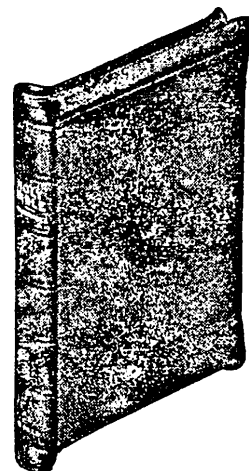
The Resurrection

Now the next day that followed
The preparation day,
The chief priest and Pharisees
Came to Pilate to say,
We remember that that deceiver said,
"After three days I will rise from the dead;"
Let the sepulchre be made sure
Until the third day,
Lest his disciples come by night
And steal him away.
So they went, and made sure the tomb,
Setting a watch and sealing the stone.
In the end of the Sabbath,
As it began to dawn toward light,
Came Mary Magdalene and others
While it was night.
And, behold, a great earthquake:
An angel came down
And was sitting on the stone
He had rolled to the ground.
His countenance was like lightning,
His raiment as snow,
And the keepers did quake,
They were frightened so.
Fear not ye: the angel said,
I know ye seek Jesus
Which was dead.
He is not here, for he is risen today.
Come see the place where the Lord lay.
Go tell His disciples in Galilee,
Behold, He is risen and there ye shall see.

—Mrs. Charles Reese.

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Establish Your Hearts

"Be ye also patient, establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord draweth near." James 5:8.

We understand that the heart is the house or receptacle of life's issues, whether they be good or whether they be evil. It is said the heart is the seat of natural life; we are sure the heart is the seat of spiritual life. There is much being subscribed how to keep the heart functioning right in these days. The spiritual heart needs the greater attention. "Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life." Prov. 4:23. The heart cannot be kept or controlled until it is cleansed of the sin which was inherited from the fall, and filled with the Holy Spirit. Then it is up to the individual to yield his life unto the dictation of the Holy Spirit to keep and establish it.

So often we hear of our friends having to go and have a check-up. How necessary it is for the child of God to keep watch on his heart. Great care and diligence must be taken in keeping every evil out, regardless of how small it may appear, or whatever source from which it might come. Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines, for it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace and not with meats, etc. (Heb. 13:9). This is a time when the mail bags are being filled with ungodly literature and religious excitements are taking the minds of those whose hearts are not established with grace. "If any man will do his will he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself" John 7:17. The enemy is busy in these days tempting innocent souls. He (Satan) claimed to show the Lord how much he had to give Him and what he wanted Him to do, but all is a lie to this day.

In this age, they are saying, "Lo, here is Christ, lo, there is Christ," etc. Go not in their way. "Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness" 2 Pet. 3:17. Grace and peace be multiplied in your heart, and besides this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue and to virtue knowledge, and to knowledge, temperance, and to temperance patience, and to patience, godliness, and to godliness, brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness, charity. For if these things be in you and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore the rather brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall." 2 Pet. 1:5-8, 10. —Ella V. Phillips

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The Devil Is Busy

Dear saints, we all should be busy, and very busy. We read in 1 Pet. 5:8 where we are told to "be sober be vigilant, because your adversary the devil as a roaring lion walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."

We heard a man preaching over the radio this morning who said the devil at one time was an angel in heaven. The devil never was and never will be in the eternal heaven. Heaven is a holy place which God has prepared for his holy people. The devil is not in God's people and he surely was never in heaven.

The devil has many souls deceived. Many false prophets have gone out into the world and have deceived many. We read in Rev. 18:2 that the devil knoweth he hath but a short time. Away back in Job's time when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord Satan came also among them. The Lord asked Satan where he came from; and he answered, "From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it." Job 1:6, 7.

When the devil tried Jesus (Matt. 4:1-13) Jesus said, "Get thee hence, Satan."

Some say they cannot live right because the trials are too great. Jesus said he would give us power over all the power of the enemy, and he said he would be with us even unto the end of the world. In 1 John 4:1 He says for us not to believe every spirit, but to try the spirits, whether they are of God or not, for many false prophets are gone out into the world.

There will be many souls lost and go to a devil's hell, thinking that they will have another chance during the thousand years which Millennialists teach will come after the "last day." Dear brother and sister and sinner friend, as death finds you, so will the judgment. There will be no other chance. Jesus said for us to be ready—not to get ready, but to BE READY, for we know not what hour the Son of man cometh. The devil is busy, brother and sister, be careful how you live. Pray much. It will not be long now until many of us will be gone. Let us live so we can say as Paul did, "I have fought a good fight, I have kept the faith." —John W. Wilson

TWO WORDS

There is no word

We must confess,

More horrifies

Than carelessness.

To save our souls

No word to me,

Means half so much

As accuracy.

—Erle E. F.

"As the fountain in the garden,

As the candle in the dark,

As the treasure in the coffer,

As the manna in the ark,

So, Lord, art thou to me."

"As the ruby in the setting,

As the honey in the comb,

As the light within the lantern,

As the father in the home,

So, Lord, art Thou to me."

Young People's Section

Blood Redemption

Blessed Jesus died on Calvary,
Died, man's sinful soul to save;
Shed for all his precious life's blood—
To the dying, life he gave.

Won't you trust him now, dear sinner?
Come, your soul refuse to sell:
'Tis alone by blood redemption,
Or forever doomed in hell.

Do not put your trust in riches,
They can never save your soul:
By his blood redemption only
Can you reach the shining goal.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
All your troubles to him tell—
Only by the blood of Jesus
Can you miss the pangs of hell.

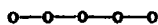
Once there lived a very rich man
He had much goods laid in store,
He put all his trust in riches,
Turned the Savior from his door.

But his riches could not save him—
Oh 'tis sad, this truth to tell—
For he died, so says the Bible,
Lifted up his eyes in hell.

There was once a man named Moses,
He a serpent lifted up:
'Twas an emblem of the Savior,
Who on Calvary drank death's cup.

Look to him, ye dying sinners,
Drink ye from his living well:
Only by his blood redemption
Can you miss the gates of hell.

—Harvey Johnson



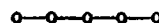
Oklahoma.—Dear saints everywhere,—Greetings in Jesus' name. I feel the Lord would be pleased for me to send in my testimony today with the hope that it might be of some encouragement to others. I know I surely find much to encourage me in the testimonies of God's trusting children. I haven't been saved very long and realize I have much to learn of this way, and yet the Lord is teaching me something every day. It makes our heart rejoice in his goodness and mindfulness of us. He sees the sparrow fall and he sees us as we are. He handles us as loving and tenderly as a mother does her new born babe. How sweet to know that he knows and cares about everything and is not willing that we be lost; inasmuch that if we just let him, he will take us to Heaven.

I am surely thankful today for salvation and the peace of God in my soul. I desire your prayers that I will be all that God would have me be and that I might always be faithful in his service.

He gave me a precious thought this morning. It is not always easy to just stay on the mountain top all the time but God permits us to go down into the dark valleys sometimes that we might more earnestly place our hand in his and let him lead us as we follow by faith and not by sight nor feelings. Thus we realize more fully of our dependency upon him in all things. My desire is to know how to trust him more each day.

With Christian love,

Jessie Taylor.



Ore.—Dear Saints,—As so many of the young saints need help and encouragement, the Lord has laid it on my heart to write this.

There are very few young people in the congregation here so we have to fight hard against the devil. Ofttimes he comes to us and says, "you might as well give up. Instead of you helping others to live this way, what few there are, are going away." But the dear Lord always brings comforting thoughts to me. He says he will never leave us or forsake us.

We can't help souls get to heaven if they are not willing to leave all this world to follow Jesus. The devil has many ways to trap the young saints. 2 Cor. 6:14 says, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers." The devil seems to be using this as his greatest weapon in this place. He has drug more down over this than any other thing. When you say anything about the saved young people going with the unsaved, some of the older saints say, "Well there aren't any saved boys here for the girls to go with." But when we go against the word of God, how can we stand? His word will never change.

In James 4:4 it says, "know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore is a friend of the world is the enemy of God."

Some time ago a minister that was here talked to the young people about this. He brought it all out so plainly, but how quickly people forget what they are told. Some of the ones that were in that meeting have gone against God's word. How careful we must be for in James 4:17 it says, "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." Jesus said, "he that sinneth will I blot out."

My constant prayer to the Lord is to keep me unspotted from the world. It says "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world." If we love the world, then God's love is not in our hearts.

When we see those that once loved the Lord far from him now, it makes our hearts sad. Young saints pray much for each other. The devil is and will try in every way to make us become discouraged. Let us help bear each others burdens and pray much for one another.

Press on, press on

Until our crown is won

When heaven's gate swings open,

And he crowns us every one.

Your sister in Christ,

Marie Busch.

Oklahoma.—Dear young people,—Greetings in Jesus' precious name. Today I'm still saved and encouraged to press on for the Lord. I'm surely thankful for how the Lord does bless and teach his children and I desire to please him at all times in this life.

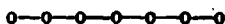
I have left all the world to follow Christ. I think of the precious words of the poet:

"There's no thirsting for life's pleasures,
Nor adorning rich and gay
For I've found a richer treasure,
One that fadeth not away."

Yes, I can sing with him. We who have found salvation have found a richer treasure, richer than all others on the earth and it cannot fade or pass away. Matt. 6:19-21 says, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: For where your treasure is there will your heart be also." I'm so thankful that I found this way when I did for as I look around and see how the people of the world are so busy striving to lay up earthly treasures and seemingly not concerned about their souls welfare I know that I too would have been in that great number if I had not found salvation.

So let us as young people be encouraged to lay our treasures in heaven. We are living in perilous times and Satan is busy seeking whom he may devour. Therefore it pays us to keep watchful and prayerful. 1 Peter 5:8 says, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." But we are serving a God of power and as we look to him, he will guide us away from all the snares of Satan. I earnestly desire your prayers that I'll ever be found watching and praying so when Jesus comes I'll be ready to meet him.

Your sister in Christ, Frances Adams.



Invitation

If we had a special invitation to go to see our President, there would be many, all who could, would be preparing for the event. Well there is an invitation open for who-so-ever will to come to One greater than our president. We must be qualified. To be qualified we have preparations to make. We are more than rewarded for all efforts which we put forth.

There is another invitation open to all, and will be open as long as time lasts. Now we are all going to accept one. To Heaven or Hell, which one are you going to accept? Dear ones, here are some of the works of the Spirit which leads to Heaven: Love, peace, joy, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance. Works of the Flesh which leads to everlasting torment: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings and such like. Which one are you choosing?

—Mrs. Maurie Lea.

"As the sunshine to the heavens,
As the image to the glass,
As the fruit unto the fig tree,
As the dew unto the grass,
So, Lord, art Thou to me."

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EPHESUS A CENTER OF CHRISTIAN INFLUENCE

March 5, 1950

Printed portion. Acts 19:1, 8-10, 18-20; Eph. 4:25-32.

Acts 19:1. And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus; and finding certain disciples,

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

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

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

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

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

20. So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed. Eph. 4:25. Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor: for we are members one of another.

26. Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:

27. Neither give place to the devil.

28. Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labor, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

29. Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

30. And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

31. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

32. And be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Memory Verse: The Lord hath appeared of old unto me saying, yea I have loved thee with an everlasting love, therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee. Jeremiah 31:3.

Practical Truth: If we would draw sinners to Jesus we must live beautiful Christian lives before them.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The true Christian life is beautiful and it has power to draw others to it to be made like it. Wherever true Christians are gathered together that place naturally becomes a Christian center. True Christian influence is like magnetism. It has power to draw to itself things that are like itself. Of course we understand that Christ is the great drawing power, for he said, "If I be lifted up I will draw men unto me." Our business as true Christians is to lift Jesus up by living true Christian lives.

The true Christian life is very beautiful to look at. In Psalm 149:4 we read, "The Lord taketh pleasure in his people, he will beautify the meek with salvation," and beautiful things are attractive. People who love beautiful things will be drawn to things that are beautiful. There is magnetism in the true Christian life, because Christ dwells in the hearts of his true people. It is not the features nor the beautiful face but it is the beautiful Christian life that draws people to it. Beautiful Christian living is what drew people to Ephesus and made it a Christian center.

We who profess to be Christians must show the world something better than they have if we would win them to Christ. We can't give people something we don't have ourselves. The place where we live will become a Christian center if we live a true Christian life before the people about us. Before we act let us ask ourselves: What would Jesus do if he were in my place?

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CHURCH ORGANIZATION AND LEADERSHIP

March 12, 1950

Printed portion... Acts 6:1-6; 20:17-18, 28; 1 Cor. 12:27-28.

Acts 6:1. And in those days, when the number of disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration.

2. Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.

3. Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.

4. But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

5. And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch;

6. Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them.

20:17. And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church.

18. And when they were come to him, he said unto them, Ye know from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons,

28. Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

1 Cor. 12:27. Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

28. And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

Memory Verse: For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor. The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6.

Practical Truth: The church that Jesus built will still be standing when all other so-called churches will cease to exist.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In St. Matthew 16:18 Jesus said, "and upon this rock (sure foundation) I will build My Church." Jesus gathered the material and laid the foundation when he was here on earth. Then on the day of Pentecost as souls were saved he added them to the church. The church of God is an organization or organic structure.

The Holy Spirit came on the day of Pentecost to take the oversight of this wonderful structure that was to be built of saved men and women as lively stones. The Lord working through the Holy Spirit placed the members (saved men and women) in the body (the church) as it pleased him. Thus we see Jesus working through the Holy Spirit to organize his church.

He began to add members to his church on the day of Pentecost and will continue to add members as long as time shall last. Jesus has organized his church and joined the members together in love. The apostle said that our hearts might be (or being) knit together in love and Jesus said, "And the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

The Holy Spirit chooses his leaders and sets them over his flock to feed the church of God which Jesus purchased with his own blood, Acts 20:28. The Lord is still watching over his church and appointing leaders from among its members to feed his flock with knowledge and understanding. God must have honest hearted men and women to lead his people. God works through the members of his church to carry on his work.

This building, the church of God that is fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord. The church of God is builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit. We are all members one of another.

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THE FAITH THAT SUSTAINED THE CHURCH

March 19, 1950

Printed portion... Acts 26:19-23; Rom. 5:1-8; Heb. 12:1-2.

Acts 26:19. Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision:

20. But showed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.

21. For these causes the Jews caught me in the temple, and went about to kill me.

22. Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come:

23. That Christ should suffer, and that he should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should show

light unto the people, and to the Gentiles.

Rom. 5:1. Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

2. By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

3. And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also; knowing that tribulation worketh patience;

4. And patience, experience; and experience, hope:

5. And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

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

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

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

Heb. 12:1. Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

2. Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Memory Verse: Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Heb. 11:1.

Practical Truth: It would be good for us to pray for more faith for without faith we cannot please God.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The faith that sustained the early church is still the same faith that sustains the church of today. There is but one faith and that is the faith that was once delivered to the saints as we read in the book of Jude. Our greatest aim in life should be to please God in all we do and say. All that we may say or do without faith is vain and worthless because we read in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews that without faith it is impossible to please God. We also read in other portions of the Scriptures that the just shall live by faith. A faith that fails to move us to do things is a dead faith, as James tells us, "Faith without works is dead." James also says, "Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith and I have works: Shew me thy faith without works and I will shew thee my faith by my works." The early church prayed much but prayer would be useless without faith. When faith is mixed with doubt it is no longer faith.

Jesus exhorts us to have faith as a grain of mustard seed. We are told that mustard just won't mix with any other vegetation, so faith must not mix with doubt lest our prayers be hindered. It isn't wise to try to use more faith than we have, but we should pray for more faith. Read Matthew 17:18-20.

If the church today expects to move forward it must have faith such as the early church had. Jesus said to the blind man, "Be it unto you according to your faith." We will have more faith if we will be faithful in that which the Lord has appointed us to do.

THE CHURCH IN ROME

March 26, 1950

Printed portion....Rom. 1:1, 7-12; Acts 28:14b-15, 30-31.

Rom. 1:1 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God,

7. To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

8. First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.

9. For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers;

10. Making request, if by any means now at length I might have a prosperous journey by the will of God to come unto you.

11. For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established;

12. That is, that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.

Acts 28:14b. And so went toward Rome.

15. And from thence, when the brethren heard of us, they came to meet us as far as Appii Forum, and the Three Taverns; whom when Paul saw, he thanked God, and took courage.

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

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

Memory Verse: So as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also. Rom. 1:15.

Practical Truth: When we see how zealous Paul and all the workers in the early church were we should go and do likewise.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The Lord knew he had material in Rome of which he could build the church of which we are to study about today. He sent the apostle Paul there even though he went as a prisoner. In Rome God had it arranged so Paul could have his own hired house for two whole years and had the privilege of receiving all that come to him and he preached the gospel to them. In Romans 1:15, 16 we find these outstanding words from Paul, "For as much as is in me I am ready to preach the gospel to you at Rome also, For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth."

God through Paul called the people of Rome to be saints and a body of saints is what the true church of God is made up of. No doubt the church in Rome had a very small beginning but more souls were saved and added to it and some time later we read in the first chapter of Romans, Paul's letter to them. He said, "I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world," so the church at Rome was outstanding for its faith.

Lots of faith means a live, wide awake church which was doing things for God. Paul put his whole heart and soul into the work God gave him to do at Rome and speaking to them of the obedience to the faith among all nations, he said, "Among whom ye are also the called of Jesus Christ, to all (the saints) that be in Rome beloved of God called to be saints." The church at Rome at this time was just a normal church as the church in general should be at this present time. G. S.