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Experiences With the Risen Christ

I wasn't with the women in that early morning hour,
And I didn't hear the angels' message then;
But I know 'tis true that Jesus did arise in mighty power,
Since I let Him in my heart to live and reign.

I didn't walk to Emmaus when He journeyed with the men
As He told them things which caused their hearts
to burn;

But with Him I have communion just as real as their's
was then,

And new lessons from His Word I daily learn.

I wasn't there when Thomas saw the nail prints in His
hands

And beheld the wound from which His blood did flow;
Yet, not seeing, I believed it and for me He broke death's
bands,

And His resurrection power I truly know.

—G. Ray

Have You Drunk the Cup?

To me there is a close connection in Gethsemane
and the cross, in drinking the cup and being crucified
with Him, all of which He suffered that we may have
eternal life, full redemption, glory and peace with and
in Him, if we are willing to go all the way with him
till our souls have paid the full price. When our all
is surrendered to God and his will, his Spirit will wit-
ness to our Spirit that it is finished, salvation is ours.

In Luke 22:41 it is recorded where Jesus was
withdrawn from them about a stone's cast and kneeled
down and prayed, saying, "Father, if thou be willing,
remove this cup from me: nevertheless, not my will,
but thine be done." And there appeared an angel unto
him from heaven, strengthening him. And being in
agony he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was as
it were great drops of blood falling down to the
ground. Mark 14:34. "And he saith unto them, My
soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death: tarry ye here,
and watch. And he went forward a little, and fell
on the ground, and prayed, that if it were possible,
the hour might pass from him. And he said, Abba,
Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away

this cup from me: nevertheless, not what I will, but
what thou wilt." We see that in the time of his deep-
est agony, in submitting to Father's will, an angel
from heaven appeared to strengthen him. God will
not fail to give strength to the soul that is willing to
suffer with him to go all the way, finish our death
with him, then and then only can we become partakers
of his glory and receive power and grace to reign with
him.

Mark 10:38, some came to Jesus asking a favor of
him. But Jesus said unto them, "Ye know not what
ye ask: can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? and
be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?
And they said unto him, We can. And Jesus said unto
them, Ye shall indeed drink of the cup that I drink of;
and with the baptism that I am baptized withal shall
ye be baptized." All who will drink the bitter cup will
be baptized with the power of the Holy Spirit, filled
with all the fulness of God, having the burning love
of God abounding in our souls. But the cup comes
first. The glory received passeth all understanding.

"Who will suffer with the Saviour,

Take the little that remains

Of the cup of tribulation

Jesus drank in dying pains?

"Who will offer soul and body

On the altar of our God?

Leaving self and worldly mammon,

Take the path that Jesus trod?"

Now let us speak of the cross. Jesus paid it all,
purchased life and immortality for every soul who will
follow him. All was finished on the cross. Then He
tells us, "If any man will come after me, let him deny
himself, take up his cross and follow me." The blood-
stained cross we own.

In Gal. 6:14, Paul says, "But God forbid that I
should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus
Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me and I
unto the world." At the cross alone can we find de-
liverance from the love of the world and its vain show,
being crucified with him. Then the power and glory
of Christ rests on us, surpassing anything that the
world has to offer, but death by the cross comes first.
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." We only have this holy life after we have been crucified with him. Gal 5:24, "And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh, with the affections and lusts." They are no more desirous of vain glory.

Read Phil 3:7-10. We learn what it cost Paul, also what he obtained by paying the full price. I am persuaded that it will cost every one who seeks life just as much as it did Paul, and that the same power and glory belong to all who do these things. 2 Tim. 2:11, 12, "It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him: If we suffer, we shall also reign with him." To live we must die; if we suffer, we reign with him—glorious life, just the life of Christ. The soul that has counted the cost and has paid the full price can rejoice in tribulations and suffering, knowing that the light afflictions which are but for a moment worketh for us an exceeding weight of glory while we look not at the things that are seen but at those glorious things that are eternal.

When our souls have fully paid the price, and have received God's full salvation, our hearts and souls cry out even while amid great tribulation just as Paul did in Acts 20:24, "None of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry which I have received of the Lord Jesus to testify the gospel of the grace of God." Note, he says "with joy." It is joy unspeakable and full of glory. Count it all joy when you fall into temptation.

Pray for me, dear saints, that I will gladly suffer for his name's sake, and finish my course with joy.

Your brother and servant in Christ, Sam Wilson

A REPORT ON THE CHURCH OF GOD AT JEFFERSON, OREGON, BY A LADY VISITOR

I got off the bus a little after 9 a. m. It was not hard to find the chapel. When about a half a block away, I heard the people singing, and could tell from the sound that they were not using any instruments. Then I bethought myself that perhaps if they did not believe in instruments there might be other things which I was used to but which they might not believe in. I do not like to give offense, so I slipped off my wedding ring and put it in my purse. I was so glad that I had worn a long sleeve dress.

There were only eight or ten people in the chapel, but they were all singing. I took the end seat in the second row from the back on the east side. A lady near me handed me an open song book. The books were fairly thick, cloth bound, and in good condition. I did not know the songs, but neither did I know any one of the many songs they sang throughout the entire service; but the books had notes, and all the people were singing all the time, so it was not hard at all for me to follow along and sing with them. People kept coming in until there was a nice little crowd.

At ten o'clock the young people went into other rooms for their S. S. class. All the rest of the people that were left in the main room were nearly as old or older than I, and some of them were really aged. There were twenty-eight of us in the class, which was taught

by a brother who did not stand before the class, but sat facing the class. He did not do half the talking, but many of the others took part. The lesson was in Corinthians. There was not a lesson leaf nor a quarterly, but every one had a Bible. I do not think I have seen so many Bibles in proportion to attendance, in any other place in my life. At eleven o'clock the young people came back into the main room.

Every woman in the house had long hair, even the young girls, who had their hair done in braids, either around their head or looped at the back. There was not a short sleeve in the house, no not even an elbow length, and many of the dresses were of print. The men all wore suits, though quite a number took off their coats. But there was not a neck tie in the house. I think my boy or my husband would look somewhat undressed without a tie of some kind, it could be very simple and plain, but to me that would be a matter of conviction. If they prefer that, that is their privilege. Their shirts were all buttoned clear up, even the young man's which was a sport style.

Between S. S. and Church there was a short intermission. A few of the ladies spoke to me then, mentioning their name first, then asking me mine and where I lived. We talked a little. They seemed awfully nice.

Then meeting was started. Two or three individual prayers were said; no united, audible prayers. All but the very oldest knelt. The pastor, a Mr. Wilson, delivered the message, which was on riches. Again every Bible in the house was in use. He gave clearly every reference he used, and gave time for every one to find it. I do not think that ever in my life have I heard a sermon with so much Bible in it and so little of the preacher's own words. He must have read as much as seven or eight chapters in a few verses here and a few verses there. I could have listened for another hour or two. It certainly was good. After the sermon, a brother read a letter he and his wife had received from a sister stating that she had been healed of a breast cancer in answer to prayer. Then two people testified, they sang a song and the service was over. Since it happened to be a third Sunday that I was there, it was an all day meeting. They were very cordial to me, and insisting that I should go to the dining hall and eat with them. I accepted their invitation.

A dear old lady rather devoted herself to me. I asked her if she cared if I ask some questions. She said that she would be glad to have me do so. I had found out from a remark in the sermon that they believed in immersion, and the letter as well as one of the testimonies showed that they believed in Divine healing. I inquired a little about church organization; but did not think I should be perpetually asking questions, so left some things out. After the meal for which they would not let me pay them, another lady and her husband introduced themselves to me, then sat down beside me and chatted a bit with me. During and after the meal there was a sort of social time, pleasant conversations, exchange of news and experiences, some laughter, many smiles, and real fellowship. It made me think of what such gatherings in the time of the apostles might have been.

I might add that I did not see a single ring, but few wrist watches, and they had leather bands.

When I started to leave, one of the ladies told me that they had enjoyed having me there that day. I told her Thank you, but did not see how they could enjoy me since all I had done was to enjoy myself.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Bro. Leonard Roberts and wife are in need of your prayers. She is seriously in need of bodily help, and he is having some fiery trials and needs our prayers and encouragement.

Wilma Meek, wife of Troy Meek who has been drafted for work in a boy's school at Topeka, Kans. is in a critical physical condition. Let all be agreed in prayer that God will heal her completely.

Brother C. J. Kirchner of Brownsdale, Minn, is in great need of earnest prayer. He is seriously afflicted in body and the enemy accuses him and makes life miserable. The suffering is almost beyond endurance. Please pray for him.

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Will Ye Also Go Away?

Jesus had many people follow him, anxious to be healed, and listening to his lessons of love, were spellbound for a time, as "never man spake as this man." But when he told them what it meant to be a real disciple of his, many turned away with, "This is a hard saying, who can hear it?" From that time many of his disciples went back and walked no more with him. Then Jesus said to the twelve, "Will ye also go away?" John 6:66, 67.

Today, the devil is using every trick to deceive and get every Christian he can. It is going to be a tried and tested pilgrim that makes it into heaven; that has not turned to the right or left, but kept on the strait and narrow road, that He has laid down in his Word for us to follow. Today, Satan, dressed as angels of light, is deceiving many; but what is stirring our heart at this time is the absence of faith on the earth, and especially among those that profess to be God's children.

Jesus asks in Luke 18:8, if when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth? Many today do not have faith enough in God to trust Him for their bodies as they once did; but are turning to doctors in time of affliction, to unions and insurance, and other agencies of man. Bro. Paul says that **without faith it is impossible to please God.** Heb. 11:6.

We hear people say, "I just didn't have as much faith as some others have." They have weakened in their experience until they were unable to put themselves wholly in God's hands. We just cannot expect Him to hear us if we are not where we ought to be in our Christian experience! One of the fruits of a lukewarm and cold experience is the turning to doctors and their aids in time of sickness and failing to trust God. Brethren, these things ought not so to be among us. God has better things for those that will obey Him. He is still a God of power, and healing is the children's bread. How can we please Him if we do not trust Him? May God help us to

love Him so much that our decision will be to trust Him to the end.

God has permitted us to be sorely tried recently, but thanks be to God, we can report: He is able to do even as He has promised. Truly it is precious to trust God all the way. Again, we hear Christ say, "Will ye also go away?" Or will we prove faithful? May God help us all. Yours in the faith,

—J. Warner Forbes

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The Seem-Right Way

"There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." Proverbs 14:12. First, it seems right unto men that he or she can have a second wife or husband while the first husband or wife lives, but the Word of God condemns this idea. Mark 10:1-12. Second, it seems right unto men that all the churches are good and that any one can join any church of his choice and do the best he can and make it into heaven; but the Word of God condemns this idea. Matthew 7:13, 14; 2 Cor. 6:16-18. Third, it seems right to men that one can use tobacco, coffee, tea, coca cola (or any of the colas), beer and whiskey and be ready to meet the Lord and have a home in heaven, but the Word of God condemns this idea. 2 Cor. 7:1. Fourth, it seems right unto men that they can go to any kind of show, ball games, dances and other worldly places of revelings and be in good standing with the Lord, but not so. Gal. 5:19-26. Fifth, it seems right unto men that they can belong to secret orders where they are sworn in not to reveal any of the secrets of the order and be in good standing with the Lord, but the Word of God condemns this idea. Eph. 5:12-14; James 5:12.

These are some of the things that I know by the revelation of God's Word, and by hearing God-sent ministers who are holding up this kind of a standard to the world. And then I know all these things by my own sad experience which had to be repented of. If you are tangled up in these things like I was for years, my advice is "repentance." And then you will know how good I feel since I repented. Praise the Lord! Amen.

Sixth, there are many things that seem right unto men; such as, the way people dress, let it be too much or not enough; and the wearing of jewelry or costly array, together with bobbed hair for women. But don't you be deceived any longer, for God surely will not let you by at the judgment with this kind of a life, for he requires men and women, boys and girls to dress in a manner that will show a meek and a quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. 1 Peter 3:2-5.

Dear reader, these are some of the things Jesus was talking about when he said, "Enter ye in at the strait gate." And referring back to Isaiah 35:8 where He foretold that there would be a way and it shall be called the highway of holiness, praise God. Please look up all of the Scriptures mentioned in this article and read them for yourself and be not unbelieving.

Yours for the strait gate and the highway of holiness,
—J. S. G.

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Editorials

We are well pleased with the way that the subscriptions are coming in from those who have been on the list for three months. Some of them write that they have been blessed in reading the paper and that light and knowledge has been given them of the Lord. Others say that they do not know who had the paper sent to them, but they surely do thank the one that had it sent as they have been so blessed in reading its contents.

We can realize by this how true the Word of God is which is on record in 1 Cor. 15: 58, "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." To be zealous for the Lord according to knowledge is well pleasing unto God and we all shall receive a reward according to the deeds done in the body. Some people do not commit sin, but they are guilty of the sin of omission by failing to do the things that they know they should do and thus their souls are not blessed of God. It would be an awful thing for any soul to meet God in judgment along with their neighbors or known friends and have some of them point a finger at them and say, "You never told me about Jesus. You never let me know about getting saved, and now we will both go into the flames where we will continue to hate one another throughout the ceaseless ages."

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In Proverbs 8:34, we read, "Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors. For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favor of the Lord. But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all that hate me love death." Many people today by their words and acts are doing wrong to their own souls and thereby prove that they hate God who has brought life eternal to them through the gift of his dear Son.

To love God means that you love your own soul; to reject Christ means that you hate your own soul and love death in hell and torment where the worm dieth not and the flames are never quenched. You had better be among the wise and prepare to meet thy God.

One man with the title of "Dr." before his name, who has some writing in a prominent magazine, says in part, "How could Christ live his life on earth without ever making a mistake?" His answer to his own question is, "Because he was not a member of the human race." We find that the scriptures do not bear him out as having the right answer. Read John 1:14; Romans 1:3; Gal. 4:4; and Paul says in Phil. 2:7 that He was made in the likeness of men. In the 8th verse he says, "And being found in the fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." Turning to Heb. 2:14, we read, "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the Devil. And deliver them who through fear of death were all their life time subject to bondage. For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham [Mary, his mother, was of the seed of Abraham and David in a physical and literal sense]. Wherefore, in all things it behooved him to be MADE LIKE UNTO HIS BRETHREN, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succor them that are tempted." These scriptures and others make it positive that his conclusion and answer is wrong. He was truly a member of the human race on his mother's side; but on his Father's side he was of God; and in the tenth chapter of John it is written (verse 36) that he was sanctified and sent into the world. He was not a possessor of the sin nature, the defilement that men receive thru the fall of Adam; therefore it is written of him again in Heb. 4:15, "For we have not a high priest which cannot be touched by the feelings of our infirmities [fleshly weaknesses], but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin." If he did not have a human body like we have, this scripture could not have been truly said of him. He could not have been tempted in every point as we are without living in a body like ours.

This man goes on to give some more reasons why he thinks Christ was not of the human race, and says, "Because he was perfect as his Father in heaven was perfect." He seems to forget that Jesus said to his disciples (Matt. 5:48) "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." He enjoins upon us the same perfection that the Father in heaven has toward all men. People have no reason or excuse to live in sin since Christ has come and delivers us from sin and is our High Priest who will succor us and keep us free from sin and condemnation.

This writer goes on to say, "Blinded by emotionalism and devotion, a person might go so far as to claim sinlessness on behalf of someone else. But how about someone standing up and saying that about

himself—"I am without sin! I never made a mistake." This man mixes sin and mistakes up together, which the Bible does not do. We who are saved are limited in knowledge and therefore are subject to mistakes, but the Bible in no place condemns a mistake as a sin. In 1 John 3:4 we read what sin is: "Whosoever committeth sin, transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law." Sin is a known transgression of the law. In James 4:17 we read, "Therefore, to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin." In this we see that our knowledge of God's will for us rates our responsibility. Paul makes this very plain in Rom. 7:9, "For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came [when he knew what God commanded, he realized he had sinned] sin revived and I died." He did not die spiritually until he had knowledge that the things he was doing were breaking the commandments of God. Then he said that sin revived (or he knew that he was a sinner) and he died. His soul was separated from God by the sin which he now knew he had committed.

A child of God may, and does, make mistakes and thereby hinder their own growth in Christ and may hinder others; but when any one who is really saved makes a mistake and finds out that by the mistake he has injured another, he will be ready to apologize and ask forgiveness of the injured one and also of God that there be no sin held against him. In doing this God does not hold it against one as a sin, and in this way he keeps free from condemnation and sin. But the statement which we often hear spoken about a Christian to the effect that we all sin more or less in word, thought, and deed every day is not true about a true Christian who abides in true holiness. In 1 Jno. 3:5 we read, "And ye know that he [Christ] was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: [Those who sin are not abiding in Christ] Whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him." The Lord knew that there would be religious men who would so wrest the Scriptures from their proper meaning that they would deceive precious souls and keep them in sin, so in the next verse it is written, "Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous even as he is righteous." According to this statement, God is expecting his saved children to live free from sin even as Christ lived free from sin and to teach otherwise would be deceiving souls. We do not expect to attain to the knowledge that Christ had, but we do have the right to look to him for the needed grace and strength to not sin, or in other words transgress any of his known will. Those who are sanctified, cleansed from the fallen nature, are less likely to make mistakes than others, and even less as they grow in grace and knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

In the next verse the apostle John says, "He that committeth sin is of the devil [or belongs to the devil's family] for the devil sinneth from the beginning; for this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil." Satan has planted the seed of evil in the heart of man

through the fall of the first Adam; but the second Adam, the Son of God, destroys it right out of the soul, and in that way, or because of this, we do not sin as his Spirit and grace in us will give us power over Satan and all evil and we can reign in this life with one Jesus Christ. In the next verse he tells of the children of God being manifested and the children of the devil. The fact is, there are just two families in the world: one is the family of God, those that are born from above and retain that life in the soul by not sinning; and the other is the family of Satan who sin and retain the fallen, sinful nature in the soul. Oh, that professors would cease from trying to justify themselves in sin and humble down before God until God will be moved to destroy that sin out of their souls which causes them to sin and be lost. There is no neutral ground for any soul. You are either living free from sin and ready for heaven, or else you are sinning and ready for torment. Your high profession will count for naught at the Judgment. You must have his life in your soul that keeps you from sinning, or you will hear words similar to these: I know you not, depart ye into everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his sinning people, or professors.

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Sowing discord is a sin that God hates, and yet we find some practicing such things and yet at the same time profess to be following Christ. How sad to think of any one in such a state. This sin is not a new one as Paul must have had such to deal with in his day, for he says in Acts 20:30, "Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them." Nearly always those that pull away have some perverse doctrines or soon take up with such things and their crafty way is to speak evil of God's ministers and cause innocent souls, if possible, to lose confidence in them, and when they have accomplished such they will entice them into and under their spirit influence.

One of the most subtle and insidious sins today is "EVIL SPEAKING," which often has on a cloak of voluntary humility. To speak evil of any man is to transgress God's law, for he has straightly charged his own to "speak evil of no man" Titus 3:2; James 4:11. Evil speaking today has become so common that many fail to recognize it as sin. Any one that is speaking evil of God's anointed ministers and watching to find fault with them and flare it around to injure their influence is working together with Satan to divide and scatter the flock and have a following of their own to fleece and lead into confusion. I have known ministers of that sort in time come to a sad end. True holiness is a jewel that cannot be just put on, but must be given of God. Voluntary humility belongs to Satan and his gang and in time will show up to be far from the genuine. To really be in heart like Christ was, would keep one far from imagining evil about God's ministers or others. Jesus said, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls." Matt. 11:29. You notice he said he was "Meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your

souls." Meek, lowly—One who thinks so well of himself as to talk about his fellow ministers, magnifying their faults to cause others to lose confidence in them and at the same time making them think that he is so holy and far from such evils as they have is sowing discord and he will have to face such at the judgment bar of God. How careful we all ought to be and keep our hearts with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life. What you let down into your heart about another will come out in some form or another, and your soul will be defiled. Let us fear God and eschew evil.

Sowing discord and finding fault with God's anointed ones is the fruit of carnality, a sign that the pollution of the fall of Adam needs to be cleansed away by the second definite work of grace in the heart. Voluntary humility will not cover such things up from God's all-seeing eye.

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A number of boys of the Guthrie congregation have been called by the government to work at civilian jobs for two years, as they are conscientious objectors. Brothers Kenneth Flynn, Robert Benson, and Ted Bock are located at Larned, Kans. and are working in a hospital. Bro. Troy Meek is located at Topeka, Kansas, helping in a boy's school.

Bro. Kenneth Flynn has been working in the "Lord's Print Shop" here at Guthrie for four and one-half years, and his leaving causes us to have need of another consecrated helper to operate the cylinder press, tract folders and other work needing to be done. As the situation is now, it makes extra work for me, which keeps me away from my office room and other work which I need to do, also puts extra work on the other workers. Surely the Lord has a consecrated child whom He can burden for this work. If it is you, write to us about it.

We thank the Lord for the many good testimonies and articles that different ones sent for publication, and regret that space will not permit them all to be printed in this issue. If yours is left out, we beg you to be patient and wait for them to be printed later.

MEETING NOTICES

There will be all-day services with ordinance meeting in the afternoon, at the saints' chapel at Myrtle, Mo. Easter Sunday. We invite all who can to come and be with us in these services.

We will have all-day meeting and a basket dinner Easter Sunday at the saints' chapel at High Hill, four and one-half miles north of Neelys Landing, Mo. We are praying that the Lord will burden some of the ministers to come to the services. We need help on that day and for a meeting. A brother in Christ, E. B. Pinkerton.

The April meeting in Boley Okla. will begin April 10th and close April 19th, the Lord willing. Come who can and pray much for the meeting. For further information write to C. A. Wallace, Boley, Oklahoma.

A meeting at Hoffman, Okla. will begin April 20th and close April 26th, the Lord willing. All are invited to attend. The Lord has provided us a dining room. Pray for us. W. W. Crawley, pastor.

Obituaries

Mattie B. Bolds was born in Illinois, August 28, 1870 and departed this life February 15, 1953, at her home in Shawnee, Oklahoma at the age of 82 years, 5 months and 18 days.

On January 13, 1894 she was united in marriage with Ostis B. Wilson. To this union 8 children were born,—5 boys and 3 girls. One son, Otto, preceded her in death in August, 1941. Her husband also preceded her in death January 30, 1949, after they had walked life's way together, heart in heart, hand in hand, sharing the usual and unusual joys and sorrows of life together for 55 years.

She is survived by four sons, Arvid of Pensacola, Fla., Ostis and Eldon of Pacoima, Calif., and Clifford of the home address; three daughters, Mrs. Opal Love of Boron, Calif., Mrs. Birdie Macon of Hollywood, Calif., and Mrs. Louie Little of Tuscon, Ariz.; thirteen grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Louie Bennett of Bennett Springs, Mo., and other relatives and many friends.

She was converted to Christ at an early age and lived a consistent, faithful, consecrated, triumphant life for God for many many years. At the age of 17 she entered the ministry of the gospel of God and was a minister in the church of God for 65 years. The fruit of this life and ministry has been blessed of God and its influence has reached and blessed the hearts and lives of many.

She has been a support to many who were weak, strength to the weary, a comfort to the distressed and a bearer of burdens for many who were bowed down with care. She has never lived to herself or for herself, but the sharing of the joys, sorrows, and burdens of those around her has characterized her from first to last.

Even in the closing weeks of her life, while very ill and confined to her bed she never lost this interest in the welfare of others, but lay on her bed and wondered how this and that one were doing and doing all she could by means of telephone to encourage, help and plan for their welfare.

She has been a resident of Shawnee for the past 34 years, during which time she was a member of the church of God congregation which now worships on So. McKinley Street, and has been quite active in the work there.

Funeral services were conducted at the Gaskill Mortuary in Shawnee, by brother Archie Souder, assisted by brothers Fred Pruitt, Sam Barton, and Richard Madden. The sermon text was Psalm 119:68, "Thou art good; and doest good." Interment was in Fairview Cemetery at Shawnee, by the side of her husband.

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Eliza Bertha Palmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Palmer, was born in Waco, Texas on August 25, 1873 and departed this life March 4, 1953. In the year of 1893 she came from Texas to Guthrie, Okla. with her parents.

At an early age she was married to Steve Mayfield. After his passing she married Doss McCollough. During his lifetime she embraced the Evening Light truth. In the year of 1942 she was married to brother G. W. Winn. He preceded her in death in 1945.

She is survived by one brother, Julius Palmer of Waco, Tex.; two sisters, Mrs. Josie E. Winn and Mrs. Kate Burrough, both of Oklahoma City, Okla.; neices, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted by brothers Fred Pruitt and O. C. Porter at the saints' chapel in Guthrie.

The 90th Psalm was read and commented on in the funeral service. Her body was laid to rest in the cemetery at Seward, Oklahoma.

Burden Bearing

The burden-bearer stands above all others in God's sight, because he is more like the great burden-bearer Christ. He is always found by the side of the dying, the afflicted, and the needy. He is ever on the alert to see how his neighbor is getting along. He is never neglectful of his duty. He has his brother's interest as much at heart as his own. Every real saint of God has within his heart this predominating principle—"love thy neighbor as thyself." His aspirations for self were all crucified with Christ, and selfishness was swallowed up by love. He no longer finds comfort in laying up treasures for himself, but on the other hand, he seeks his brother's best interest by trying to supply his needs and bear his burdens. If you have any selfishness, I would advise you to ask God to give you a clean heart. Selfishness begets disobedience, crime, and death, and stands in opposition to every good thought or action. It blasts every good intention, blinds the moral and affectionate, and undermines the temple of virtue, causing it to fall to ruins. If you can not find real comfort in putting yourself out to benefit someone else, you are not a saint, and I predict that your life will be a failure. God pity that one who is so unfortunate as to be enslaved by selfishness, and whose love for his neighbor is eclipsed by a dollar. What is more revolting than to see one whose every move sanctions self? or whose every word is only an echo of gain? Show me a selfish person and I will show you one who is Satan's best friend.

There is no other evil which Christ so completely scorns and sets at naught as selfishness. He placed the standard so far above it that saints are compelled to love their enemies; and to lend, not hoping to receive again; and to give to the man that asks our coat, our cloak also. To the young lawyer who had kept all the commandments from his youth up, he said, "If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasures in heaven: and come and follow me." Like many professed saints of today, he turned away sorrowful. How lamentable the fact that many who appear to be saved, sicken and turn aside if shown their duty on this line. There are many who can endure hardships and give up mother and father and wife and children for Christ, or could leave home and friends to go to some heathen land to herald the gospel of love, but would shrink if their pocketbook is mentioned. If you could judge by their actions, they would say, "Take all else, but let my property alone." It is certainly astonishing to see how tenaciously some people cling to their property. They are willing to give their own time, and even offer themselves for anything to which duty calls, but some way if you talk to them in regard to something which would require money, they seem to lose all interest. They show by the expression of their countenance that they have no disposition to do their part of the giving.

Christ Jesus, the great example and pattern of saints, showed by his own life and words that we must

use the utmost care about our brother's needs, and still more, do good to them that despitefully use us. He never intended that one of his children should endure hardships and undergo privations, etc., and another have everything turn to his hand, and live in ease and luxury. He never intended that you should bear a burden all your days and I go light hearted and free. "Must I be carried to the skies on flowery beds of ease while others sought to win the prize and sailed through bloody seas?"

God is not a respecter of persons, and when he built the church he placed the members all on an equality, and "whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it." 1 Cor. 12:26. Many contend that all things can not be common as was the practice of the church in the beginning. Why not? Does not the church still stand on the same foundation? Is not that foundation the same yesterday, today, and forever? Is not the church the same as it was when its members were together and had all things common? In Babylon there are rich and poor, great, and small, all promiscuously planted together; but God has tempered the members all together in His church. There are no millionaires in the church of God, for when such get saved they sell their possessions and give to the poor. What! says some one, you do not mean to say that I must sell my property and distribute it among the poor, do you? I mean to say that when you are born into the kingdom of God, your property goes into His hands, and if you see that your brother is in need, your first duty will be to supply his needs, if it takes the last dollar or the last cow; and if you refuse to do it, you do so at the expense of everlasting life. The law of Christ requires me to bear my brother's burdens and so fulfill the law. I must be so completely modeled after the nature of Christ that my brother's cares become my own, and that I will rejoice with him when he rejoices and weep with him when he weeps. To do less than this is not obedience to God's commandments. If my brother needs the money I have in my pocket more than I do, I am duty-bound by virtue of my saintship to hand it over without grudging: and if I refrain from doing it, I prove myself to be out of God's order. If I have but one sack of flour in the house and my brother has none, I must give him half because it justly belongs to him. If you are a saint, your brother's needs are yours, and you will not be slow to find them out, and do all in your power to supply them. This may seem too much on the extreme for many, but if you are determined to meet every condition coupled with the word "Christian," you will soon find yourself under this obligation.

There is no custom or law in Babylon to compel one to observe such a saintly duty, and it does not mean much to be a member of a sect, but it means everything to be a real saint; it is the most exalted and lofty position obtainable, and its meaning can not be over-estimated. What a stupendous thought that I am a child born of God, my ancestry of heaven. My lineage of the skies! How sublime the thought that I am an heir of God and heaven, and a joint heir with Jesus Christ! What possibilities are centered

in the realization of a life free from sin! What glory halos the experience of him whose mind and heart have been purged from every unclean thing and flooded with light from the throne of God! Sectism holds no saintly charm, dresses no longer in a saintly dress, and lifts up no standard of holiness; hence we can not expect to find its members in possession of this Spirit of equality, which Christ made the test of fellowship in His kingdom; but those who had been truly born of God must and do comply with this as well as every other command.

The saint is detected better by this practice than by any other; for there are many who can pray, and sing, and act devotional, when they are not saved. There are many who are willing to be baptized, or wash one another's feet, or greet with a holy kiss, and eat the Lord's Supper—they can do all this after the custom of their sect—and yet not possess any part of that principle which prompts the true child of God to feel and supply his brother's needs as readily as his own. Dear reader, do you possess this nature and Spirit of Christ? Are you so completely in love with your brother, that you can see in his care and daily needs so much interest that you would gladly, if needed, give your best cow or horse, or anything else to help him? God's Word tells us that we know that "we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren," and if we are not found bearing our brother's burdens as much as ability will permit, it shows that we have not passed from death unto life. If your love for your brother does not exceed that you have for your property, it is of no godly nature, and you would do well to realize yourself unsaved.

There are many ways to tell whether or not the one who professes to be your brother is a saint, but the one mentioned is the surest test of true saint-ship. We will mention a few more, however, that the reader will do well to observe. Anyone who will see God's cause suffer or the gospel work languish without making an effort to help, when he has money or property to give, is not a saint. Anyone who spends money for unnecessary things or to gratify selfish desires, or go on pleasure trips, has proved beyond all question that he needs yet to be born again, because he is spending money for that which is not bread; and if we shall answer for every idle word, how much more for every idle deed! When I was a Campbellite I many times found myself confronted with opportunities to do good, but through false teaching and ungodly fellowship I had been robbed of every instinct that would have a tendency to cause action in the right direction; nevertheless, I know my duty, the neglecting of which often resulted in remorse, and burning conscience. The world has enough of these pretended benefactors who are seeking to buy a name. It needs some good Samaritans now to take up the wounded and pour in the oil and wine, setting them on their own beasts, carrying them to the inn, and footing the bills—that is the kind of compassion we want: that is the kind of compassion that emanates from a pure heart; that is the kind of sympathy that begets confidence, and stirs our affections; that is the kind of burden-bearing

that inspires the soul and sheds a halo of glory around the one who holds the God-given principle that gave it birth.

There are many even in sectism who can, and do, often give large sums that their names may appear before the public as benefactors; but when one like the poor widow casts in all his living, or sends the contents of his pocket-book to some needy brother without signing his name, you may look for one whose divine gifts have never been stunted by selfishness. We are all children; God is our Father, and we live in His house (the church); he holds all the property in His name: He feeds and clothes us; He gives us a place to sleep. These are all we need. If we get more than this, we get it unjustly, and he will punish us for it. This is why God will not take you unless you deed Him your property: He wants to handle it. Do you see? One dollar spent by me might buy enough to feed me a day or two; but if spent by Him, it might save a soul from hell.—From the "Gospel Trumpet," published April 12, 1900, selected by a brother to be published in "Faith and Victory."

Editor's note:—The above article was written many years ago by a soul who was burdened to see the life of Christ in action more abundantly among the redeemed of earth that the light of heaven may shine out in this dark world of sin and hungry souls find refuge under the comforting wings of God. In reading it over one might get the impression that he became extreme in his views on some points. Possibly so. For instance where he said God feeds, clothes, and gives us a place to sleep and "these are all we need," we feel he should have added that God gives us all we can use to the glory of God; for a farmer needs implements, etc; likewise, people whom God calls to other occupations need different things, and the housewife has needs; etc; but if you will carefully consider what he says as a whole and line it up with the Word of God, you will soon be convinced that he has not pictured it stronger in a general sense than the life of Christ which was manifested in the fleshly body and is given as an example for us to follow in his steps.

Personally, I am persuaded that in order for one to fulfill the teaching of Christ on record in the 10th chapter of Luke, verses 27 and 28, one will need to live and follow the teachings in this article quite closely. Hear what Jesus sanctions or approves: And He answered and said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind: and thy neighbor as thyself." Then Jesus said to the lawyer, "And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live." Brethren and sisters, we are going to have to be doers of the Word and not hearers only in order to make it into the glory world.

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La.—Dear saints,—Greetings in Jesus' name. I am writing to tell you that my knee is well. It got well just after I wrote to you. Thank you for your prayers. I give God all the praise. I have a cough. Please pray that I may be healed of this cough. I love the Lord with all my heart. My desire is to live to please him. Pray for me that I live true. Your sister, Annie Tooley.

Young People's Section

Vanity Has Vanished

I remember so well when I was in sin
How my heart did swell with pride.
With haughtiness, deceit, and boasting I'd speak
For in me did Satan abide.

I never once thought of a neighborly deed,
Like giving a friendly smile,
Or saying some soft and gentle word,
Or doing some thing worth while.

But always was thinking myself I must please
No matter how much it may cost,
Not caring that someone may be burdened down
Trying to bear a hard cross.

Dressing so carefully for an evening out,
I'd powder, I'd paint, and fuss,
Desiring to be seen in public soon—
I was sure I'd make a crush.

My ear rings were purchased at the dime store,
The glittering jewels were a bait,
The paint on my face boldly told me
My being was all a big fake.

The dress that I wore wasn't finished—
The back, they forgot to sew in,
Not even a place for an arm hole,
The straps o'er my shoulders were thin.

I took a last look in my mirror,
My ego I plainly could see—
A picture which reveals all a proud heart holds
Was as clear as clear could be.

My eyes old Satan had blinded,
This ugliness I could not see;
The devil had caused me to eat of death;
But Jesus—He set me free.

And now I'm as happy as happy can be,
A bright starry crown I possess,
For I have been promised a home in the sky,
In God's eternal bliss. —W. S.

“But Our Eyes Are Upon Thee”

There is a story of a boy who was trained by an old master to play the violin and he became a wonderful musician. As he played his violin before an audience they noticed that the boy kept his eyes fastened upon one spot. Each time he would play he must stand on a particular spot on the stage with his eyes looking at something in the distance. When asked concerning it, he replied that he was watching his

master. Somewhere beyond the crowd, his master was standing and the boy kept his eyes continually upon him as he played.

In 2 Chron. 20 we read about king Jehoshaphat. A great multitude had come against him to battle. Jehoshaphat did a wise thing. He set himself to seek the Lord and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. The people gathered themselves together to seek help from the Lord. In verse 12 we find these words which Jehoshaphat prayed, “O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: **but our eyes are upon thee.**” Jehoshaphat realized his helplessness and looked to God who was able to help him. He said, “But our eyes are upon thee.” They were looking not to some other nation or people for help, but their eyes were upon God. God was faithful to them and gave them victory without their having to fight in the battle.

It is so important in the Christian life to keep our eyes upon the Lord. It is easy to get our eyes on other things, circumstances around us, failures and shortcomings of others, and many other things. One young sister began to look at the shortcomings of others where they were not measured up. They were doing things that she could not do. She was becoming somewhat discouraged when God showed her what she was doing and made it clear that she should keep her eyes on Him alone.

In Heb. 12:2 we read, “Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross.” How important it is in our lives to keep our eyes on Jesus and on the prize. Two high school girls were walking home from school. One mentioned to the other a certain place to which she intended to go. She said, “I'm supposed to be a Christian and some would not think it proper that I go there, but I'm going anyway.” The other girl replied, “I am a Christian and I won't go where a Christian should not go.” This girl kept her eyes on Jesus and chose rather to please Him than to please her girl friend. Another time this same girl was invited to stop in at a dance. Though she was encouraged to go in by a friend, she boldly took her stand and told the friend she could not go in but must stand by what her mother had taught her.

Moses chose rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season because he “esteemed the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he had respect unto the recompense of the reward.”

Paul suffered many things, but he said, “For our light affliction which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.” Paul was looking not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen.

There are many examples in God's Word of those who kept their eyes on the Lord through difficulties.

Daniel and his three friends were young men when they were chosen in a strange land to be taught the learning of the Chaldeans and were appointed a portion of the king's meat and wine. They still had their eyes on God and did not forsake him though far from their native home. They did not choose to eat the king's meat nor drink his wine, and God made a way for them to please him. I believe that He will make a way for all who will to please him. God so blessed them that they were ten times better than the rest when the king communed with them.

Later the three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused to bow to the golden image, for God's law read differently. They kept their eyes on God and God delivered them from the fiery furnace. He delivered Daniel from the lion's den. He is faithful yet today.

We are living in perilous times when many are growing cold and falling away. Let each one of us keep our eyes on the Lord continually and be faithful.

—Fern Stubblefield.

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Calif.—Dear saints everywhere,—I feel impressed to send in my testimony now, and I am learning that it is best to do things when God lays them upon my heart.

My soul is encouraged tonight to believe God and to rely on his promises. Although my body is weak and the conditions and circumstances are not so well, I have victory in my soul over the enemy. I am learning that you have a testimony when you have the victory and things don't look so well. Anyone can testify when things are going well. But God permits these things to come upon us in order to let the world know that there is a God who can deliver us out of everything.

I have been learning some precious lessons from the Lord lately. The Lord promised us rest for our souls if we would take his yoke upon us and learn of him.

Please pray for the young people everywhere. It is encouraging to know that the older saints have an interest in our souls. I am thankful for the advice that we receive from the older ones. I need your prayers.

A young sister,

Clara Trotter.

CORRESPONDENCE

Kans.—Dear saints,—Greetings in the name of Jesus. I'm so thankful for Jesus in my life. I have just read the "Faith and Victory" paper and how I do enjoy reading it. I like the page about the two powers written by Fred Pruitt. Truly this is true. Satan is devouring homes. I have a broken home myself and I know what it is. I lived for God and did my best. I'm still not holding anything against my husband or anyone, for I won't have to answer for what he has done. I will answer for what I do in this life; and for me, I will take Jesus. I am so burdened for the lost. I weep before God to save their souls.

I have just got over the flu. It left me with a weak heart and the arteries are becoming hard. Please take my case before God. Pray for me that God will heal me. Pray that my home will always be for God and a home of prayer.

Margaret Tripp.

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La.—Dear saints,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I feel impressed to write a few words concerning dear brother and sister Leo Wilkins' and their daughter-in-law's (Mrs. Jerry Wilkins) loss, who reside at Kalamazoo,

Michigan, when their two sons Jerry and Donald met with a tragic death in a car wreck while on their way to work, the morning of January 27, 1953. Donald did not live long enough to leave a testimony but Jerry lived from near 8 a. m. until about 12:30 afternoon. I was at his bedside and talked and prayed with him around one and one-half to two hours. We called on the Lord for his healing but later I told Jerry it may not be the Lord's will to heal him and I asked him if he was ready to go, and was there nothing between him and the Lord. He assured me that he was ready. Then I asked him would he live for God if He saw fit to let him live, and he said he would. Then I told him that since he was ready to go or stay, why not just relax in the arms of Jesus and let Him have His way, which he did immediately. He was so relaxed and composed then, marks of suffering left his face and in a few minutes he was gone.

He seemed so precious as he seemed to agree in prayer with me again and again. I believe there were times when his mind was not clear but much of the time it was. Once he called me by name and manifested a clear mind in different ways at different times. The Lord wonderfully helped him. I thought, how necessary it is for us to be ready all the time for death oft comes in unexpected times and ways.

Jerry leaves a young widow, Nedra, also a little son, past a year old. They were married December 23, 1950. His parents and wife need our earnest prayers in their great loss.

Funeral services were conducted at the Joldersma & Klein Funeral Home at Kalamazoo, Michigan by brother Darius Gibson and brother and sister Ray Key. Interment was in Portage Cemetery.

Yours in the Lord's service, Mrs. Katherine Key.

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Mo.—Dear saints and readers of "Faith and Victory" paper.—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I believe it will please the Lord for me to write my testimony to be put in the little paper, as I promised to do if he would heal my eyes.

On the ninth day of August I went to Willow Springs, Mo. to have my eyes tested, to see if I needed my glasses changed. After they were examined the optometrist said, "No glasses will do your eyes any good." I asked if he saw any granulations in my eye lids when he looked in them. He said "Very much so, in fact you have cataracts in both eyes and nothing can be done for that." He said we would have to wait and in course of time they could be peeled off. I said to myself, "God can do anything and I will trust him." I asked God to stop the cataract and remove it altogether, also to remove all granulations from my eye lid, to build up and make my eyes stronger, to clear my eyes so I could see to read my Bible without the aid of glasses. I am now writing this without my glasses and I can read my Bible and the "Faith and Victory." I believe my eyes are healed. They water a little yet but not much and sometimes they are a little dim, but if I have good light I can read right along and I am expecting them to be completely whole. He also healed me of flu since Christmas and my trust is wholly in the Lord, and I give God all the praise. I was 85 years old the 27th of last July and see good for my age.

I love the Lord, his word, and his people and I know God cares for each one. I mean to follow Him all the way. Pray that God will lead me and have his way with me. I hope this will encourage someone. Our God has all power.

Your sister,

Lizzie Harper.

**National Campmeeting, Monark Springs (Neosho), Mo.
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Okla.—Dear saints,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I feel led to write my testimony, as I promised the Lord I would send it in. The dear Lord so wonderfully healed me last October of an ailment that I was afraid was cancer. I had never had an examination, however I had been reading about the symptoms of cancer.

On Sunday, October 12th my breast was very sore and the devil tried to discourage so much. I went to bed that night feeling better. The dear Lord touched my body during the night or some time just before day. As I awoke out of a dream I was singing the chorus of a song: "Casting all your care on Jesus, sickness, sorrow, grief, and pain; Oh, believe his blessed promise, there is healing in his name." I had been dreaming I was singing, but it seemed so real. When I awoke, all of the soreness had left my breast. I thought that the Lord must have killed the very root and germ of whatever was working on me. It just seemed like a miracle. I truly thank the dear Lord for what he has done for me.

I wasn't sure that there was a song like the one I had been singing in the dream, so when I got up that morning I looked in my song book to see if I could find it. And surely enough I found the song "There is Healing in His Name." Praise the Lord! It seems like the Lord has impressed me to visit and pray for the sick. There has been quite a bit of sickness here.

I desire your prayers for my unsaved children. My prayer is that the Lord will spare them to get saved. I thank the dear Lord for how he is caring for my son that is in the army. He is parachuting out of airplanes, but he hasn't had an accident yet. We are living in perilous times and so many things are happening. Please pray for me. I mean to be faithful to the Lord.

Your sister in Christ, Mrs. S. Williams.

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Ore.—Dear saints,—Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. I am thankful to God for salvation and for the grace he gives me each day to live for him. I feel that the Lord would be pleased for me to write my testimony.

In November of last year, around Thanksgiving time, I took seriously ill. I had high blood pressure, was anemic, and had a tumor on my shoulder for about ten years. This attack started with a severe hurting in my head. It seemed as though the Lord was going to take me home. I told my children to phone the saints for prayer; it was the third day of the Assembly meeting. I praise God, and how it thrills my soul yet, when I think of the wonderful way God worked.

Brother and sister Ira Stover, brother Vearl Kliever and wife (who is my daughter), came on Sunday, and I got some help then. The Lord let me suffer until Friday, when brother Vearl told us all that God had revealed to him on what conditions I would be healed. I said "Amen" to it all, and so did my dear husband, who is saved too. Also all of the children accepted the revelation from God. God began to heal me from that time on. Praise his dear name forever and ever! I always want to please my Savior. He has helped me through so many things in life.

The Lord has healed me of high blood pressure, the anemic condition, and my tumor is now completely gone.

Part of my experiences while I was sick I do not remember, but after I was healed they told me. I would have a severe hurting in my head and then I would be in semi-consciousness and one arm and leg would begin to get cold; the children would rub them, pray, and call,

"Mother" to see if I could still answer or was passing away. Through all of this experience the Lord gave me assurance that I was his child and my trust remained in him. I knew if I ever enjoyed good health again, the Lord would have to heal me, as I had been in poor health for some time. From the day he healed me I began to gain strength and today, praise his wonderful name, I am in better health than I have been for years.

Your sister in Christ, Mrs. C. B. Franklin.

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Colo.—Dear saints,—Last month I was suffering with the flu. I sent to brother Pruitt's for an anointed handkerchief, but when it was delayed, I had a request for prayer in "Faith and Victory." Then the handkerchief came. About two hours after I applied it, suddenly it was as if my ear popped or something exploded and the throbbing ceased. I could hear perfectly, also my chest quit hurting and my eyes began to feel better. Praise God! It pays to trust him. Thanks for all the prayers. I am encouraged to be true.

E. Coral Johnson.

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Okla.—Dear saints everywhere,—Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. Today finds me much encouraged to live for the Lord. I'm thankful for the plan of salvation and for the tender love and mercy of God unto me. Surely the Lord has been good to us.

I felt like writing to let the saints know that we have been having services in Enid, Oklahoma, now for some time. We feel very thankful to the Lord for how he has been blessing and provided a place where we can meet together. The address is 212 North Fifth St. We are having services every Sunday and prayer meeting on Friday night. Sister Jessie Douglas has felt burdened for the work in Enid and she and family have been meeting with us. We are thankful to have them. Each first Sunday in the month brother Pruitt and others from Guthrie have been coming. We appreciate the interest the saints have shown in the work here. We desire you to remember us when you pray. We do want to please the Lord in everything we do.

Mrs. Edwin D. Eck.

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Ala.—Dear saints,—Greetings in Jesus' name. I thank the Lord this morning for being saved. I thank him because some time ago I thought on my ways and turned to him and he saved me. Praise his name. By His help I mean to go all the way with him.

I am asking the saints to pray for me that I may grow stronger in the Lord. Also pray for my children that they might be saved.

A sister in Christ.

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Ky.—Dear saints,—I wrote a testimony a while back and sent it to "Faith and Victory" paper. I asked for prayer for my husband, who had a burning in his stomach. Thank God, it is gone. Oh, how I do praise the Lord. I am glad that God does hear and answer prayer. Praise his name.

I have two children that are backslid. I would like for the saints to pray for them. Also pray for my husband, who has prostrate gland trouble and unless God undertakes he will have to undergo an operation.

May God bless every saint that reads this and help you to draw a little closer to our dear Savior.

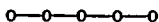
Mrs. L. E. Stewart.

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La.—Greetings to the dear saints of God.—The Lord impressed me about my testimony, that I promised to send to "Faith and Victory." I am truly thanking the Lord for what he has done for me.

A few weeks ago I was taken with an aching on the right side of my head. It seemed to be a sinus head ache. Later it moved into my neck and I could hardly turn my head. My neck was sore and at night it seemed to get stiff and I couldn't rest. It moved on down in my shoulder and arm. I surely suffered for a few days. Some one told me that it was arthritis. The Lord was good. He would give me relief when I would be in so much misery. I said, "Lord, if you aren't going to heal instantly, just keep making it lighter until it's all gone," and he blessed me to be where I could sit still, but it still hurt for about four weeks. I was truly thankful when the Lord saw fit to remove the pain.

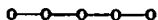
I am still encouraged to serve and trust him. He has done so much for me in saving my soul. He keeps me from day to day. I mean to go all the way by His help and grace. I am so grateful for the Lord protecting my son while he was in Korea, and bringing him back home safe. My father is in very poor health. Please remember us in your prayers. Your sister in Christ, Velma Mancil.



Mo.—Dear saints,—Greetings in Jesus' sweet name. I am so thankful for the privilege of trusting in such a dear friend as our blessed Lord. He has proved to be a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

It seemed several times that I was taking the flu, but the dear Lord would come to my rescue and heal me. Then one Friday night during meeting I testified how the Lord kept me from getting down with the flu, and the very next night I began to feel bad and on Sunday I felt worse. It really seemed that I was going to have a bad spell of flu, or maybe pneumonia, as I was aching about all over, but worse in my chest and arms. I just kept going by the help of the Lord, but didn't get victory until I sent in a request to the saints at the Lord's Print Shop. The next day I almost felt like I had never been sick or hurting. Oh, I do thank and praise the dear Lord for healing me. All of the hurting just left so quickly. Surely it makes me realize more, what a mighty God we serve. It seems to me that he is better to me than he is to anyone, yet I feel that I am the least of all the saints and not worthy of all he has and is doing for me.

I am so thankful for His dear children, so thankful for their prayers. It makes me so happy to know that I am in the family of God. I need your prayers always, that I'll be faithful unto the end. May the Lord richly bless each one of you is my prayer. Effie Miller.



Wash.—Dear saints,—Greetings in our dear Savior's name. Jesus is the one who died for us that we might be saved. I am praising God for saving my soul and keeping me saved and in his will, with more of a determination to go all the way with Jesus. I am more encouraged this morning and am looking to the Lord for more blessings through this day.

I am praising God for healing me when I am sick. About three weeks ago I fell on my stomach and it felt like I bursted my appendix, it hurt so badly. When I got up all of the pain went to my kidney and how it did pain me. Later the pain went in my stomach and made me quite sick. I just looked up to God and asked Jesus to heal me, and the pain was gone. I felt all right until I went to bed and I couldn't lay on my left side because it hurt so bad. I asked the saints to pray for me and I haven't been bothered any more. Praise the dear Lord for healing me.

Jesus is my Savior and he blesses me in so many ways. I just can't praise him enough for all that he does

for me. I want you all to pray for me that I will always do His will at all times. Also pray for sister N. G. Willson as she has a bad stomach and is bothered about eating anything, it makes her so sick.

I am praising God for our little meeting house. It is real nice. I am praying that God will see fit to let us have a meeting here before long if it is his will, and will encourage the people to come out, and send a minister here filled with the Spirit to hold the meeting.

Your sister in Christ,

Clara I. Johnston.



Hungering for Heart Purity

For nearly two weeks after my conversion, heaven's peace and glory in my soul were uninterrupted. I thought my happiness was complete, and that my joys would never end. But one day while I was doing some work which became very aggravating I was strongly tempted to evil. I felt a wrong disposition in my very nature, and was surprised and alarmed. However, calling upon God for grace, I proceeded with the work, when the second time it became aggravating, and I was more strongly tempted than before. I trembled, but trusting in God as best I could with my fainting heart, I began to do the work over, when the third time it went wrong, and I was overcome. I spoke an evil word, but I had no sooner done so than I fell upon my knees and called upon God for forgiveness. I there received the blessed assurance that I was forgiven, but in this experience I became aware of an evil in my nature that was going to make it very difficult to live and serve God as I desired.

From that hour my soul began to call upon God for deliverance from that inward foe. About this time I providentially received a copy of a holiness paper called "The Gospel Trumpet." The testimonies that I read in this paper from those who were wholly sanctified only increased the hungering in my soul for that blessed experience. Days were spent in fasting and prayer before God for a clean heart, but we had no man to teach us; yet God led us on from one ray of light and knowledge to another. I remember one night after the family had gone to bed and to sleep such a longing seized my soul for perfected holiness that I left my home for a distant wood-lot, and there on my knees in the darkness of the woods implored God for the experience of sanctification, but because of my ignorance, I returned without the blessing. One Sunday morning my wife and I decided we would neither eat nor sleep until God sanctified us. We began to read the Bible, and then to pray for a while, and then to read again, and then to pray, until in the afternoon a local preacher who claimed the experience of holiness came and poured "cold water" on us, and we becoming discouraged gave up the attempt.

The time of Christmas was now near. Space will not permit telling all the many things that God taught us previous to this time. He had shown us the evil of secret societies, from which we had withdrawn. He taught us the evil of worldly pleasure, and how those who love him can find no enjoyment there. He taught us the evil of a foolish and frivolous conversation, and how his children must be grave and sober.

God taught us these things, and many more, independently of his word; because we were very ignorant of his word. It was at this Christmas time that God taught us our first lesson in divine healing. It is true he wonderfully healed my wife of lung trouble at the time of her conversion, but it was unasked for; consequently we did not call it divine healing in direct answer to prayer. On Christmas Eve when all the village was astir and people were gathering from a distance to engage in the festivities, we decided to show our appreciation of the gift of the Son of God by remaining at home and reading and praying. Late in the afternoon wife was taken with an intense pain in the head and ear. The time for our reading and prayer service drew near, and the aching only increased. We wondered why this could be. Since all the people were spending the evening in pleasure and wantonness and we had withdrawn from such revelry to spend the evening in praising God, we were puzzled as to why we should be thus disturbed. God spoke gently to us, saying, "I want to teach you of the good things I have in store for those that love me; ask of me, and I will heal her." We at once fell upon our knees and asked God to take away the pain, when instantly it was removed and the glory of the Lord shone round about us, no doubt not unlike the glory that shone round about the shepherds so many years ago. The Spirit's voice in our soul shouted, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men." Until late in the evening we offered up the incense of prayer and praise unto the holy child Jesus.

The days went by, and deeper grew the longing of my soul for all the fulness of God. As I would read weekly in the "Trumpet" of the glorious meetings in different places, I became very desirous of having a holy minister come to our place and teach us the way of God more perfectly. My experience in the matter reminds me very much of the experience of Cornelius as related in the tenth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. God talked with Cornelius, the one who desired and needed instruction, and at the same time talked with Peter, the one chosen to give Cornelius the needed help. I wrote to the office of the Gospel Trumpet Publishing Co., asking them if they could give me the address of some holy man whom we in all probability could get to come to our place and hold a meeting. At the same time God put it into my heart to make such a request he put it into the heart of a minister of God (the author of this work), whose home was in eastern Indiana, to write to the Trumpet office asking the brethren if they knew of any one in southern Indiana (the place of our home) that desired a meeting. These two letters came in the same mail to the office; accordingly my letter was sent to the minister and the minister's letter was sent to me. A meeting was arranged for and about the 10th of February it was begun. Should I live to be old, I shall not forget that meeting. These brethren were the first holy people, to my knowledge, I had ever met. I felt strange in their presence. There was something peculiar about them that made them appear unnatural to the creature of earth. The first

night of the meeting my wife and I went forward to the altar for sanctification. Only a little instruction was necessary to enable me to grasp the promise of God, and the Holy Spirit and fire came into my soul in such power and glory that it seemed to transport me far above. My conversion was glorious, but my sanctification was more glorious. I was conscious in my heart of a cleansing. I actually felt pure. Just as a stained cloth being washed comes forth clean and spotless and white, just so I could see my soul purged, cleansed, and made whiter than snow. Through the night, though my sleep was profound and deep, I was conscious of a purity and glory in my soul. During this meeting I was shown many beautiful and glorious things by the Spirit and Word of God. There was disclosed to my spiritual vision the holy character of God imaged in the heart and life of a Christian. Oh, how sublime to my soul was the holy life which God set before me, and in which he said I must live. I was shown the one true church of God all radiant in her holiness. I saw the gulf separating the church from the world. I saw the exalted plane where walk the redeemed, where there is not a sin, but all is holy even as God is holy. The life of God was assimilated into mine, and mine was hid in him. This world had no place in my affection or my thoughts.

Soon after this meeting God began to lead me out into his work. For a while I did not publicly acknowledge that God had called me to the ministry, but I was quite active for the Lord in my home neighborhood, holding meetings in private houses and school-houses. God gave me souls for my labor. Some three months after we received the experience of sanctification the Lord sent me about forty miles from home to tell a people among whom we had formerly dwelt of the greatness and goodness of the Lord, and of his mercy and power to save. —C. E. Orr.

Editor's Note:—The above article was taken from the book entitled, "History of the Church" by H. C. Wickersham, and is a part of Bro. C. E. Orr's testimony inserted in this book. It was sent in by a party living in another state with the request that we put it in the "Faith and Victory" paper if we thought it best. We do believe that God will bless the truth in this testimony to the good of many of our readers. His conversion and life in a justified state and then the second work of sanctification or cleansing from the impurity of the soul (the sinful, fallen nature received by the fall and transgression of the first Adam) is clearly set forth and harmonizes so perfectly with the sacred Word of God that it surely will be a help to many of our readers whose souls may be hungering and thirsting after perfected holiness. His experience tallies exactly with my experience in receiving the instantaneous and definite second work of grace given to us of God through Christ, and also is the experience of thousands upon thousands who have died in the triumphs of a living faith, who have washed their souls in the blood of the Lamb which taketh away the sin of the world and now repose in Abraham's bosom as did Lazarus.

In 1 John 1:5, we read, "This then is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you,

that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him [God] and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he [God] is in the light, we have fellowship one with another [or with God] and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin [singular number]." A justified person must be walking in the light that God gives him before he will realize the need of the cleansing from the sin nature (Adamic defilement). In the next verse he says, "If we say that we have no sin [to be cleansed from] we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us." According to the apostle John's words, those that claim they do not have any sin to be cleansed from are deceiving their own selves and the truth is not in them. That sin nature transmitted to us through the first Adam's fall can only be cleansed away by the blood of Christ. David says in Psalm 51:5, while deploring that sin which was in him, "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." And in the 7th verse his mind runs on ahead to Christ and his work of cleansing, and he cries out, "Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me and I shall be whiter than snow."

Now notice 1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins [plural number] he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins [When our sins or actual transgressions are confessed and forgiven, then we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, are justified—and now notice the balance of this verse—] and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." That evil that was planted in the heart by the fall is not righteous. Since it is something we did not commit, we must look to God by faith in the blood to cleanse us from that unrighteous thing. In order to be ready for this cleansing, one must be walking in the light that God gives and be free from committing sin. The second definite work of cleansing from the sin nature is definitely set forth by the apostle John in these few verses.

Jesus gives us a plain statement of the first and second work in the second verse of the 15th chapter of John's gospel. It reads like this, "Every branch [or soul] in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: [A justified soul must bear fruit if he becomes ready for the cleansing, the second work wrought in the soul by the blood and the Spirit.] and every branch that beareth fruit [You must be attached to the Vine in a justified state and bearing fruit to be ready for the second work of purging or cleansing.] he purgeth it; that it may bring forth more fruit." The word purge is rendered in Webster's Dictionary as meaning to purify or to cleanse. We see that Jesus sets forth the two works very clearly. In the 15th chapter of Acts, when Peter was rehearsing the second work (baptism of the Holy Ghost) which the Gentiles received when he preached to them, he said, "And God, which knoweth the hearts, bear them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us; and put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith."

Some of the prophets in their prophesying refer to the two works of grace and the literal temple, which was a shadow of the true, pictures it and the New

Testament abounds in these precious truths and makes it very plain that one's salvation is not complete until one is cleansed—sanctified and infilled with the Holy Spirit. Let us not stop short of what the Lord has for us so that the Spirit of truth will fully possess us so we will be ready to be changed from a mortal body to a glorified body to live with God forever.

I might add that I was very closely associated with brother C. E. Orr in the last five or six years of his life and our fellowship one with the other was heavenly. In his last illness he was in our home for several weeks before taking his peaceful flight to glory.

To teach salvation, including his experience of cleansing by the second definite work of grace, different would be quite contrary to sound doctrine and would lead souls into confusion and no doubt cause many to be lost. Many are the divisional religious spirits that are in the world today, and some who have imbibed them are quite crafty and clever in drawing souls from the body of Christ in order to have a following, for some do crave leadership even though out of the order of God. We warn our readers against the many crafty and false would-be leaders who are in the world in this perilous, evil time in which we are living, which is the last of the last days. Do not lend your assistance to such and thereby have to give an account to God in the matter in that great judgment day that is surely soon coming upon all men.

The teaching that there is no cleansing away of the Adamic defilement in sanctification and that one is just as pure in a justified state as in sanctification, is not sound doctrine; it is not Biblical; it is poison for the soul.

Any one that is interested in gaining knowledge on justification and the second work of sanctification (cleansing and infilling of the Holy Ghost) can write for a book which we have in stock on Sanctification written by J. W. Byers. It contains 96 pages and is paper bound. It will be sent to any address in the United States postpaid for 25 cents.

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THE LIVING LORD

April 5, 1953

Printed Portion.....Matthew 28:1-10, 16-20.

Matt. 28:1. In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

2. And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

3. His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:

4. And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.

5. And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

6. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

7. And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you.

8. And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word.

9. And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.

10. Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid; go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me.

16. Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.

17. And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.

18. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

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

20. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Memory Verse: I am the resurrection and the life. John 11:25.

Practical Truth: Christ expects us to carry on the work which he began.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The title of the lesson is very expressive or full of significance. Jesus told John (Rev. 1:18) "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive forevermore." So then we do not serve a dead Christ, but one who is alive and is "the same yesterday, and today, and forever." Heb. 13:8. Anyone who is born again has the living Christ dwelling within "by faith." Eph. 3:17.

The fact that Jesus chose the common people to be his disciples when he was here in the flesh, to be with him, gives us all encouragement even though we may be obscure, for he came not to call the "Wise men after the flesh." 1 Cor. 1:26. Read 1 Cor. 1:17-31. Now these kind of disciples were the very ones to whom he gave this great commission, and to those who will do as he says he has made the wonderful promise "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Christians! lay hold on this fact. As Samuel laid such stress on obedience

PAUL'S CONVERSION AT DAMASCUS

April 12, 1953

Printed Portion.....Acts 22:3-16.

Acts 22:3. I am verily a man which am a Jew, born in Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, yet brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, and taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the Fathers, and was zealous toward God, as ye all are this day.

4. And I persecuted this way unto the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women.

5. As also the high priest doth bear me witness, and all the estate of the elders: from whom also I received letters unto the brethren, and went to Damascus, to bring them which were there bound unto Jerusalem, for to be punished.

6. And it came to pass, that, as I made my journey, and was come nigh unto Damascus about noon, suddenly there shone from heaven a great light round about me.

7. And I fell unto the ground, and heard a voice saying

unto me, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

8. And I answered, Who art thou, Lord? And he said unto me, I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest.

9. And they that were with me saw indeed the light, and were afraid; but they heard not the voice of him that spake to me.

10. And I said, What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said unto me, Arise, and go into Damascus; and there it shall be told thee of all things which are appointed for thee to do.

11. And when I could not see for the glory of that light, being led by the hand of them that were with me, I came into Damascus.

12. And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, having a good report of all the Jews which dwelt there,

13. Came unto me, and stood, and said unto me, Brother Saul, receive thy sight. And the same hour I looked up upon him.

14. And he said, The God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest know his will, and see that just one, and shouldest hear the voice of his mouth.

15. For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard.

16. And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

Memory Verse: I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord. Phil. 3:8.

Practical Truth: A genuine religious conversion causes one to become a new man in Christ Jesus.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

"Paul, called to be an apostle (one sent of God) of Jesus Christ through the will of God." 1 Cor. 1:1. Is there anything too hard for God to do? Paul in this lesson gives his testimony of the saving grace of God. He had persecuted and killed the disciples of Christ and here we have his own testimony of how God had been merciful to him and shown him that the work he was doing was not service to God as he supposed it was. Paul was zealous before he became converted and he was also zealous after he became converted. There was a sharp turn in Paul's life; a change that was a miracle of God. One who persecuted and killed the saints, became a saint.

This revelation of Jesus Christ that Paul had on the Damascus road was the beginning of a life devoted entirely to the service of Christ. In all the years to come we do not find one place where Paul was ready to give up Christ. But on the contrary he said "For me to live is Christ" Phil. 1:21. And the Lord stood by Paul in all his trials and all obstacles that came his way even when all others forsook him he says "Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me." 2 Tim. 4:17. So God stands by those who stand by him.

REACHING OUT FROM ANTIOCH

April 19, 1953

Printed Portion.....Acts 11:25-26; 14:8-20.

Acts 11:25. Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul:

26. And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

14:8. And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked:

9. The same heard Paul speak: who stedfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed,

10. Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked.

11. And when the people saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in the speech of Lycaonia, The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men.

12. And they called Barnabas, Jupiter; and Paul, Mercurius, because he was the chief speaker.

13. Then the priest of Jupiter, which was before their city, brought oxen and garlands unto the gates, and would have done sacrifice with the people.

14. Which, when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard of, they rent their clothes, and ran in among the people crying out,

15. And saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein:

16. Who in times past suffered all nations to walk in their own ways.

17. Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.

18. And with these sayings scarce restrained they the people, that they had not done sacrifice unto them.

19. And there came thither certain Jews from Antioch and Iconium, who persuaded the people, and, having stoned Paul, drew him out of the city, supposing he had been dead.

20. Howbeit, as the disciples stood round about him, he rose up, and came into the city: and the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe.

Memory Verse: Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us; we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. 2 Cor. 5:20.

Practical Truth: Christian missionaries, sent of God, are needed yet.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Paul's conversion meant so much to him that he says, "I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord." Phil. 3:8. Before Paul was converted he had many things that the people of the world seek after, including many who profess to follow Jesus; he had power, position, influence, and honor and respect of those whose opinions were highly valued, but now all this was changed and he becomes a missionary to those very people and even stands before kings and rulers but was hated by the very ones who had been his friends. And he says "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." 2 Tim. 3:12.

Paul and Barnabas spent a whole year in Antioch and "Taught much people," but now they start out on the first missionary journey. The healing of the man at Lystra who never had walked was the way God had of introducing the apostles' message recorded in verses 15-17.

The name Christian is a very sacred name and it is too bad that so many will try to claim the name and then not live like a Christian. The only ones who are truly Christians, are those who have Christ dwelling in the heart. Eph. 3:17.

PAUL'S CONFLICTS IN CORINTH

April 26, 1953

Printed Portion.....Acts 18:1, 4-16.

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

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

5. And when Silas and Timotheus were come from Macedonia, Paul was pressed in the spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus was Christ.

6. And when they opposed themselves, and blasphemed, he shook his raiment, and said unto them, Your blood be upon your own heads; I am clean: from henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles.

7. And he departed thence, and entered into a certain man's house, named Justus, one that worshipped God, whose house joined hard to the synagogue.

8. And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized.

9. Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace:

10. For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city.

11. And he continued there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

12. And when Gallio was the deputy of Achaia, the Jews made insurrection with one accord against Paul, and brought him to the judgment seat,

13. Saying, This fellow persuadeth men to worship God contrary to the law.

14. And when Paul was now about to open his mouth, Gallio said unto the Jews, If it were a matter of wrong or wicked lewdness, O ye Jews, reason would that I should bear with you:

15. But if it be a question of words and names, and of your law, look ye to it; for I will be no judge of such matters.

16. And he drave them from the judgment seat.

Memory Verse: We . . . suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ. 1 Cor. 9:12.

Practical Truth: Christ can give encouragement and victory in spite of opposition and conflict.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

"If we suffer, we shall also reign with him." 2 Tim. 2:12. While Paul had much opposition and much suffering yet he had a vision and the Lord had a word of encouragement. "Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision" verse 9. In verse 10 he gives him the promise "For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee." How wonderful God is to them who put their trust fully in him, who "Delight—also in the Lord." Psa. 37:4. Paul stayed in the wicked city of Corinth a year and six months "Teaching the word of God among them." So we can see how God can over rule all of the hearts of men in their opposition to the cause of Christ and be brought into subjection to the extent that when he sees those who want the gospel and are honest about it, they can get it.

We can see the practical truth in this lesson "Christ can give encouragement and victory in spite of opposition and conflict." As the Lord admonished Paul "Be not afraid," so that is his word to us and he will give us the victory over all the opposing elements that try to block our way in this Christian warfare.

C. W.