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### How Often We Trust Mortal Man

How often we trust mortal man  
And doubt the mighty Lord,  
What light would shine through all our days.  
Could we but trust His Word.

He promised strength for every task—  
There may be none to spare,  
But it will come when needed most—  
So trust the Savior's care.

He longs to carry out His plan,  
Do let Him have His way.  
Renounce all strength but strength divine,  
You will be glad some day.

His ways are ways of pleasantness,  
Though hidden from our eyes,  
The path of each is just the best  
His wisdom could devise.—M. C. T.

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### Greater Is He That Is In You

Someone said to me a few months ago, when urged to get saved, "I can't live it." No doubt many people, young and old feel that way about salvation. Perhaps they have been saved and have lost out and feel like there is no use to try again. Or perhaps they have seen someone else professing salvation and not really living it. Could it be possible that the Lord who made this great plan of salvation is not able to keep his children after forgiving and cleansing them from sin? Paul told Timothy, "For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day" (2 Tim. 1:12). Again in Jude 24 we read, "Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy." Yes, thank God, he is able to keep us from falling.

If we had to live this life in our own strength, surely we would fail, but God does not want us to try to do that. God will help us to live it if we will

trust and obey him. Truly the devil is going about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. He is a strong enemy. But we read in 1 John 4:4, "Greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world." Truly God is greater than the devil and though the devil is strong, if we have God's Spirit dwelling in our hearts, we have power over all the power of the devil.

In 2 Kings 6:13-17 we read of Elisha being surrounded by a great host. His servant said to him, "Alas, my master! how shall we do?" And Elisha answered, "Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them." Then Elisha prayed for the Lord to open the servant's eyes and when the Lord did, he saw that the mountains were full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha. When we are on the Lord's side we have all the help we need to conquer every foe. We do not need to fear. In Romans 8:31 it is written, "If God be for us, who can be against us?" We may have enemies, but they cannot prevail against us. Jesus had enemies, but they could not harm him until the appointed time arrived that he should give his life that we might be saved. No enemy, no matter how strong, can separate us from God. Paul asked the question, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Rom. 8:35, 37-39.

Truly, "Greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world."  
—Fern Stubblefield.

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### A GREAT FACT

Drink has drained more blood, hung more crepe, sold more homes, plunged more people into bankruptcy, armed more villains, slain more children, snapped more weddings, defiled more innocence, blinded more eyes, twisted more limbs, dethroned more reason, wrecked

more manhood, dishonored more womanhood, broken more hearts, blasted more lives, driven more to suicide, and dug more graves, than any other poisoned scourge that ever swept its death-dealing waves across the world.—Sel.

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## Are You Born Again?

I do not know of any words that Jesus spoke which we have on record in the Bible that are of more importance, or that should be considered more seriously by the sinner or unsaved person than these words: "Ye must be born again." John 3:7. Many men and women have read the Bible over and over, through and through, and yet have never been born again. Many young men and women take courses in the many Bible schools in the land and come out with diplomas and take up pastoral work or evangelistic work and pass themselves off on the people as Doctors of Divinity that have never been born again. In this way Satan is deceiving the multitudes in the land. Some of these D. D's, who need to be born again, teach the people that Jesus meant literal water when he said (verse 5) "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." Water is often used in the Bible as a symbol of Christ, and if we put the right meaning on this scripture it would keep us clear from many other errors in our conclusions and understanding of the sacred word.

In the next chapter of John (4th) Jesus made it plain to the woman at the well that he is that water of life that will quench the thirst of the soul. Read the 10th and 14th verses. Christ in us is symbolized as "Living water." We read in John 7:37-39, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly [or, inner most being] shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on Him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given: because that Jesus was not yet glorified)." In Col. 1:27 we read what Paul said of the Holy-Spirit-baptized Colossians: "To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory." In Rev. 22nd chapter we read again: "And the spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Christ is the WATER OF LIFE to every thirsty soul. He is the Lord "OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS." Jer. 23:6. In Matt. 5:6 we read, "Blessed are they that do hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled."

Peter, referring to the eight souls that were saved by water, said, (1 Peter 3:20, 21) "The like figure [You notice he puts literal water as a figure and not the real thing that saved them. They were saved because they were in the ark, which was a type of Christ, who is our Ark of safety now.] whereunto baptism [water] doth also now save us, (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God)." The water merely

answers to our good conscience of Christ being resurrected in our souls because we have been born of the Spirit, as Peter further says, "By the resurrection of Jesus Christ." The water did not save the eight souls in Noah's time, but it was the ark that saved them. So it is today: when we are in Christ, we are in the Ark of safety and he saves us from all the surrounding sin and evil, or from soul destruction by the sin and evil that surrounds us in this world. The literal water was a figure of the salvation of the eight souls in the ark of safety, and the literal water of baptism (immersion) is a figure of the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. (Rom. 6:4-6). In other words, in water baptism we go down into the watery grave as Jesus went into an earthly grave. We are buried with Christ, dead to the world of sin and resurrected to new life in Christ. We symbolize this change that has taken place by water baptism as we come forth from the watery grave to walk in newness of life, even in His life. Speaking of this new life, Paul said (Gal. 2:20), "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."

There is a vast difference between having the faith of the Son of God and only having faith that God exists. One could have a head faith in God, and yet be lost and headed for destruction; but if he has the faith of the Son of God he will be saved and ready for heaven. Faith of the Son of God is a part of God in the soul, or an earnest of the Spirit (Eph. 1:14) which preserves us unto his coming and causes us to put on an immortal body to live with God the Father and Jesus Christ his Son forever (1 Cor. 15:51, 52). It is not an uncommon thing for us to hear people say, "I trust in God," or "I have faith in God," or "I believe in God." It is one thing to talk of trust, faith, and belief in God, but it is another thing to have trust faith, and the belief of God in the soul. Many people will say, "I believe God will save me and that he has power to save me," but they do not have the faith of God in the soul that he saves now. Many people believe that God can heal all manner of sickness, and that he has all power both in heaven and earth, but by works they prove that this faith and belief is not in their souls, but is only of the head. They have a dead, head faith, but not the faith of God in the soul which enables them to practice what they say they believe.

Some people seem to think that obtaining salvation is like buying groceries where they can hunt for bargains. You can buy the truth and salvation—NOT with money—but you cannot find any bargains, for all must pay the same full price to obtain the genuine salvation. The devil has plenty of substitutes and bargains on display, so to speak, but the genuine can only be purchased by the willing, obedient, self-denying route. Jesus makes it plain to us in Matt. 13:45, 46. He tells us about a merchant man seeking for goodly pearls. When he had found one pearl of great price (which is Christ) he went

and sold all that he had and bought the Pearl of great price. To really be "born again, means a selling out of self and giving up to God. It means that the majority of people will not do this, but they look for bargains in the many man-made religions and pay a small price to be deceived and lost, having only a profession of faith in God. Just to say we believe God is not sufficient, for James says, "The devils believe and tremble." James 2:19.

God wants man to get the faith of God in his heart. We read in Rom. 10:9, 10, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Literal water salvation is certainly a cheap substitute for the genuine salvation of God, which comes to man through His blood sacrifice on the cross of Calvary. We must have something from heaven in our souls by faith from the Son of God in order to have the genuine Pearl of great price. Jesus is the author and finisher of our faith. Heb. 12:2. Brother, sister, if you have been deceived into receiving one of Satan's many substitutes, please throw it all away and seek God for the genuine. If you have made no profession do not look among the many man-made churches and be fooled with a substitute, but seek God and pay a full price and get the genuine salvation that saves from all sin in this life and brings peace, quietness, and assurance in your soul forever.

Again I quote Jesus: "YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN."

You do not need to know very much about the Bible nor its teachings to get the genuine salvation. You need to know that you are a sinner and lost on the road to destruction and that Jesus is the Saviour of all men that believe on Him. You need to know that you should repent of sinning against God. You should ask him to have mercy upon you and to forgive you of all your trespasses and sins, and should keep seeking, giving up, surrendering, and humbling down before God until you know that your soul has been born again, born from above, and that you really have that faith of God in your soul that he saves you now from all sin, and that peace, quietness, and assurance is in your soul. Isa. 32:17, 18. When you have the Spirit of truth in your soul he will lead and guide you into all truth (John 16:13). And as you are obedient, you will be eating his flesh and drinking his blood; for Jesus said, "Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you." John 6:53. Yes, dear sinner friend, "YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN." Dear professor, you must have the faith of God in your soul or you will be grievously disappointed in that great Judgment Day.

—Fred Pruitt

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## As Thy Days So Shall Thy Strength Be

Deuteronomy 33:25

Many times the weary traveler would have fainted had it not been for the daily strength given by the

Lord. The word strengthen comes from the word meaning "twisted together." God is the strength of my soul. Since my life is twisted together with God, he having all power and strength, I cannot fail. He was my strength today and so I trust him for tomorrow. The amount of strength we have will be according to the strength we receive through prayer.

One day a butterfly was beating against the prison walls of a cocoon. A time and way had been provided whereby the little creature could become strong by beating the sides of its little prison. What would happen if the walls would be cut away before the time had come for the butterfly to be free? It would be helpless and unable to fly.

Sometimes the walls are close to us and we struggle and agonize to be free. But God in his wisdom does not remove the barriers till we are strong enough to meet the battles on ahead. At last the day comes and we are free and we come forth clothed in the beautiful robes of patience, faith, and humility.

—Mrs. Charlotte Perky.

## He Understands

When life's burdens sorely press us,  
And we can't see our way through,  
There's a voice that gently whispers,  
"I will make a way for you."

Though the way be sometimes dreary,  
And our faith is getting dim,  
There is One who bears our burdens—  
Just keep looking unto Him.

He, our Rock and our Salvation,  
Has been o'er this way before,  
Knows our needs before we ask Him—  
Help us, Lord, to trust Thee more.

—Verga M. McCoy

Miss.—All the dear saints, greeting in my Saviour's dear name. —I wish to add my testimony, how the good Lord healed me. I had flu very bad last winter. It hurt me until in the summer. Praise the dear Lord, he touched me with divine healing power and made me well of that awful cough and asthma spells I had at night. I thank the Lord and all the saints who prayed for me. The Lord still saves me and sanctifies and keeps me on the right way, upward and onward, all on the altar for the Lord.

—Hattie Legg.

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## Obituary

Rebella Murrell was born in Indian Territory, May 12, 1881, and departed this life September 19, 1950 in her home in Tulsa, Okla. She was the daughter of Kellop and Sallie Murrell. She was united in marriage to Gus Leverett January 23, 1902. To this union four children were born. One son preceded her in death.

Bereaved are: her husband, two sons, one daughter, two sisters, one brother, and a host of relatives and friends and saints.

Early in life she professed a hope in Christ. She met the saints in Talahasee, Okla, and was saved and lived a faithful, quiet, and peaceful life unto death.

The funeral was conducted by Bro. M. Spears of Okla. City, and Bro. Barton of Tulsa. Text: Heb. 2:16, 17.

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## Editorials

To the readers of the "Faith and Victory" paper, we send greetings of love in Him. Truly God is good to his faithful children and his mercy and compassion goes out to all the needy. He has promised that he will never leave us nor forsake us, but will be a present help in every time of need. I often think of the words that the apostle Paul uttered in the second chapter of Titus: "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly IN THIS PRESENT WORLD; looking for that blessed hope, and glorious appearing of the great God and of our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify unto himself a peculiar people, ZEALOUS OF GOOD WORKS."

It is truly so that God's people are a very peculiar people among the professing worldly-minded people that inhabit the globe. Their minds are stayed on heavenly things and their ways and thoughts are as high above the ways and thoughts of the world as the heavens are high above this earth. They are not only a peculiar people, but they are also zealous of good works, and they are praying, sacrificing, and giving to the cause of God continually. Their whole ambition is to see souls saved from sin and be ready for heaven. While they muse upon the things of God and the blood sacrifice which was made for the salvation of souls, the fire of the Spirit burns within them and they look around for more to do for God and in behalf of precious souls.

It is with a love in our heart for souls that we are anxious to extend the gospel to many more souls by the printed page, therefore we send out the "Three Months" subscription rates each fall, as we know that people read more in the winter time than at other seasons, as a general rule.

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Remember, we are all workers together with God, and when doing this, it is not unto men but unto God. This is a way that any of the Lord's children can do some missionary work for the Lord. We are taught in the Word to sow beside all waters, for we can never tell which may grow, this or that; for the love of God in our hearts surely does constrain us to do something for perishing souls. In these perilous times it seems that most of the souls that are saved have to be hunted and fished out and the "Silent Preacher" whose name is "Faith and Victory"

does this kind of work. Will you aid this preacher to get into homes where he has not visited before? God, who rules the universe, will surely bless your efforts put forth in this direction. God be with you.

In Romans 13:10, we read, "Love worketh no ill to his neighbor: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law."

A lawyer said to Jesus one time, "And who is my neighbor?" Luke 10:29. Then Jesus gave that wonderful parable of the man that went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. Many today, spiritually speaking, are going from Jerusalem down to Jericho, and they are in great soul trouble and need some one to bind up their wounds and to pour in oil and wine (the truths of his word) and lift them up and to help them out of their troubles. Jesus said that a priest (D. D.) came by and saw this man in his pitiful condition and passed by on the other side (had no compassion and pity). Likewise a levite (preacher), when he was at the place, came and looked on him, then passed by and went his way. He would not allow the pity and compassion of God to work in his soul, and thereby sowed to the flesh. A samaritan came along, to whom this half-dead Jew was an enemy, and when he saw him he had compassion on him (sowed to the Spirit). He poured in oil and wine and put him on his beast and carried him to an inn where he paid for his care. Then Jesus asked the lawyer, "Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbor unto him that fell among the thieves." The lawyer's answer was, "He that showed mercy on him." The Lord's answer to him was, "Go, and do thou likewise." According to this parable, our neighbor would be any one whom we found in distress and had need of pity and compassion, even though it may be our enemy. It seems that it is hard for some of us to learn how to fulfill the law even though we claim to be in Christ. It is possible for us to get into a cold lawfied state until Christ cannot work in our souls as he would.

Jesus told the disciples, "Think not that I have come to destroy the law and the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill." Matt. 5:17. When we are in Christ all the law and the prophecies of the prophets are fulfilled to us, and Christ becomes our Saviour (not the old law), governor, and king, our High Priest. He is our all and in all. Now that He is our Saviour, our governor, our High Priest, he has power, authority, and right to altar, pardon, and to not impute wrong to some in pitiable and distressed conditions, even though to us it would not seem to be in harmony with plain statements of the teaching of the New Testament. He who gave the word is still our governor and king. Compassion and pity is a part of him. Any who become lawfied in handling the word of God need to hear again the words of Jesus when he spoke to the Pharisees who were exacting the law on others so rigidly. This truth is recorded in Mark, the latter part of the 2nd chapter. Jesus and his disciples went through the corn fields on the sabbath day, and the disciples, being hungry, plucked some of the corn and was eating it. The

Pharisees found fault with them and said that they were breaking the sabbath. Jesus did not deny that they were breaking the sabbath, but hear now what he said unto them in the 27th and 28th verses: "The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath: therefore [or because of this] the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath." We must keep in mind that Christ our governor and king is still Lord over all of his teachings and the teachings of the apostles, and he alone can impute sin to men or withhold as his pleasure. Therefore we read in Romans 14:4, "Who art thou that judgeth another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth, Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand." Some use these scriptures to justify themselves in compromising with the world and fulfilling the lusts of the flesh; but the word of God is squarely against them in this. Even the principals laid down in the teachings of the apostles and Christ are against such. These scriptures apply to the weak and the many that are in pitiful conditions. Thus it is written: "who can have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way." Heb. 5:2. God is able to, and has so much compassion that he will uphold the ignorant and mentally weak and their souls will be preserved by the mighty power and compassion of God.

Hear what James says concerning those that have no mercy: "For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy; [now listen] and mercy rejoiceth against judgment." James 2:13. Some preachers become so exacting and full of law that they give no room for the pity, compassion, and love of God to have freedom in their souls. They backslide in heart and go on being filled with their own ways (Prov. 14:14). Folks who are caught in their net will either have to get under bondage to them and their dwarfed comprehension of God's ways, or else be grieved in spirit. This is one way that Satan has of making division and causing grief and sorrow and hiding the functioning of the true church from those that otherwise might see. When two preachers of this same type are closely associated, their fellowship does not last long, for envy and strife are sure to be manifested where the fruits of the Spirit are not being borne in longsuffering, forbearance, having fervent love, forgiving one another even as Christ has forgiven them. They begin to see evil in one another and fail to heed the word of God where it says, "Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." One who is really sanctified wholly and retains that experience will look to God for grace to be like Christ, and in so-doing he will become the "just suffering for the unjust." The spiritual lawkeepers will many times accuse them, yea, will be anxiously watching to find something, and will jump at every imaginable thing to condemn them and sometimes will vomit out even the bitterness in their heart and think they are doing God's service. Oh, how many today need to learn the meaning of the words of Jesus, recorded in Mark 2nd chapter: "The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath: therefore, the Son of man is Lord of the sab-

bath." They need also to consider the parable in the tenth chapter of Luke where the Jew had fallen among thieves and was wounded and left half dead, and how the one to whom he was an enemy had compassion on him and cared for him. They should consider these things that they may keep in mind always who their neighbors are and to comprehend that "Love is the fulfilling of the law." Read often the 13th chapter of 1 Corinthians and see what Paul says about what he calls "The more Excellent way."

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Bro. George W. Stephenson of Gerty, Okla. has sent me a letter received from a missionary in China, and I believe that it will be to the glory of God and the good of souls to insert in the Lord's paper a portion of this letter that should be of interest to every reader and every Christian in every part of the globe.

This missionary says in part: "The crisis is here in China! Never has there been a more desperate situation than now! Surely the enemy has come in like a flood because the ungodly and anti-Christian hordes of Communists have already over run the major portion of China, although Hong Kong and Formosa are still definitely beyond their reach. In spite of danger, our missionaries are still in China, laboring unceasingly among the multitudes of refugees that have fled from Communists hands.

"One of the primary objectives of the Communists is to destroy Christianity and in China they are launching a definite attack against all Christians. They first try to indoctrinate them with their own ungodly theories, seeking to plant seeds of infidelity and athiesm in their minds. They are forced to attend classes with this in view. One dear Chinese Christian who recently escaped from the hands of the Communists, refused to be persuaded of their evil beliefs. They held him as a prisoner for seventy-three days. He was beaten and thrashed until he almost lost his mind. He prayed constantly, then he miraculously escaped beyond their reach."

By this letter our readers can see what it will be like in our country when the Communists take over the government, which we can all see is approaching quite fast in these changing times. The need is for every one that names the name of Christ to deepen down into God and be ready to give their life's blood rather than to deny the Lord. As it is foretold in Rev. 20:8, 9, the religious subjects of Gog and Magog are being deceived and a multitude of their members are lending a helping hand to the Communist power, that old serpent called the Devil and Satan which is now deceiving the blinded people. Read Rev. 12:9, and read again of him in Rev. 20:2. Notice that last portion of the 3rd verse and you will see that this evil power which was called the old serpent, the Devil and Satan is to be loosed for a little season. We are now living in the time when this evil power is loose and deceiving the nations under the cloak of Communism. They are closing in and compassing the camp of the saints about and the beloved "City of God," the true holiness church. Truly, dear brethren, we are living in perilous times and the situation in

our own country is so serious that I cannot find words to fully express it. Surely, this is a time when we need to watch and pray and keep our hearts filled with the love of God, abiding in the "more excellent way" (1 Cor. 12:31) and keep on the whole armour of God as we are exhorted to do in Eph. 6:10-18.



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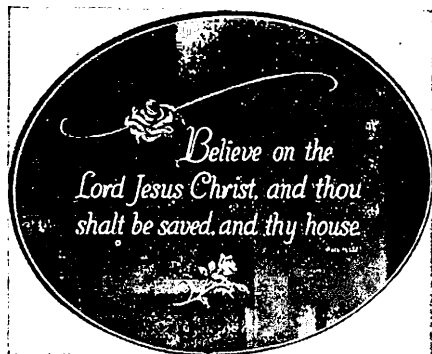
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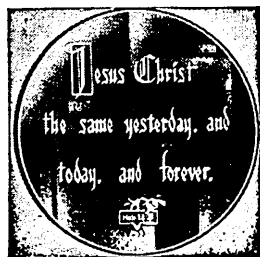
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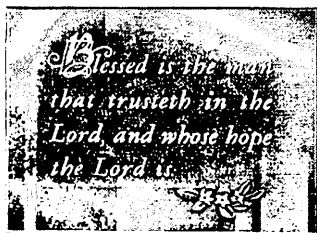
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Wichita, Kans.—Greetings in the name of the Lord. Today finds me saved and pressing on in the name of the Lord.

Concerning the church building here at Wichita, we have made some start. We had a business meeting and appointed officers. Sister Kennedy, Bro. Lester Gordon, and Bro. Herman Kelly are the present trustees. We, the church, here have decided to try to get our building started as soon as finance is so we can get the material. It will take 3000 stones to build it 40x60. The stones are \$150.00 per thousand. We have \$140.00 in the treasury that saints here have given. All are doing their very best and we are looking for more to come in soon. Labor is very high, although some of the saints are experienced in this work and we are expecting their help. We feel the Lord surely has help for us in this affair. If any of the saints scattered abroad have money to loan or give, the saints here will appreciate it very much. Those who are interested in helping with money or labor may contact Bro. Herman Kelly, 1750 N. Madison St., Wichita, Kans. For any further information write (me) Brother Lewis Williams, 1750 N. Madison St., Wichita Kans.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Mont.—To all true saints,—I am still trusting in the Lord for every need, both soul and body regardless of feeling afflictions, pains, etc. I am content in whatsoever state I am, until his appointed time to satisfy my soul and heal completely. Will you please pray with me for my every need, soul and body and complete victory? All things are possible "in him." The blood is our only plea, only believe. I want to keep humble ALL in the altar.

Mrs. Eva Dinsmore

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Please pray for our boy in service. He is in the National Guard in Georgia. He leaves a wife and two babies. Sister J. Strickler.

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Dear saints,—I am writing concerning Sister Fannie Williams. She is in much trouble, as her husband has deserted her and she suffers with rheumatism and is not able to do much work. She is in need of encouragement. Her address is Fannie Williams, Stoutland, Mo., R. 1.

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**ASSEMBLY MEETING NOTICES**

The assembly meeting at Jefferson, Ore. will be held Nov. 24 to Dec. 3rd. For information write Emma Busch, Scio, Ore.; Noah White or Sam Wilson, Jefferson, Ore.

The Hammond, Louisiana assembly meeting will convene this year from December 1st to 10th. We trust God to send ministers and helpers and those who need help. Pray much for the meeting, that it may redound to the glory of God. Max Williamson, in care of Post Office.

**A Meeting at Anderson Ind.**

Bro. and sister E. Allen have been conducting revival services in Anderson, Ind., and will be there as long as the Lord leads. Pray for the work there.

The church of God chapel is located at 701 W. 2nd St., Anderson, Ind. Those in reach of these meetings should attend. Bro. Grover Martin is pastor of the congregation at Anderson. His address is 917 Grand Ave.

Dover, Okla.—To the saints and friends scattered abroad, Greetings:—The Dover camp meeting which was held here from September 1 to 10 was a real spiritual feast from beginning to end. The Lord did truly hear and answer prayer. A number of Spirit filled ministers were present to deliver the God-given messages from time to time which were full of divine inspiration and instruction. Truly our souls rejoiced as we feasted from Father's table. The word went forth clear and distinct without fear or favor cutting sin and wickedness on every line, warning sinners to flee from the wrath to come, and exhorting the saints to a deeper consecrating and a sober watching and waiting for the coming of the Lord, which according to the signs of the time and world conditions can not be too far away. There were some good strong testimonies given in evidence of the saving grace and keeping power of God, also several testimonies of divine healing of the body. God is still healing among his people.

The Lord gave good weather for the meeting considering the season we have been having all summer. We didn't have to miss a single service on account of the rain. There were seekers at the altar from time to time for both spiritual and physical needs, some sought for and obtained pardon. Some were healed and one or two sanctified. Several happy saints observed the ordinances of feet washing and partaking of the Lord's supper. Five followed the Lord in baptism. Our prayer is that the good



shepherd will continue to lead them by the still waters and cause them to lie down in green pastures.

We were thankful to have a sunny day for the last Sunday of the meeting so the tabernacle could be taken down dry and returned to its resting place. We are trusting and praying that the Lord will some day give us improved facilities for the camp here. I am satisfied that many saw the need of more and enlarged accommodations or room for the same. Dear saints, ever remember us at the throne of grace.

Yours for Christ's sake,  
Ulysses Phillips and Co-workers.

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## The Ten Commandments In the New Covenant

Those who live by the new covenant live out the Ten Commandments in a much deeper sense than they could possibly have been lived by the people in Old Testament times.

Mark 12:30 reads, "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first commandment." This covers the three first commandments of the ten. For if we love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, we will have no other gods before the true God, neither will we make any graven images, nor bow down to them. While we do not in this country make graven images as they did in old Testament times, many do think more of some child or earthly thing than they do of God, which would be the equivalent.

The fourth commandment is, "Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy." This one day out of seven was a rest day for the body. The Jews were required to cease all their labor on that day, in order that they keep it holy unto the Lord. But God requires a different kind of holiness of us now than just ceasing our labor on one day as the Jews did. For the scripture says, "The law made nothing perfect; but the bringing in of a better hope did." So we must live now by this better hope, which is holiness of heart, made holy through the blood of Christ. However there is also in this new covenant a ceasing of our own works in that we must cease from selfishness, our own ways and desires. But this should be done six more days added to the seventh day, in all making seven days each week. For Isa. 55:8 says, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways saith the Lord." And again, "Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labor for that which satisfieth not? harken diligently unto me [or take my ways] and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. Incline your ear, and come unto me; [that means leave our ways and take God's] hear, and your soul shall live." Isa. 55:2, 3. Again in Heb. 4:10 we read, "For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his."

The fifth commandment reads, "Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." The new Testament gives practically the same command,

which reads, "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honor thy father and mother (which is the first commandment with promise); That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth." Eph. 6:2, 3.

Mark 12:31 reads, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." This covers the 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, and 10th commandments. For if we love our neighbor as ourself we will not kill him, nor commit adultery, nor steal from him, nor bear false witness against him, neither will we covet what is his.

So when we are living by the new Testament, we are also keeping the ten commandments recorded in Exodus 20th chapter. But if we were to leave off living by the new Testament and try to be saved by just keeping the ten commandments, we would miss it. For without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins. Christ became our high priest and shed his blood for us. So the only way by which we can be saved now is through the blood of Christ. "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved." Acts 4:12. —J. T.

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La.—Dear readers of "Faith and Victory,"—Greetings in the name of our Redeemer who has loved us and washed us from our sins in his own precious blood.

I feel like I need to testify of God's goodness to me. He has graciously blessed me in many ways. I especially want to express how grateful I am for a car to use in the Master's service. It enables me to reach isolated people that I couldn't before having a car and I feel so thankful for it. The harvest truly is great and the laborers are few. Too many are living to themselves. II Corinthians 5:15 says, "And that he (Christ) died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves but unto him who died for them and rose again." "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge or wisdom in the grave whither thou goest." Ecclesiastes 9:10. We need to work while it is day, the night cometh when no man can work. St. John 9:4.

I want to again thank each one who had a part in making it possible for me to have a car. May God bless you. Also I desire prayer concerning an affliction on my body I am trying to get victory over.

In Christ Jesus,

Ruth Murphey.

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Ariz.—To the saints scattered abroad,—I send greetings. I am yet saved and on the highway of holiness. I am encouraged as never before to go all the way with the Lord for I know there is nothing in this old world to turn back to and I realize that Jesus will soon be coming for his faithful few. I mean by his help and grace to be one of the few.

Now I want to testify to the healing of my little grand-daughter, who was very low sick and my husband, (who is not saved) rushed her to the hospital, but the doctors seemed to have little hope for her life. I sent in a request for prayer to the saints in California, before she was carried to the hospital. Now she is back home every whit whole for which I thank the Lord. Please pray for my unsaved family and for me.

Yours in him,

Bertha Slaughter.



# Young People's Section

## Traveling Needs

I said, "Lord, may I now  
Into your service go?  
May I go near and far  
To seek souls lost in woe?"

He said, "If you would go,  
Your suitcase you must pack;  
For on this journey great  
You must not suffer lack."

He gave a list to me  
Of things that I would need,  
And if you want to see,  
I'll tell you where to read.

Galatians, chapter five,  
Verse twenty-two then -three;  
He said, "Take love and joy  
And peace along with thee.

Longsuffering, gentleness, goodness,  
Faith, meekness, temperance, too;  
If you have all these fruits,  
I'm sure they'll see you through."

In second Peter, one,  
Verses five to seven,  
He gave another list  
To fit my soul for heaven.

He told me on my trip  
To take a rich supply;  
For if I have these graces,  
My soul shall never die.

And if I find I'm short  
Of these and need some more,  
He told me where to go  
To get abundant store.

In Hebrews chapter four,  
The sixteenth verse we read,  
"Come boldly to my throne  
For all the grace you need."

So now I check my list  
As I my suitcase pack,  
And check it o'er again  
To see if there's a lack.

For when I meet my Lord,  
I want to hear, "Well done;  
My graces you displayed  
As your good race was run."  
—May Ola Casto

## Ambassadors for Christ

2 Cor. 5:20.

Ofttimes we are constrained to do things because we see a need and not because we are gifted to do so. I realize I am not gifted in expressing my thoughts in writing, though I wish I were, but in my soul I feel a deep stirring to draw closer to God in these wicked days. It is my heart's desire to warn others that this is the time to make a start. When we think of our calling to be ambassadors for Christ, we should realize we have a great responsibility resting upon us to represent Him wherever we go.

The Lord has been teaching me many precious lessons on being an example, and I have been having some trials and tests to prove myself before the wicked and professors with whom I work. I have truly found that it takes a new supply of grace from day to day to be all God would have us to be; and were it not for his unlimited supply, we would not be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. Praise the Lord for bringing us through these things with victory in our souls and with a greater determination to serve him and be an ambassador to carry this wonderful message of salvation to those we meet.

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 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. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth and having on the breastplate of righteousness: And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace: Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God; Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints. And for me that utterance may be given me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak." Eph. 6:10-18.

Let us everyone do all we can while it is yet day, for the night cometh when we can not work.

With Christian love, Evodna Thurman

## Growing In Grace

"But grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." 2 Peter 3:18. Truly

the Lord wants us to grow. Whether we have just started in this Christian race or have been saved a number of years, the Lord wants each of us to grow. We see things growing all around us, trees, plants, etc. Then we see babies growing out of babyhood, continuing to grow until they become men and women. Likewise, the Lord is pleased that we should grow in him.

How do we grow? 1 Peter 2:2 tells us: "As new born babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word that ye may grow thereby." Then in Hebrews 5:14 it reads: "But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."

The first scripture tells us to desire the sincere milk of the Word. Babies desire milk and as they are fed they grow. So in our spiritual life when we desire and read the Word of God and hear it read, our souls are fed. And if we take heed to the Word, we grow. Babies also exercise and that helps them to grow and become stronger. In like manner, as we exercise in choosing the right and refusing the wrong, we grow. We also exercise by doing whatever the Lord wants us to whether it be to pray or testify or read some of God's Word as we gather together, or something else God lays upon our hearts to do.

If we saw a baby from time to time, and that baby never grew, just always stayed a weak little baby, we would think something was wrong with that baby for it is its nature to grow. Oh, how the Lord does want us to grow and not always be weak in our spiritual life. He wants us to grow and become men and women for him.

Children do not grow by stretching and straining as it says in Matt. 6:27, "Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?" Nor do we grow spiritually by stretching or straining to measure up. But as we read God's word and ask him to help us obey it and trust him to help us, we grow in grace. And then as we move out and do whatever the Lord would have us to, we grow.

Be encouraged to live faithful to the Lord, dear young people. Take time to read God's Word and pray and obey him and the Lord will keep you.

—Fern Stubblefield

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## Self Pity

I feel it necessary to speak to the dear saints on the subject of self-sympathy or brooding over being persecuted and the reward that follows.

The enemy is out to deceive precious souls and he cares not what method he uses in doing so.

Once a woman told me she would love to go to camp meeting. I suggested we go together. She said, "Oh, I couldn't go. You don't know what I'd have to go thru when I'd get home." Almost any time one meets her she soon begins to tell how awful her husband is to persecute her. Another sister continually tells how she is persecuted by loved ones, etc.

Dear ones, there are no victories unless persecutions come first, and if we shun persecutions we can never please the Lord. "All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecutions" (2 Tim. 3:12).

It is good to testify of these things only to glorify our Lord and Saviour, and never with the intention of having others feel sorry for us.

Paul said, "I take pleasure in persecutions" (2 Cor. 12:10). Have we been persecuted as Paul was?

The Lord said, "But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, pray for them that despitefully use you and persecute you." (Matt. 5:44). If we continually make a theme out of how someone has mistreated us, how then can we have enough time to pray for them?

"Remember the words that I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also." (John 15:20). "The disciple is not above his lord." (Matt. 10:24) "And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus and sought to slay him . . ." (John 5:16; Acts 7:52).

The Lord is our example. Did he ever say, "Oh, you just don't know what I have to go through with?" To feel sorry for ourselves when those of our own households turn against us is only allowing the enemy to cheat us out of the victory which is to follow. Those of our own household will be our worst enemies.

Dear ones, these persecutions are for our own good if we count them so. Don't think you are going through worse persecutions than anyone else who ever started on the strait and narrow road. It would only be the enemy lying to you to cheat you out of the victory. We shall reap if we faint not.

Dear reader, if you are one bound with this awful spirit of self-pity, there is only one thing to do that will ever help you, and that is to repent while you still have time.

Why should we feel sorry for ourselves when we have such wonderful promises as "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you." (Matt. 5:11, 12; also 10:25).

We are "persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down but not destroyed;" (2 Cor. 4:9 and 17).

"For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory."

Don't you agree that these promises are much more than self pity?

Yours in Him,

Alice Campbell

## Correspondence

To all the saints everywhere, greetings in the dear name of Jesus,—I am so glad today finds me happy in the Lord and I am glad to be encouraged to press the battle on until the crown is won. I am happy to know I am in the one true church the Bible tells about. I am glad to be a little stone in that wonderful building. Oh, it is wonderful what the Lord will do for people that will just turn themselves over to him.

I feel it would be to God's glory to tell some things he has done for us lately. I thank Him most of all for my Christian home. I have three children and a granddaughter at home and we are all saved and trust the Lord for both soul and body. It is wonderful to know that we know the truth and the truth has made us free, praise his dear name forever. It is wonderful to know that nothing can come upon us unless the Lord permits it for our good. For all things work together for good to them that love God. Some time ago one of my daughters seemed

to have bad lungs or T. B. She had an X-ray and they told her lungs were bad and wanted her to go back in three months and have another one made. She was not saved at that time, but I had my trust in the Lord for her healing. The Lord healed her.

Not long ago my granddaughter became very frail in body. We think it was her lungs. We prayed and requested prayer for her and the Lord has wonderfully undertaken for her.

The Lord has healed me so many times I'll not be able to tell it all, but I had something like high blood pressure. My nose would bleed so much and my head would swim. It has been over a year since the Lord healed me of that affliction. Then I had something like erysipelas in my head and the Lord healed that. I had a place on my body that I thought might be a cancer and the Lord completely healed it and took it away. Oh, how thankful I am for what the Lord has done for me and my loved ones. The Lord so wonderfully helped my little grandson who had T. B. of the spine. He is as well and healthy now as any child.

The Lord has blessed us so much this summer in permitting us to attend meetings at different places. I was glad to be at the Monark Springs campmeeting again and to see so many more people there than usual. It is encouraging to meet with the saints.

Dear saints, pray for us that we will always be found in the center of His will. And my advice to all of God's people is to hold to God at any cost. The Lord will do more for you than you can think or ask. Dear ones, I desire your prayers that the Lord will heal a place on my head. Some think it is a cancer. But whatever it is I know the Lord can take it away. Pray the Lord to bless in our congregation in every needed way.

Your sister in Christ, Katie Marler

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Ind.—I believe the Lord would have me to write the vision I had a short while ago to encourage the saints, as it has helped me very much.

In my vision the saints here were seated in the chapel and standing to the left of the pulpit was Sister Lottie Joiner with a pointer stick in her hand. She walked to the front and said, "I am now going to show the class a lesson on this chart on faith." I noticed she was then holding a white cloth in her hand, preparing to tack it on the wall. Instantly it seemed the chart changed from cloth to an undescrivable whiteness and on it, or out from it, appeared a two-wheeled chariot of gold. Next I noticed there were hitched to it two beautiful horses glistening as the noon day sun. They were standing still though I feel they were harnessed ready to go. As I gazed upon them I noticed the reason for their not moving, for at the back of the chariot there were two other horses hitched pulling the other way. They seemed just like any ordinary horse.

Now, I do not know Sister Lottie Joiner and have never seen her except in this vision; nor do I know anything about her except I saw in the "Faith and Victory" paper (if I'm not mistaken) where she was at Guthrie in a meeting once—how long ago I do not remember.

Since we have been praying for the healing of my son this vision has recurred to me many times and I see the two horses hitched to the back of the chariot and pulling the other way are my doubts. I thought I was believing, but the chariot of faith could not go forward with those hitched on. I can report that God is now healing the boy and has taken away those spells he has endured for twenty years. I desire my faith to be increased, so, saints, remember me. Matt. 17:20 In these

awful times, we must have more faith to stand, for "this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." 1 John 5:4.

Sister Minnie Brown

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Calif.—Greetings in the precious name of Jesus,—I am glad to be yet saved and sanctified and an overcomer in the strength of our Lord. I would like my testimony in the paper because I feel the need of the prayers of all the saints of God. I am going through a test. I do not fail to thank and praise God for what he has been and will be as long as I have a perfect trust in him. He has brought me through some hard trials and he showed me as long as I stayed in him that wicked one could touch me not. He showed me a bright shining angel with a sword lifted high, keeping off every dart of the evil one who is after all that will live godly. I desire to ask one and all to pray with me that God will help me to stand, and after having done all to stand true just a few days longer, then it will be over.

I thank the Lord for being one with all God's saints, and to be here in Bakersfield. The Lord is blessing us here and we are going right on until the crown is won.

The Lord led me to read Isaiah 40:26-31, which gave me new courage to press on and on unto the end of the way, and keep my trembling hand in his hand and be faithful at all times. Again I ask all the saints everywhere to pray for me in an unspoken request which I have before the Lord.

Sophie Earl

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Calif.—Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord, and all who love the truth in sincerity,—I want to write a few words for the dear Lord and Saviour who has been so good to me and has helped me in so many ways. Truly, I do love him and want to always do his will, which I love.

I was privileged to attend the Los Angeles campmeeting this summer and was so glad, as I seldom get to go to any meetings, being isolated here. It seemed the meeting was so precious this time. I heard things from the Word of God I never heard before. Truly I enjoyed it very much.

I do thank the dear Lord for saving my three children and for the others who have been saved; also for His healing power. When I came home from campmeeting, my hens' heads were a solid mass of sores from mosquito bites, and their eyes were swollen shut. I called upon the Lord to heal them and brought forth my strong reasons before him, which was we needed the eggs so badly, but that I could take it just as he saw fit. They had nearly stopped laying. The very next day they were nearly well and in a day or two I got an egg from nearly every one of them. Their heads now are as beautiful and red as can be. I am thankful that our God will heal man or beast. This isn't the first time he has healed in answer to prayer. We have had many healings, broken bones and things the Lord has helped us in.

I ask the prayers of the saints that I be true and faithful and that he will give me power to overcome in all things that come my way, as I do want to meet the dear Lord's face in peace. I do thank him for his love and mercy to me and my family, and for the help he gives me in every time of need. I love God's saints and have all confidence in every one of them. I would love to hear from anyone who cares to write me at Merced, Calif.

—Mrs. Alice Brewer

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Mo.—Dear Saints:—I feel led of the Lord to write my testimony and tell of the wonderful healings he has done for us since camp meeting at Monark Springs. But first

I want to thank him for saving my soul and showing me the beautiful church of God and placing me in the one body. I thank him for helping me to live by faith and trust him for both body and soul.

My little girl, Cynthia, was very sick with a hurting in her stomach. I prayed for her and she was soon well, but it wasn't very many weeks until she had another attack which was worse than the other. I was here alone with her as the girls were out working so I prayed for her. She would get better, but would get worse when I would quit praying. She wanted me to call the girls, so I did and the Lord wonderfully anointed Mary Hope for prayer. The dear Lord touched her, healed her, and she was soon asleep. We had her anointed and prayed for at the Doniphan meeting that these attacks wouldn't come back and she hasn't been sick since. We can truly give the Lord all the praise. Husband thought it was appendicitis but there is nothing too hard for our Lord to do. Praise his sweet name.

Not long ago I took a very painful hurting in my left hand. My middle knuckle was beginning to swell and looked red. It was time to cook supper so I kept praying while I worked. The Lord wonderfully touched my hand, the pain soon stopped although I didn't have much strength in it. The next day it was almost normal. I do thank and praise the dear sweet name of my dear Jesus. He is so good to us. My little boy had the tooth ache night before last and we had prayer for him. The dear Lord stopped all the pain while we were praying. It's truly a mighty God we serve. I could tell many more things that the Lord has done for us but feel this is enough. Pray for us.

Your sister in Christ,

Effie Miller.

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Miss.—Dear Saints scattered abroad,—In Jesus' dear name I greet you all. I thank our God for being so good and mindful of us all. He has been so good to us in so many ways. I praise his dear name this morning. It has been quite awhile since I have written through the little paper. I love to read it, there is so much good and encouragement to me in it. I read it with much interest, then pass it on to someone else. I also like to read the good tracts sent out. I give out many of them. I do like to give every flying moment something to keep in store as we sing in the song, "work for the night is coming." We must work the work of him that has called us and sent us out. Read in Mark 16:16-20. Signs will follow them that believe. God has blessed with his divine healing many that were sick who trusted him and left off all doctors and medicine. Divine means unseen healing favor to all that will trust him completely. No aspirins, no other helps or drugs are needed. Thou shalt have no other gods before me, then God can work in our behalf. He has done it and is doing it and will do it again if we only trust him. Only trust him NOW. Amen.

Dear saints, I have a great burden on me in behalf of the leaders of our nations that they will let the peace of God come into their hearts so lasting peace can come. No other peace can set this world aright. Let us pray for them. "I cried unto God with my voice, even unto God with my voice and he gave ear unto me." Psa. 77:1-2. In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord.

Yours in Him,

Sister J. Strickler.

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Ill.—Dear saints there and abroad, greetings to you in Jesus' name: —We are so thankful to report victory in our souls and thank God for His many blessings.

We requested prayer for our little girl age 7, who

was having some kind of spasms. The Lord wonderfully healed her after much testing of our faith. We are so thankful and appreciate the prayers of the saints. Truly the Lord is able to heal and will when we come to Him in faith believing, doubting nothing and when we have obeyed his word. He has done so much for all of us and is a present help and his service is not grievous but joyful.

We have a baby girl now, five weeks old and the Lord wonderfully blessed in every way.

Husband is now laboring with his hands, but after much prayer and some spiritual advice from Bro. D. A. Gibson, we feel God calling him to preach the Word and leave all to follow Him. So as soon as we can get through here, will be free to do God's bidding. We want to do His will and go where He leads. We realize our special needs from God and desire all of your prayers. Husband has preached before, while not for some time, but we did not know all of the real truth as we have learned since. We are so thankful for it and the true saints of God. Jesus said he kept things from the wise and prudent and revealed them unto babes. God resisteth the proud and giveth grace to the humble. We want to redeem the time and see precious souls saved and helped.

In the Lord,

Ruth and Morris Childress

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## The Wisdom of Christ

The wisdom of Christ our Lord far surpasses the wisdom of the human intellect and brings to us who are possessors of his Holy Spirit light and understanding that the human mind cannot fathom or receive only as the Spirit of God within us reveals it to us. His words of wisdom puzzled and astonished the world while he was in the fleshly body on earth.

In Luke 2:40 we read of him: "And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him." When he was twelve years old he was found in the temple sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them and asking them questions, and it is written in the 47th verse of this same chapter, "And all that heard him were astonished at his understanding and answers." In the 7th chapter of John we read about the chief priests and Pharisees sending the officers to take Jesus. The officers returned without him, and the chief priests and Pharisees said, "Why have ye not brought him." The 46th verse reads thus, "The officers answered, Never man spake like this man." His words of wisdom puzzled and confounded the great men of earth and they felt their helplessness and saw their weakness while in his presence, and while listening to his words.

It is said that he told Pilate when he had asked him to cease from his teaching, "Dam up the mountain gorge, and it will burst over and uproot the trees in the valley." In this he told Pilate that it was impossible for him to stop his truth from going forth. Pilate was helpless and could do nothing, for His wisdom reached beyond Pilate's comprehension and power.

His parables, questions, and answers puzzled and confounded the chief priests and elders of the people. Let us begin the reading at the 23rd verse of the 21st chapter of Matthew. They said unto him, "By what

authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority?" Read on and see the wisdom he used and how they were put to their wits end and their voice was hushed. Read on and not the parables and see how cunningly and cleverly he lets the chief priests and elders know that the wrath of God is upon them because they rejected the prophets and slew him. Then comes his wonderful words in the 42nd verse: "Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes?"

Here Christ was declaring that he was the stone that the Jews had rejected and that he had become the head corner stone of the building of God, the house of God, the church of God, the kingdom of God. In the next verse he says, "Therefore [since this is true] say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall [future] be taken from you, and given to a nation [meaning Gentiles] bringing forth the fruits thereof." Still having the kingdom of God in mind, which is given to the Gentiles, he says, "And whosoever [meaning Jew or Gentile or anyone] shall fall on this stone shall be broken, but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder."

In the Weymouth translation of the New Testament, it reads thus, "He who falls on this stone will be severely hurt: but he on whom it falls will be utterly crushed." In James Moffatt's translation of the New Testament, it reads: "Everyone who falls on this stone will be shattered, and whosoever it falls upon will be crushed." Let us remember that he is talking about the kingdom that is taken from the Jews and given to the Gentiles and it will be easy for us who do enjoy this kingdom and know what it means for the Holy Spirit to fall on us as on the day of Pentecost to understand what he means.

In order to be justified we fall on Christ (the Stone) for mercy, having godly sorrow for sins committed. He forgives us and bids us follow him. Our selfish worldly ambitions are broken, for his way is a cross, a self-denying route, for Jesus says, "And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple." Luke 14:27. When we seek the Lord to be sanctified or sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise (baptized with the Holy Spirit) we ask him to fall on us as he did on the one hundred and twenty on the day of Pentecost. When this is done the carnal nature is crushed out, the old man is crucified, destruction has taken place in our souls, and we are new creatures. Old things have passed away and, behold, all things have become new—a complete new creature. (1 Cor. 5:17).

This double work was just what the chief priests and Pharisees needed, and while they did not understand the parables that he had spoken, they had sense enough to know that they were against them and they sought to lay hands on him. It is even so today as many men of religion reject the very thing that their souls stand in need of and become bitter against the instrument God may be using to get the truth to them.

In Rom 12: 1, 2, we are instructed to present our bodies to God as a living sacrifice. If we really do this in its complete sense, the Holy Spirit will certainly fall on us and crush out our carnal nature, grind it to powder, and we shall become as such that Paul speaks of in Col. 3:3: "For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God."

Some one may object and say that it was not Christ that fell on the disciples on the day of Pentecost, but it was the Holy Spirit. I want to show you by the Scriptures that the Holy Spirit is also represented as Christ.

Turn to John 14:20. Christ is speaking of the Spirit of truth, the Comforter, which he says is the Holy Ghost (verse 25). "At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you." Also hear what Paul has to say to the Holy-Spirit-baptized Colossians (Col. 1:27), "To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory." In many other places Christ is referred to as being in us.

When Christ told the chief priests and Pharisees that the kingdom of God should be taken from them and given to the Gentiles, he referred to the kingdom of God that came with power on the day of Pentecost. Mark 9:1. Jesus was preaching the kingdom of God to the people and some were accepting it and embracing what truth they could understand, yet the Jewish or Mosaic economy or kingdom was not done away with until Jesus arose from the tomb and became the Saviour of the world through his blood. The Jews did not understand the Lord's words concerning his work in the kingdom of grace and peace when he stated that whosoever should fall on this stone would be broken, but on whomsoever it would fall, it would grind him to powder, or crush him, for their souls and understanding was blinded and darkened by their rejection of Christ. Jesus often spoke things that the people did not understand and neither did he explain it to them. Turn and read in John 2: 18. In the 19th verse he said to the Jews, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." He had reference to his body, but the Jews thought he meant the temple in Jerusalem where they worshipped. He did not tell them differently and the Jews held that against him when he was being tried; also when he was hanging on the cross. Read about this in Matt. 26:61, and again in Matt. 27:40.

Truly the wisdom and knowledge of Christ far exceeds any and all earthly wisdom. Paul understood this and said in Phil. 3:8, "Yea, doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ." Paul says in 1 Cor. 1:25, "Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men." Not many earthly wise men are called. "But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things that are mighty;

and base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to naught, things that are: [what for?] That no flesh should glory in his presence." In Rom. 3:4, we read, "Let God be true, but every man a liar." Paul, speaking of God the Father and of Christ, said, "In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." Col. 2:3. Brethren, let us receive the ingrafted word which is able to save our souls. James 1:21.

In the parable of the householder who planted a vineyard and the fruits were not rendered in their season (Matt. 21:33), but some servants were killed by the husbandmen and others mistreated, and finally the Son was slain, had reference to the Jews who stoned and killed the prophets and slew Jesus, the Son. The sentence was that they would be miserably destroyed. No doubt he had reference to the destruction of the Jews literally as a nation. It must be remembered that this parable was uttered before he spoke of the kingdom being taken from them.

Some of our brethren believe that falling on Christ, the Stone, has reference to one repenting of his sins and asking God to have mercy on him, and when justified his life is broken with sin and the world; but they believe that when he says if the Stone shall fall on one it will grind him to powder or crush him has reference to the Jews when they were surrounded at Jerusalem and they were slaughtered and many starved to death and they were scattered to all countries. It does not seem reasonable to me to put a spiritual application on one part of the statement and a literal application on the other, when the Lord has seemed to make no difference in them only one work being stronger and more severe than the other. We surely do know that when he says the kingdom shall be taken from them and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof he means the Gentiles receiving the spiritual kingdom of God. Also when he says, "And whosoever shall fall on this stone" he is surely continuing the thought of this spiritual kingdom and what will take place in it.

—Fred Pruitt

### God Loves Me

For many years a gentleman in company with others had lived a life of sinful pleasures. Having heard that the leader of the party had been converted, he wondered much what could have induced their companion to give up his jovial, free, merry life, to become, as he thought, serious and melancholy.

It led the gentleman to look into the Bible and read for himself; and he began to realize the unsatisfying nature of the pleasures of sin and the hollowness there was in the life he had been leading.

Shortly after this he met his old friend, who said to him, "Do you ever read the Bible?"

"Yes," he replied, "but I can get no comfort out of it. However much I try, I cannot love God."

"No," said his friend, "nor could I; but the blessed truth is, I found that God loves me." Saying this, he wished him good-morning.

God loves me . . . God loves me . . . he kept thinking to himself; what can that mean? Then came the thought of God having shown His love by giving his only begotten Son to die on the cross to save sinners. The reason of it flashed on his soul with divine power and light. "Now I see it!" he exclaimed; "I see God loves me as a sinner. Yes! God loves me so as to save me! It is not that I must love God before I can be saved, but God loves me, a lost sinner."

Reader, have YOU understood that mighty difference between the Law and the Gospel? The Law demands you should love God,—it is your first bounden duty to love Him to whom you are indebted for life and every blessing enjoyed,—yet by the command,—by the Law, man never fulfills this first duty. Under the Law man was commanded to love God, but by it he never did. But now,—and this is the glory of the blessed gospel,—"God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." The question for the sinner is not, Do I love God? but the acceptance of the fact that "He loved me." "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down His life for us." (1 John 3:16). Then follows, "We love Him, because He first loved us:" (1 John 4:19). —Sel.

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## OVERCOMING TEMPTATION

November 5, 1950

Printed Portion.....Matthew 4:8-11; John 6:15; Romans 13:12-14; I Corinthians 10:12-13.

Matt. 4:8. Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

9. And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

10. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

11. Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

John 6:15. When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone.

Romans 13:12. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

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

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

1 Cor. 10:12. Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

13. There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

Memory Verse: Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. James 1:12.

Practical Truth: Be an overcomer, only cowards yield. Jesus will furnish the grace if we furnish the willingness.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

When the question of overcoming temptation arises I know of no better way than to abstain from all appearance of evil. In the book of James we read, "But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed." We don't have to yield to temptation for the Lord has promised that he will not allow us to be tempted stronger than we are able to stand. Jesus said, my sheep hear my voice and I know them and they follow me. There is not much danger of yielding to temptation as long as we are following Jesus unless we follow him afar off. We are not apt to overcome temptations if we follow Jesus afar off. As long as we hold to our Saviour's hand, that is, follow close to him we are not apt to be tempted very much. Just keep our eyes on Jesus then we will not see things that might tempt us. Just don't listen to the devil, turn a deaf ear to him and Jesus will deliver us.

"Yield not to temptation, for yielding is sin,  
Each victory will help you some other to win.  
Fight manfully onward, dark passion subdue  
Look ever to Jesus, he will carry you through."

In Psalms 23 we read, "He (Jesus) leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake." In the first two or three chapters of Revelation we see the wonderful promises left on record for the overcomers. If we will be overcomers to the end then Jesus said we would have the privilege of sitting with him in his kingdom even as he (Jesus) overcame. We don't have to do one thing the devil tells us to do.

#### FELLOWSHIP WITH OTHER CHRISTIANS

November 12, 1950

Printed Portion.....Acts 11:11-18; Philipians 2:1-5.

Acts 11:11. And, behold, immediately there were three men already come unto the house where I was, sent from Caesarea unto me.

12. And the Spirit bade me go with them, nothing doubting. Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered into the man's house:

13. And he shewed us how he had seen an angel in his house, which stood and said unto him, Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter;

14. Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved.

15. And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning.

16. Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that

he said, John indeed baptized with water: but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost.

17. Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God?

18. When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.

Phil. 2:1. If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,

2. Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.

3. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

4. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

5. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

Memory Verse: Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: 1 Peter 1:22.

Practical Truth: To be in fellowship with the saints it is blessed.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Christian fellowship is the blending together of true Christian lives. That which Christians possess in their souls and that which makes them Christians is the same in substance. It came down from God out of heaven and it blends together in so much that true Christians all enjoy the same Spiritual food which in reality is true fellowship. There is no fellowship between a true Christian and one who just has the name of being a Christian. When true Christians meet or come together there is always fellowship between them.

True Christians love each other for their hearts are knit together in love. True Christians have all things common among themselves. True Christians have a love for each other that is found only among Christians. True Christians have no fellowship with just make believe Christians. Fellowship between Christians is the sweetest thing to be found any where. It has been said that birds of a feather flock together. So true Christians just love to be together to enjoy the good things our loving heavenly Father has prepared for them as He spreads them on his table. 1 Cor. 10:21, "Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils:"

#### CHRISTIAN WORSHIP.

November 19, 1950

Printed Portion.....Isaiah 1:11-17; John 4:19-24;  
Colossians 3:16.

Isa. 1:11. To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the Lord: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats.

12. When ye come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts?

13. Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting.



14. Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear them.

15. And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood.

16. Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes: cease to do evil;

17. Learn to do well: seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.

John 4:19. The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.

20. Our fathers worshiped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.

21. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.

22. Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.

23. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

24. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Col. 3:16. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

**Memory Verse:** Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Psalm 29:2.

**Practical Truth:** We must be true worshipers of God if we would see him in peace at the end of the race.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

As we read in the devotional reading for our lesson today we see the Psalmist pouring out of his heart a true feeling of the adoration which is true Christian worship, showing our appreciation and reverence for the place of worship. When we are in a spirit of worship we too will say, my soul longeth yea even fainteth for the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh crieth for the Living God and with joy we will draw water out of the wells of salvation as we worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness and worship him in spirit and in truth.

The Lord must have the first place in our hearts before we can worship him in spirit and truth. God will not accept half hearted worship nor will it bring any good to our soul. True worship is pure love flowing out of our hearts to God. There is no true worship without pure love. Worship is the act of paying divine honor to God. To worship God we must put Him ahead of all else. If we would worship our Lord in spirit and in truth we must give him the preeminence always. Our God is a jealous God and he will not divide his honor with another. All who are pure and holy will worship the Lord in spirit and in truth. It means so much for us to be true worshipers of the one and only true God the Father and his only begotten Son, Jesus.

#### THE STEWARDSHIP OF MONEY

November 26, 1950

Printed Portion.....2 Corinthians 9:6-8;

Philippians 4:10-18.

2 Cor. 9:6. But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

7. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

8. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

Phil. 4:10. But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again; wherein ye were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity.

11. Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.

12. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

13. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

14. Notwithstanding ye have well done, that ye did communicate with my affliction.

15. Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only.

16. For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity.

17. Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account.

18. But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well pleasing to God.

**Memory Verse:** I have shewed you all things how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. Acts 20:35.

**Practical Truth:** It is blessed to give when we give as unto the Lord.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

We read in the 2nd chapter of Hebrews that God made man a little lower than the angels and then set him over the works of his (God's) hands. God's word shows us plainly that we are just stewards and not owners. The earth and the fullness thereof, the cattle on a thousand hills, the gold and silver all belong to the Lord and we are just his stewards. The whole universe belongs to the Lord and we are his highest creation. He has set us over the works of his hands. We must remember that we will have to give a strict account to God for all he has permitted to come into our hands because we are just his stewards and God requires his stewards to be faithful. All the money that comes into our hands is the Lord's, so we should be very careful how we use it.

If we weren't afraid to trust the Lord we would do as he taught us. Jesus said, "Give and it shall be given unto you good measure pressed down, and shaken together and running over shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that you mete withal it shall be measured to you again." If we find fault with those who give their tithe we sure should give more than the tithe. When we sow sparingly we will reap just as we have sown. G. S.