

# FAITH <sup>AND</sup> VICTORY

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### The Third Commandment

Exodus 20:7—Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

We have taken upon us the Name of our Lord;  
Have we taken His dear name in vain?  
Do our speech and our actions show love for his Word?  
Or does our disrespect cause Him pain?

Do we love the dear Bible, and hold it with care,  
Or just lay it aside and forget?  
Is it covered with papers and old magazines?—  
With the dew of our tears is it wet?

Do we reverence the house of the Lord as we should?  
Do we quietly enter and pray,  
And remember we're here just to worship and praise;  
Not for jesting, or business, or play?

Do the "by-words" we use take the place in our minds  
Of the curse words we hear round about?  
Christians, waken and watch! Let our standard be  
high,  
Lest we hinder our brethren without.—June Parrish

### Faith and Sight

"For we walk by faith, not by sight" 2 Cor. 5:7.  
Paul, speaking of believers, said, "We walk by faith, not by sight." The most of men, all men, indeed, naturally walk by sight. They have a proverb that seeing is believing, and they are wise men. They trust people as far as they can see them and no farther. The world thinks itself uncommonly knowing in always depending upon its own sight. The highest degree of worldly wisdom seems to be just this: See everything for yourself, and do not be taken in, but follow your own understanding.

The Christian is the very opposite of this. He says, I do not care about looking after the things that are seen and are temporal. They will pass away. The things that are not seen influence me because they are eternal. They endure forever.

Let me say that walking by sight is a very deceptive way of walking. After all, the eye does not see anything. It is the mind that sees through the eye. The man who walks by his eye will be deceived in many ways. The angler baits his hook and casts his fly upon the water, and the fish, which jumps by sight, has the hook in its jaws in a moment. You will go from bad to worse in unseen danger if you will judge according to the sight of the eyes. We will not tarry longer upon this point except to say one thing; namely, that those who walk by sight walk alone. Walking by sight is just this: I believe in myself; whereas, walking by faith is: I believe in God. If I walk by sight, I walk alone. If I walk by faith, then there are two of us, and the second one, how great! how glorious! how mighty is He! The Great All-in-all.

Sight builds the house from its own quarry, and on its own foundation. But it begins to build and is never able to finish, and what it does build rests on the sand and falls; but faith builds on the foundation laid in eternity, in the fair colors of the Saviour's blood, in the covenant of grace. It goes to God for every stone to be used in the building and brings forth the top stone with shoutings of grace, grace unto it, Praise the Lord!

Beloved, when you say, "I will do so and so" you may be very proud. But when you can say, "God will do so and so, and I believe it," then you will be humble. Rest thou in the Lord. Depend on the blood and righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ for all that thou needest, and rest wholly in Him with the whole weight of thy soul and spirit, and then there shall be no fear but what thou shalt see God's face with acceptance. May God teach us faith on the right principle, and may we walk by it and not by sight; and then the Lord shall give us that reward which is given to those who walk by faith in the living God.—Harvey Johnson

### WE SHOULD AND WE CAN BE A BETTER MAN

Recently a neighbor came in to our evening service and said, "I came to church; I decided I ought to be a better man."

We tried to make him feel he was welcome, and assured him that was the grandest, most noble thing that any one ever decided to do.

To do this will add blessings to blessing and comforts to comfort. It will make us a better husband, a better father, a better neighbor, a better citizen, and even our live stock might find out that there has been a change in us. To persuade or encourage any one to make this change should be considered as a very friendly deed. Can't more of us join with this man in his decision? Did anyone ever hear of any one who was worse off by becoming a "better man"?

—Erle E. F.

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### The Shepherd's Reflection

Once there was a shepherd entrusted with a flock of sheep, and, realizing his responsibility, he watched over them with zealous care. He led them in green valleys and by cool streams where they might grow fat and flourishing. He looked with some degree of satisfaction on some that seemed to be gaining. But as time went on and he led them and watched over them, he noticed some that did not follow as closely and at times were disobedient. Realizing the danger of bear, lions, and ravines and cliffs, how easily they might fall to destruction, he became sharp with them and oftentimes used the lash with fervor because he felt it his duty, lest they perish. Instead of pointing out the danger and himself leading them and staying as far away from it as possible, he became anxious and nervous over them and used sharpness more and more until the sheep became fearful of him. Instead of staying close to him, they began to stay farther and farther from him until at last one by one they left him until all were gone.

Then in grief and sorrow he sat down and wept sore saying all the time he knew he had done his best for them and he couldn't help it because they had left. Then the owner of the sheep (because, you see, the sheep were not his, but he was the shepherd chosen to care for them) came to talk to him.

The owner showed him how he had been faithful, and praised him for his labors of love; but at the same time pointed out to him why the sheep left. They had been driven away with his sharpness and severity. The owner explained that the shepherd's duty was to guard over the sheep, warn them of danger, lead them in green pastures and straight paths, and if one should stray, to go after that one sheep and persuade it to return, carrying it, if necessary, and showing great love for it until it would have great desire to stay. And if one should fall into a ravine or some such dangerous spot, the shepherd should put forth every effort to rescue it, uttering reassuring words for its comfort so that it would never forget its rescuer and never cease to be thankful. Then he left the shepherd to contemplate over these things.

The shepherd considered and began to realize that after all his care and trying to do and be right, he had failed as a good shepherd that leadeth his sheep because he in his care for them had become sharp, speaking many things that ought not to have been said, and certainly not in the manner they were said, and had lost them. Now he began to weep afresh and repent that he had not been more careful in his

speech toward them and to them.

The owner saw his sorrow and his penitence. He forgave him and entrusted more sheep to his care, knowing he had learned his lesson and would be more careful now to lead them carefully and to love the sheep, and if they would not follow or obey, to leave the lash with the owner of the sheep to use as he deemed it best.

This time he warned them carefully and so lovingly, feeling that love from the depths of his heart, that most of the sheep had no desire to stray from their loving leader, but rather chose to stay close to him as possible to hear the sound of his loving voice and to look upon his countenance and see the love he had for them reflected there.

—A Reader

### REALITIES—"LIFE IS REAL, LIFE IS EARNEST."

We look out on a great, great world. We see just the things that lie nearest to us, but there comes to our "minds' eyes" a vision of great things out into the regions beyond.

Now we huddle together in many groups. We converse, we ponder, we pray. Our prayers are like this, "Dear Lord, help us to know, to do thy blessed will that thy will be done. We want to see souls saved. We want to do ALL we can. Lord, help us to be willing to place ourselves on the altar of sacrifice and let you have your own way."

Now let us stop here and take a solemn meditation on all our prayers. We look on a world of souls, every one precious in God's sight, and His will that NONE be lost. He has told his children to "Go ye into ALL THE WORLD, preaching the gospel to every creature." Not one soul gets saved from sin but he will want to go and tell someone about it. That born-again soul has a Spirit born in him (or her) to want to tell others, and that great commission is, "Go ye into all the world," not just here in our home place, although we begin right there. Start the fire going and keep behind it and keep it going—going until all the "earth is filled." Hundreds of pioneer workers began away back in the past—in fact, started when Christ was born, on to Calvary, then the great resurrection, then on to the Pentecostal rooms, on and on down thru the years. Oh, that the great spiritual vision could be given to every consecrated soul!

These things are REAL. These are realities!! Now we see how fast the evening time is going. We see signs everywhere of our Lord's soon coming. Saints, these things are facts, and we are facing them. Can we think one moment one selfish thought? Can we be awakened to the realities of our responsibilities? Can we say we have the truth, nothing but the truth, then sit idly by and fail to consider "what doth the Lord require" of every one who knows and fails to do? Dear ones, let us bow our heads and pray, "Lord, forgive our indifference, our selfish actions, for failing to see we did not have the love for souls that you require us to have." "Life is real." Our labors here on earth "are to be entirely for Thee. O Lord, help our spiritual eyes to be opened. Give us vision that Thou knowest we need." Some will say, "Oh, we have

all we can do right here." Well, are we sure we are busy doing that? Lord help us. We hear the wails and the cries, the souls pleading for the gospel. Do we hear them? The poet has written in his song: "Must I go and empty handed, must I meet my Saviour so; Not one soul with which to greet Him, must I empty handed go?"

Christ our Lord is real. Oh, praise His name! His love for us is real. Is our love for Him as real as it should be? Do we love as He loved? Are we willing to take up our cross daily and follow Him? But we know He was led off by the Spirit to be tempted right after His baptism. There he was forty days and nights in fasting and prayer. He knew what he was going to have to face and such a short time to do his work. Oh, we too, when we see what is coming on the earth, our humanity almost gives up, but we must fast and pray and look up and be counted worthy to miss these awful things. But we want to tell others and do our best to prove to them these realities the world is facing. Christ pleased not himself. We all are to be His ambassadors. God does not draft anyone. He wants volunteers, soldiers who have on the whole armor to face the foe.

Dear young saints, be bold for God. Work while it is called today. Watch and pray. Keep filled with the Holy Spirit. He will guide you. Obey His leadings. Tarry in prayer. Go to those who are real saints who will give you advice, and they will help you to see the truth and what it means to be out of Babylon, out of sects, denominations. God is still calling people out, and we who know this must be more careful to let our lights shine out to those who are in confusion. The harvest fields need workers. Let us pray more to be sent. We see precious talents not being used in the right way. Oh, let us pray God to open eyes and hearts to see the great realities that are before us!! Amen! —Jessie Holloman.

## Pride — Humility

When we see what pride has done and is doing for humanity, we are made to feel that pride is one of the greatest of sins, and all around us we can see the result of this dreadful sin. Pride is an exaltation—a rebellion against God. It is an element of Satan himself.

The Scripture says, "The pride of thy heart hath deceived thee" (Obadiah's). What causes people to appear different from what they are? What makes them deceive their fellowmen? What makes them cling to a profession when they are void of salvation? Pride and the arrogance of their hearts deceive them. The scriptures warn us in these words: "Exhort one another daily, while it is called Today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin" (Heb. 3:13). Pride is an utter abomination in the sight of God. "Him that hath an high look and a proud heart will I not suffer." Pride deceives man and separates him from God. Pride exalts itself against the holy and eternal God, the God of heaven and earth,

Many of the troubles, difficulties, and miseries in human life arise from pride in the heart. Pride is subtle in its ways. It can behave itself so that it has all the appearance of humility. It is so deeply embedded in the natural man that nothing but the power and blood of Christ can deliver him from it. Beware of pride! It will destroy forever the soul that is not delivered from its power. Rom. 12:3, "For I say to every man that is among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think."

Humility is the very opposite of pride and arrogance. Humility is utter dependence upon God. Humility counts itself nothing. It ascribes all glory and honor to God. Humility is the foundation of all grace. If we want to build for eternity, we must have a good foundation. This foundation is humility. As the water seeks the low places, so the grace of God flows into humble hearts. The scripture says, "God giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourself therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time." This exaltation consists not in worldly honor or any thing of the sort, but in the glory and power of God and becoming more like Him. Humility is a safe guard against the snares of the enemy. Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall, but before honor is humility. If we want to make a success in the Christian life and become a blessing to our fellow men, we must be humble. Without humility all our works will be in vain.

If we want to be humble, we have a part to do, and that is, we must humble ourselves. Jesus says, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me." The hardest thing to do is to deny ourselves. Let us therefore look to God and pray to him to help us to be humble. God dwells with those that are of a contrite heart and a humble spirit, and we shall behold that we are only as worms, as the dust is in comparison with this great God. Do you want to learn real humility? Behold, here it is: Jesus says, "Learn of me: for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls." Oh, for more of the real humility of God! This is the way of all happiness, the way to success and the way to heaven.—Artie Bowers

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Mo.—Dear saints,—Greetings to all in Jesus' dear name. I am writing to let you know how the dear Lord has blessed me. Night before last I had a bad spell with my nose and throat stopping up and coughing until I could hardly get my breath. I told the Lord that if he would help me until I could get my breath good that I would write my testimony to the "Faith and Victory." I told him that he knew I had no one to call on but him, and that I didn't depend on anything but him, but that I was willing for his will to be done. He unstopped my nose and throat and I give his name all the praise for it.

We have so much to praise him for. He is willing and ready to bless us when we call on him with all our heart, believing. By his grace and help I mean to go all the way with him. Thank his holy name. Pray for me and my family. A sister in Christ, Nancy Sweezeeo.

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### Editorials

Insomuch that some are teaching that the disciples were not born again while Jesus walked and talked with them when he was encumbered with a fleshly body, I wish to set forth some scriptures which prove that they were born again even though the sinful nature and impurity of the first Adam's fall had not as yet been cleansed entirely from their souls, but was kept in subjection more or less by the presence and power of God.

In Matt. 16:16 Peter testified concerning Christ: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus immediately said, "Flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven." Jesus acknowledged that the Spirit was revealing this unto him, which proves that the Spirit was with him and was revealing things unto him. This proves that he was born again. The statement that Peter uttered was so true that Jesus said, "Upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell [or false churches] shall not prevail against IT." And he went on to say that he would give Peter the keys of the kingdom of heaven. He certainly accepted him as one that was born again and belonged to the family of God.

In John 17:2, Jesus made the statement that God had given him power over all flesh that he should give eternal life to as many as He had given him. Jesus had power to give life to men as they believed on him. In the ninth verse Jesus said, "I pray for them [the disciples], I pray not for the world [the unsaved] but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine." He claimed them for the Father. In the 14th verse he said, "I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world." He classed them like himself. Surely they were born again and were in the family of God—not of the world. If they were not of the family of the world, they were bound

to be in the family of God by virtue of a spiritual birth.

In John 15:5, we read, "I am the vine, ye are the branches." They were attached to the True Vine, which is Christ and were bearing fruit, but as yet had not been purged in order to bear more fruit. Read the second verse. Surely they were born again when they were attached as a branch in the True Vine, and were bearing fruit.

In the first chapter of John's gospel, beginning at the 11th verse, we read, "He came unto his own [the Jews], and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." The disciples were of his own race of people and were Jews. They believed on him and had received him, therefore were born of God. This scripture makes it exceedingly plain that they were born again. Jesus was given all power both in heaven and in earth, and he had power to forgive sins, for he said so in Luke 5:24, which reads thus: "But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins." When your sins or transgressions are forgiven, you have peace with God through the Lord Jesus Christ; you are born again.

In Matt. 19:28 we read where Jesus referred to the disciples as having followed him in regeneration. Webster's dictionary says the word "regenerate" means "to cause to be reborn spiritually." Truly the holy scriptures are overwhelmingly against any teaching that the disciples were not born again while Christ was with them in the fleshly body. However, there are scriptures that bear out the fact that the cleansing from the impurity and sinful nature which man received through the first Adam's fall and the infilling of the Spirit of truth, the Comforter, the Holy Ghost, did not take place until the blood was poured out and Christ had ascended to heaven. Then He poured out of his Spirit upon the believing disciples (Acts 2:1-4), cleansed, purified, and indwelt them, giving them power to bear more fruit and to boldly witness for him. Read verses 37, 38, and 39 of the 7th chapter of John where this truth is verified by the scriptures. In a justified state the "Spirit of truth, the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, is with a soul and the soul has peace with God through belief in Christ; but in a sanctified state, when the sin nature or impurity of Satan through the fall, is completely cleaned away by the blood, then he, the Spirit of truth, the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, dwells within and has complete control, giving us power to bear more of the fruits of the Spirit, and leading and guiding us into all truth. Read John 16:13.

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In the seventh chapter of Romans where Paul was telling of his soul's condition when he lived in sin and was deploring and bewailing the fact that the indwelling sin was in him, he cried out (verse 14), "For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin."

When Father Adam and Mother Eve sold out to the devil in the Garden by yielding to Satan's lies and

sinning against God, there was planted in their souls a principle of sin and they lost the divine nature and had a carnal sinful nature. This carnal sinful nature was transmitted to their offspring and thereby the whole human race was sold under sin. It is recorded in holy writ that Esau sold his birthright for a mess of pottage, but our foreparents sold the whole human race under sin for, what we might say, a little fruit from the forbidden tree in the midst of the garden. We read in Romans 5:12: "Wherefore, as by one man [first Adam] sin entered into the world [into mankind] and death by sin; and so death [spiritual death] passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." Moffit's translation renders the 19th verse thus: "Just as one man's disobedience made all the rest sinners, so one man's obedience will make all the rest righteous." In the beginning Adam was created in the likeness of God (Gen. 1:27; 5:1) and in the fall he lost the image and likeness of God and then he begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and we see by this that his own image and likeness was transmitted to his son. So on and on, when children were born, they had that image and likeness which caused them to sin. David lamented the fact and cried out: "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me."

Seeing then that the whole human race received a carnal sinful nature through the fall of Adam and was sold under sin, Peter said, "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold . . .; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot" 1 Pet. 1:18, 19. In Acts 20:28 Paul said, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood." In Luke 1:74, we read, "That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve Him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life." In Gal. 3:13, we read, "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree." In Revelation 5:9, we read again, "And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation."

I believe that I have given sufficient Scripture to prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that man lost the image of God out of his soul through the fall and was sold under sin and that sin nature is transmitted to all of Adam's posterity and even to all today who are without Christ the Redeemer and cleanser. 1 John 1:7.

According to Webster's Dictionary, the word "sanctify" has two definitions. One is to "set apart" and the other is, "to make free from sin; to cleanse from moral corruption or pollution; to purify." To set one's self apart is what man does when he presents his body as a living sacrifice. He surrenders all to God. When God sees the consecration is complete,

He does the cleansing and purifying of the soul.

The word carnal has two definitions. In "Websters New Collegiate Dictionary," we find one definition is, "of the body or flesh," and the other, "carnal, fleshly, sensual, animal, mean, having or showing a carnal connection with the body. Carnal once meant no more than this, but the word now is related to the body as the manifestation of man's lower nature." Any man or woman that has been truly sanctified or cleansed and purified by the blood knows that the lower nature has reference to that sinful nature which was transmitted to men by the fall of the first Adam.

In chapters six and eight of Romans Paul is teaching a full salvation, a sanctified state; because one's salvation is never complete until he is sanctified wholly; although in some instances in these chapters he does refer to the justified state and sometimes to the sinful state. In 6:6, we read, "Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin." When we surrender to God and die to the world and our self life, the old man is crucified [put to death], then comes the destroying of the body of sin which enslaved man and caused him to do many sins. (Paul wanted to be delivered from the body of this death, Rom. 7:24). In the next verse we read, "For he that is dead is freed from sin" (or from the sin nature.) The old man being crucified and the body of sin being destroyed has its type in the crossing of the Jordan River by the literal Israel, which typifies our definite work of sanctification. The trials and sufferings, battles and victories, and the crucifying fleshly desires is typified by literal Israel possessing the Canaan land, which is a work that sanctification prepares us for in a spiritual sense.

Much more could be said and many scriptures could be brought up to prove these truths, but time and space will not permit it now.

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## Our Guide

The dear Bible is our guide  
To that heavenly home on high;  
The worldly will pass you by  
If you live prepared to die.

If the worldly pass you up  
And you're drinking the bitter cup,  
The dear Saviour drank it all  
While you and I take but one sup.

He gave His dear life for us,  
Then it is certain that we must  
Die out daily to this world  
If we are numbered with the just.

I certainly long to always be  
Living worthy of eternity;  
This is my humble request.  
Saints of God, please pray for me.  
—Effie Miller.

## Campmeeting Notices

### HENNESSEY, OKLAHOMA

The campmeeting of the church of God in Hennessey, Okla. if the Lord wills, will begin June 5th and last thru the 14th, 1953. Come praying that God will bless and that souls will be saved in this meeting. The meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan. Bring your sheets and pillows.

The saints here in Hennessey are building a small dining room, which we need so much, so if anyone feels that they can help us with money, we will be very thankful, as we want it ready for the meeting. Send offerings to Bro. Thomas Davis, Box 441, or Sister Willa J. Williams, R. 1, Box 113, Hennessey, Okla.—Ada B. Davis

### JEFFERSON, OREGON

The Lord willing, the campmeeting will be held this year on the saints' camp ground on Hazel St., Jefferson, Oregon, June 12th to 21st. God has given us a six-room home one-half block from the camp grounds, also has provided sixteen cabins, a dining hall, etc. We make no charge. All is the Lord's. We desire the earnest prayers of all saints for the meeting, that God will direct Spirit-filled ministers who love, believe, and preach the pure gospel, and that His mighty power will rebuke and hold any spirit of error or confusion that might try to hinder the work, and that He will open ways for all saints possible to gather in His name to give honor and praise to Him. All will be cared for who come. He has never failed us yet, and we have no fear while our trust is in Him.

To those coming on highway: Jefferson is on old Highway No. 99, nine miles north of Albany, and 17 miles south of Salem, Ore. Watch for Jefferson junction sign. Should any come by rail, the trains do not stop here, come either to Albany or Salem and on by bus, or if notified in time, some saint will meet you at the R. R. Station. All mail sent in care of Box 41 can be got on Sundays.

Your brother and servant in Christ, Sam Wilson.

### HAMMOND, LOUISIANA

The campmeeting on the General Southern grounds at Hammond, La. will begin the last Friday in June, or from June 26 to July 5th. Watch for directions and more details in the June issue of "Faith and Victory." K. Key.

### MIDWAY (JENA), LOUISIANA

The Midway campmeeting, which is one mile from Jena, La. will begin July 10th and end the 19th. The change from August (as in previous years) to July was needful because of school starting in August.

—Ruth Murphey, Box 824, Jena, La.

### NATIONAL CAMPMEETING

The 16th annual National Campmeeting of the Church of God will be held, Lord willing, at Monark Springs (Neosho, Mo.) July 24 to August 2, inclusive. Pray for and plan now to attend this national gathering of God's people. Further information in regard to the meeting will appear in the June issue.

At the last campmeeting the need for more sleeping quarters on the grounds to take care of the increased attendance was discussed, and plans were made to build rooms in a court style under one roof, and offer them for sale to the saints at about \$1.00 per sq. ft. floor space to cover the cost of material with the labor donated by interested saints. Thereafter, about twelve orders were received for rooms. During the winter the concrete floor,

size 113 ft. long by 12 ft. wide, was laid. Recently about 10,000 feet of native oak lumber was moved onto the grounds. This past week-end a number of saints (men and women) met on the grounds to begin framing the building. To complete the present building will take most of the time before campmeeting; therefore, we cannot accept any additional orders for rooms at this time. If any interested persons would like to donate labor on the building and grounds any time between now and campmeeting, please contact Bro. Ralph Beisly, R. 5, Coffeyville, Kans., before coming.

—L. D. Pruitt, Secy.-Treas.

### GUTHRIE, OKLAHOMA

The Oklahoma State Campmeeting at Guthrie, Okla. will be August 7 to 16.

### MYRTLE, MISSOURI

Saints at Myrtle, Mo. expect to have a campmeeting again this year, Lord willing, beginning Aug 14th thru Aug. 23rd. The Lord gave us a good meeting last year and we especially enjoyed the sweet spirit that prevailed throughout the entire meeting. We invite all to come who are interested in their own soul's welfare and the welfare of others. We are praying for God to burden the hearts of his ministers to come and minister the Word of Truth as the Holy Spirit directs; and keep out any who would sow discord or hinder the meeting in any way. Myrtle is about 20 miles east of Thayer. Those driving follow Hwy. 63 to Thayer, then No. 142, and follow the signs to Myrtle and the camp ground. Those coming by train or bus should arrange for someone to meet you, or take a cab, or call Bro. A. J. Sorrell, Ph. 1530, Myrtle. For further information write the above or brother S. E. Abbott, Thayer. Plans are under way to erect some cabins on the camp-ground for your convenience. Should they not be in readiness for the meeting, sleeping quarters will be provided as the Lord directs. This meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan. Pray about this meeting, and see what the Lord would have you do.

### NOTICE

Saints at Myrtle, Mo., the Lord willing, are planning to build on the camp ground one large cabin, size 25 x 50 ft. to furnish room for the sisters during the camp meeting. If the Lord wills and provides the means, plans are to build one for the brethren the following year. Individual cabins can be built if complied by contract or agreement by the trustees. Any one who feels led of the Lord to send in means to build this large cabin for the sisters may send it to A. J. Sorrell or his wife Bessie Sorrell. We are starting the building by faith.

### ALL-DAY SERVICES

There will be all day services the third Sunday in May (17th) at what is known as the community chapel thirteen miles north of Mansfield, Mo. All saints and lovers of the truth are invited. Murphy Allen and D. A. Gibson.

There will be all day services on fourth Sunday in May and June at the saints' chapel, near Sapulpa, Okla. All day services will be omitted in camp meeting season.

### Notice

Bro. and sister Wayne Miller of Hammond, La. desire a saved woman to live in their home to be a companion to sister Miller, who is not strong in body.

If interested, write to W. S. Miller, Box 264, Hammond, La.

## THIS IS NEEDFUL Earnestly Contend for the Faith

When looking over and considering the condition that is existing in the world today, it is easy for spiritually-minded people to see and realize that we are living in the last of the last days. The prophecies are fast being fulfilled and the spread of Communism is a master stroke of Satan's to finish up the prophecies and bring to pass the foretold truth of the resurrection of the evil and the good, wherein the good and holy will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air, and the world, the earth and things therein, will be set on fire of God's wrath and all be burned up; also the wicked and Christ-rejecters will be consumed in the flames, and their souls will meet in judgment with God and be turned into the fire and brimstone prepared for the devil and his followers, and there be tormented day and night forever and forever. Sinner friends, we beg you to flee to Jesus in confession and repentance and get the wrath of God lifted from your soul and be ready and prepared to meet God in peace.

As these are the last days, the prophecies are also being fulfilled wherein it states that many deceivers will come. Paul says that evil men shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.

Back in the apostle Jude's time he warned the saints against ungodly men who had crept in among the saints and were gradually destroying the faith once delivered to the saints of being sanctified and infilled by the Spirit of truth, the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost.

Let us read a little of what Jude says in the first few verses of his epistle, "Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called." You notice that this epistle was to those that were sanctified and preserved in Jesus Christ, as there were others among them who had crept in unawares to almost all of the saints whom he writes about in the fourth verse.

In the third verse he says (speaking of those who were sanctified and preserved) "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was NEEDFUL for me to write unto you, and to exhort you that ye SHOULD EARNESTLY CONTEND FOR THE FAITH WHICH WAS ONCE DELIVERED UNTO THE SAINTS." This faith which he speaks of was delivered unto the saints on the day of Pentecost for the reception of cleansing of the soul and infilling of the Spirit of truth, the Comforter, which Jesus says is the Holy Ghost. In the next verse he writes of those who had crept in and were so teaching that they were undermining the faith of the saints for that definite second work of cleansing from the sinful nature received by the fall of the first Adam and of the infilling of the Holy Ghost received by the saints on the day of Pentecost. Jude discerned that these teachers would soon do away with faith for this extremely needed second work, so he then was exhorting those that were sanctified and preserved in Christ to keep right on earnestly contending for

this faith. How much more is it needful for God's ministers today to earnestly keep contending for it, when there are so many doctrines blowing and men creeping in with strange ideas that tend to undermine the saints of faith for this so much needed definite second work of grace in our souls.

It is a well known fact that there are some that claim to be of us who are lowering the standard of this second definite work in the soul and teaching that the soul is saved and sanctified all at the same time, and others are claiming that the disciples of Christ only had a law experience while Jesus was with them, and that they were not then born again; and others are teaching that sanctification is a gradual process through this life. If such doctrines as this are allowed to have freedom to work among the saints, we will soon have no faith for the most essential work which God wills for the soul, through faith in the cleansing blood that cleanses us from the sin nature and infills us with the Holy Ghost, which gives the saints power to stand firmly against the mighty on-rushing powers of evil which are coming upon all the world at this time. Whether they do it knowingly or unknowingly, it will work harm.

When Joshua led the children of Israel across the Jordan River, it was typical of our sanctification. At that time the Jordan River was overflowing all its banks and there was a mighty body of water rushing down at a terrific speed, and this miracle that God performed in holding back that powerful stream of water was a greater miracle than when He parted the still waters of the Red Sea. Your sanctification, the second definite work of grace, ought to be more powerful and realized by you as a greater miracle in your soul than you received in your justified experience. The holding back of that mighty and powerful onrushing water in the Jordan River was certainly the manifestation of the mighty power of God to the Israelites, and it was real and not a sham, and this miracle that God performed for them typifies the mighty power and miracle that God performs for us in the second definite work of grace in the soul wherein the sin-nature and all impurities imparted to man through the fall of the first Adam is cleansed away and the Holy Ghost infills the soul and rules you in this life. After they crossed the Jordan River, which is typical of our sanctification, they began to possess the land in a literal sense. They had battles to fight and victories to win, as we do spiritually after we are sanctified. But these battles and victories which we fight and win after we have inherited the Canaan land by being sanctified and infilled is not the definite cleansing, but we are made stronger by each battle we win and possess more of the land as we journey on with the Lord, growing in grace and in knowledge of the Lord and his mighty conquering power. No doubt there is some burning out and whitening of the soul when in these fiery trials and tests and afflictions that come to the one in the Canaan land who is fighting battles and possessing more land, but we should not confuse this with the definitely needed cleansing of the soul in the second work which is typified by the crossing of the Jordan River by the literal seed.



Brothers and sisters, we are burdened in heart because of certain teaching that is confusing and troubling the saints today, and we feel that it would greatly please the Lord for those that have had a definite experience of the second work of grace wherein the soul was cleansed by the blood from the sin nature that passed upon all men through the fall of the first Adam, to write your testimony of this work and send it in to be printed in "Faith and Victory" as a reproof and rebuke to strange teaching on this subject, which is confusing to many. We want to fill up one of the papers (issues) with these good solid and definite testimonies. God wants us to testify to what great things he has done for us. The "Faith and Victory" paper is read by thousands of souls every month, and by your testimony being in the paper you will be witnessing to more people than you could reach orally in most all your life. Look to God for help and set down your experience in as few words as possible so we can have a large number of these testimonies in one paper. The paper is small and space is scarce, so confine your testimony to this one point of the second definite work of cleansing and get your testimony to Faith Publishing House, 920 W. Mansur, Guthrie, Okla. before the 15th of May. People who fail to testify to the second definite work of grace or that they are sanctified wholly will gradually lose what they have. God wants us to witness to all of what he has done for us, and just keep it up, thereby showing our faith and confidence in what God has done for us that he might be glorified. Accept the exhortation that Jude gives, and by your testimony keep earnestly contending for the faith once delivered to the saints. Ministers should not neglect to teach this truth to their hearers and earnestly contend that all seek God for it, for the destruction of this sin nature and its cleansing from the soul is the very thing that Christ died and bled on the cross to bring to man. We hear John the Baptist proclaiming as he looked upon Jesus, "Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." That sin nature in man is the root and cause of all the sins that the world is committing today. Paul makes plain just what the sin did for him in the seventh chapter of Romans. In the 20th verse he makes clear what makes him do the thing that otherwise he would not do, and says, "It is not I that doeth it, but sin that dwelleth in me." In this chapter Paul was telling his experience when he lived in sin, and is the expression of a soul under strong conviction of his need. In the 24th verse he cries out in great agony of soul, saying "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death!" That body of sin or power of sin that was dwelling in him was bringing his soul to eternal death. Any soul is miserable in a condition like that, but when Paul found Jesus he thanked God for him. In the first verse of the eighth chapter he rejoices and says, "There is therefore now [since he found the Lord] no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

Will you brothers and sisters cooperate with us in getting this truth of the second definite work of

grace of cleansing of the Adamic sin from the souls of men? If so, send your testimonies in as soon as you can so we can get type set for them, ready to put in the June paper. We feel like Jude did: "THIS IS NEEDFUL."

I was living on a farm when God's Spirit began to work with me, convicting me of my sins and causing me to fear to die in such a state. Being under deep conviction, I was miserable for many months. Finally I humbled my heart in confession to God and repentance and he forgave me of all my sins and I had peace with God through the Lord Jesus Christ.

I was very careful to obey the Lord in all that I knew and the peace kept flowing into my soul for the space of two months and one-half. I disobeyed the Lord in one thing and had to repent of this, then I began to realize that I needed a pure heart. I saw in the Word where it says, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." I became heavily burdened to have a pure heart and called mightily upon God, consecrating and giving up my all to Him, and He verified his promises to me. By faith I received the cleansing power of the blood which cleansed my soul from all the effects of the fall, and the Holy Ghost followed right in, filling my very being with the power and grace of God insomuch that it seemed all heaven had come into me and my soul was made as pure as heaven itself for the divine love of God flooded my inner being. It took out the weakness and all impurity and made me strong and fearless in God, and I knew of a surety that God had wrought a mighty miracle in my soul. —Fred Pruitt.

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### Satan

He sinned against God. 1 John 3:8, "the devil sinneth from the beginning.

What is Satan? 1. A spirit. Eph. 2:2. 2. The one that commits sin is of the devil. 1 John 3:8. 3. John 8:44, the father of lies. 4. a deceiver, 2 Thess. 2:9, 10.

His character. 1. He is a murderer, John 8:44. 2. He is presumptuous, Job 1:6. 3. He is subtle, 2 Cor. 11:3. 4. He is fierce and cruel, Luke 8:29.

The work of Satan. 1. He opposes God's work, 1 Thess. 2:18. 2. He hinders the gospel, Matt. 13:19. 3. He binds, Luke 13:16. 4. He sifts, Luke 22:31. 5. He oppresses, Acts 10:38. 6. He causes professors to lie, Acts 5:3. 7. He seeks to devour, 1 Pet. 5:8.

The wicked: 1. Are his children, Acts 13:10. 2. Turn aside after him, 1 Tim. 5:15. 3. Do his lusts, John 8:44. 4. Are blinded by him, 2 Cor. 4:4. 5. Are deceived by him, 1 Kings 22:21, 22. 6. Are ensnared by him, 2 Tim. 2:26. 7. Shall be punished with him, Matt. 25:41.

The saints: 1. Should resist him, James 4:7. 2. Should be armed against him. Ephesians 6:11-16. 3. Should give no place to him. Eph. 4:27.

The Lord has promised: 1. To bruise him under our feet, Rom. 16:20. 2. To give us power over him, Luke 10:19.

His final doom. Rev. 20:10.

Let the Christian beware  
Of the devil's snare.

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others may treat us, we will continue to love them in the very same way and with even more compassion, realizing their need before God? Jesus was not always understood, loved and honored. How can we weak, unworthy creatures expect to be? He was worthy of all love, honor, and respect—and they crucified Him. Lord, help us to be humble and to remember our place. When the enemy is strong against us, we could not ask for a better time and opportunity to let our light shine and glorify our Heavenly Father. Who could ask for more in their Christian life? It is our duty and privilege to live for Him who died for us. With love to all the saints, Jessie Taylor.

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Mo.—Dear saints,—In Jesus' name we greet you all. We are thankful that we can report victory in our souls over the enemy, who has been trying so hard the last few days to discourage us, but Jesus has been with us and we feel that our prayers have been answered. Thank our dear Lord!

It has been about two months since I wrote to you requesting prayer for my husband who had been poisoned on gas fumes and left in a serious condition, realizing that without the Lord undertaking he might not be here long. On Sunday, February 15th, the saints fasted and prayed for him and surely the Lord did come to our rescue and we believed that the Lord touched his body that day and he began to amend. Now he isn't very strong, but we are still depending on the Lord to finish the work which he has started. The devil tries to get us to doubt about his healing but we just have to put a rebuke in our souls against all doubts. Several people around are watching him and making remarks, so remember us in prayer that we will know what to do and say at all times. Maybe the Lord didn't see fit to heal him instantly, so that it might be a help to some souls. There is always a purpose in these afflictions and trials, so the Lord has brought us down to just be more thankful.

Jesus has really been good to us. He protected us from getting hurt in the bad car wreck that we had. We really have a lot to be thankful for and as we think about it, Salvation means the most!

We promised the Lord that we would write our testimony if he would undertake for us and the enemy kept trying to make us put it off awhile longer, but this morning we defeated the enemy and wrote. We ask the prayers of the dear saints that we will always be true and say "amen" to the Lord's will.

With Christian love, Junior and Viola Atnip.

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Calif.—Dear saints,—I am glad to say that I am saved and sanctified with a true heart. I am encouraged to follow the Lord all the way. I am very glad and happy in my soul today. I have not always been so happy as I am now. The Lord has really blessed me in my soul. He showed me to live every day as if it were the last one and I could always keep victory in my soul. The reason we do not keep victory at times, we think that we have plenty of time, but if we know we have no more time, we will do all we can to keep victory over the devil.

I am so glad the Lord has blessed me so that I can help others. Wherever I go I tell people about Jesus. I have not always been able to do this. I used to be ashamed and would hold my peace. I was not growing in the Lord and didn't know why until the Lord showed me one day. I went to the Lord with all my heart in tears. He so wonderfully helped me and gave me strength to do his will. Praise the Lord! I have been doing it to all I know ever since. I live in a community about 15 miles from Bakers-

field. When I went to the people, telling them about Jesus and living the life before them, they seemed glad to hear the truth and glad to see young people carrying God's words.

We have prayer meeting in our house on Tuesday night. We are very much encouraged and desire the prayers of all the saints to pray for us and the people.

Geneva Norling.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Okla.—Dear saints,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. This morning finds me saved and pressing on in Jesus' dear name. I feel very much encouraged to press on for the Lord. I am still suffering quite a bit with neuritis, and have been for quite a long time. I desire the saints' prayers that the Lord will give me grace to hold on to my healing, since I know that he has touched my body.

I promised the Lord if he would give me complete healing that I would write to the "Faith and Victory" paper. I had a severe cold just a few weeks ago and I asked the Lord to heal me. He wonderfully healed my body. Praise his wonderful name. He has been so good to me. Please pray that the Lord will give me complete healing for this neuritis. Your sister, Callie B. Owens.

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Tex.—Dear saints,—Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Savior. I felt that it would be pleasing to the Lord to send in my testimony. The Lord has been so good to me. He has healed me so many times. It is impossible to tell of all his blessings to me. I am trusting him for both body and soul. He has promised to never leave us or forsake us. Praise his dear name.

I surely thank the Lord for giving me strength to withstand in these perilous times. I have no greater desire than to do the will of God at all times. We cannot be too careful in these times, for it is so easy for Satan to get his finger in our affairs. Let us watch and pray that we fall not into temptation. The Lord is ready to save us in time of trouble. We only have to call on him. Therefore we cannot be too careful or neglect the Lord in any way. There is so much that I would like to do for the Lord, but it seems that I can't get out in the world. I am not able, but I do send off tracts and papers and help all I can. If the Lord wanted me to do otherwise he would tell me. So if he can use me better this way, so be it, for it is not my will but God's will that will be done.

I read the views brother Pruitt gave on the new Revised Bible and I think he is right. I thank God for a nice clean paper like the "Faith and Victory" and a clean editor who is not afraid to tell the people the truth. We read much of others burning the new Bible in public, but will that help? I think not. We all should have learned by this time that burning a book will not destroy its contents, but it will make people want to read it more for curiosity than anything else. For myself, give me the true Holy Bible with the teachings as Jesus taught it, which is the true word of God.

There are many people who say they are Christians, yet they do not give the Lord their whole heart. Take heed, dear ones, or you may find your worship vain. Read Matt. 15:8-9, which tells us "This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoreth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me." Therefore we should be very careful of our actions and pray earnestly that the Lord will guide us in the right way.

A few months ago the dear Lord gave me a commandment and I was not happy until I fulfilled it. One

afternoon as I sat sewing all alone, I had a desire to read my Bible, which is always handy. I had only been reading a few moments when I heard the words "Be baptized." Thinking someone had come in, I glanced up quickly but saw no one. I looked down at the page I was reading, and not a word was mentioned about baptizing. Then again came the words more clearly and more closely "Be baptized." I raised my head and then before me, oh the brightness and there in its midst stood Jesus. In his eyes was the most deep, tender love that I had ever seen. Oh, the nearness of the Lord! Not another word was spoken. He just looked at me so I said, "So be it Lord," then he vanished. Who would dare to ignore a command like that? About three weeks later I was baptized again. Of course I had been baptized before when I was saved, but for some reason it was the will of the Lord. Oh, how happy I was when I was able to keep my promise and do the Lord's will. Praise his dear name. I pray the Lord to ever keep me faithful and true. It pays to do his will in all things.

Oh, dear ones who read this, be sure you give God your heart. If you haven't, won't you kneel down now and ask him to take your heart and make it clean and pure, and keep it in his care. He will hear the faintest cry and he will answer now. May the dear Lord bless the saints everywhere. A sister in Christ, Flora Gibson.

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Calif.—Dear saints,—Greetings in the name of our Savior. He means so much to me this morning. I can report victory in my soul and I feel led to write and tell a little of God's dealings in my life. Of late he is helping me draw closer and I feel that every blood washed soul feels the same hunger for a closer walk. Oh, praise his dear name. It is for us if we press a little harder.

We need, as never before to help our brothers and sisters on the narrow way, and also be a light to the lost who are looking for the Light. Along the way of life it means so much to let our light shine as Jesus wants us to, it may mean a soul lost or saved. We need to be so careful at all times and be sure that the Lord is having his way in our heart and life. We cannot succeed and have victory if we look back, for behind are our battles that we have lost or won and there is no encouragement in what might have been. The enemy of our soul would love to have us to dwell on our past and if we look to the right or to the left, we find our brothers and sisters that have once walked by our side, going back and walking no more with us. We find that it sometimes happens in our homes or may find that we have depended on others and not have power to have true victory for ourselves.

Here in California we water our lands, and while I was watering, the Lord gave me a lesson, also a blessing. We have a rose bush by a water faucet, but it was dying. It was near the water of life but wasn't receiving the water and so it is in our lives. We live close to praying and believing people and the Church, but unless we open our hearts, no help can come in and we must open it ourselves. We see so many young people, children of the saints, depending on the prayers of their parents, going on in sin and sometimes saying, "My folks have me on the altar. Their prayers are being answered when I am sick or in trouble." Oh, they are missing a blessing, and there may be souls lost by their neglect and what awful traps Satan may get them into. God wants our hearts and lives while we are young and while he is calling. Let us pray for more soul burden for our children. God will do his part when we do our's.

It doesn't pay to look ahead for we can never see

what tomorrow may bring. The Lord wants us to trust him for what we will need for soul victory and for our bodies. The only way for us to find and have real victory is to keep looking up, for there is nothing from above to cause us to fail only the things we need to be able to live to reach our home in heaven.

Mrs. Gladys Ewbank.

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Ga.—Dear saints everywhere,—Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I am yet saved and trusting the Lord for soul and body, and thanking him for his healing power. I have been healed so many times for which I give God all the glory.

I will tell of my healing that it may encourage some one to trust God more. I was getting out of a car and the door was shut with three of my fingers on my right hand caught in the door. Everyone just knew that my fingers were broken, but they weren't, thank the Lord. The flesh was pressed to the bone. They didn't swell, nor were they bruised. I did my cooking and went to work. The next day it didn't bother me at all. Then about a month later I had a severe pain in my side and leg. I couldn't sleep or relax at any time. I was still trusting God. I sent for an anointed handkerchief, applied it and was completely healed. I want to thank the saints for their prayers. I am much encouraged to ever live for the Lord. There are no saints in this city that I know of, but I have taken a stand to live for the Lord and I know he is with me. Pray for me. Leila Chiles.

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Okla.—Dear friends in Christ Jesus,—We're all on our way to the Judgment. Let us run more than ever before, for we are nearly to the end of our journey. We better see to it that we will all take time to do good from now on, for death is riding in the land, and we have no more time to lose. The Lord is going to soon call this old world into judgment. Let us see to it that we talk less and pray more and fast more that we will get the desires of our hearts. Let us pray more for our unsaved children that don't know God, also our neighbors and friends.

Let us pray more this year that it will be a year of Jubilee with the saints. Also pray for God's people to come together more in unity this year than ever before, for Christ says that if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the sinners and ungodly appear? The time must come when judgment must begin at the house of God. If it first starts at us, what is going to become of them that obey not the gospel of God? See to it that we obey the word of God at all times.

Your sister in Christ,

Lizzie Jordan.

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Okla.—Dear saints,—Greetings in the name of Jesus. I am so thankful that I can report victory in my soul this morning. We are so much encouraged to go all the way with our dear Lord. He is so good to us. We can never thank him enough for what he has done for us.

We have been with the saints three years and I can truly say that those three years have been the happiest time of my life. When my husband and I found the Lord we were both sick in soul and body, but thank the dear Lord he saved our souls and healed our bodies.

My husband had never been saved or belonged to any church until he met the saints. He always said that if he ever heard a preacher preach the Bible and live it, he was going to get saved. And thank the Lord, he not only found the preacher but a host of the Lord's dear saints that lived and preached the Bible. I thank the dear Lord

so much that we found the saints, and above all that we found the Lord. I was a believer in the wrong church. I thank the Lord for bringing me out before it was too late.

I desire the prayers of the saints that I will be the kind of a wife and mother that the Lord would have me to be. I do want to live a close life and raise our children in the fear of the Lord. We desire your earnest prayers that we will ever live for the Lord. We would also like for the saints to help us pray for our unsaved children, and above all that we will stand true for the Lord.

A sister in Christ, Mrs. E. A. Perkins, Sr.

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Ill.—Dear saints everywhere,—I am glad that I can tell what the Lord has done for me. He has saved and kept me by his boundless love and grace. He has recently healed me of an annoying affliction, which held on for three years. But the Lord is faithful. He has verified his word many times in our home. I love him very much and want to show my appreciation to him. May the Lord bless and keep his own. In Christian love, I. R.

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Kans.—Dear saints of God everywhere,—I feel very thankful to be of the Holy Remnant, and very thankful for what God has done for me.

About a month ago I had a vision that I was standing in fire. I didn't exactly know the meaning of it until about ten days ago. I was cleaning some wool skirts in naphth, (the fire chief thinks that the wool ignited) and the next thing I knew I was standing in a pool of fire. I had to walk through fire to safety, burning my right arm and hand, and both legs from the ankle to above the knees, burning my left leg seriously.

Oh, but God has been real to me in this affliction. He has taught me faith, hope, patience, and so many wonderful lessons. I don't regret having been burned, because I know that all things work together for good to them that love God. And truly I love the Lord tonight above all other things and mean to put him first in all things. For about six weeks I had been under a nervous strain and could hardly relax. But thank God, now I can relax, read, and pray as I would like to and feel his nearness again. I have given up all so pray much for me that I always let first things come first and be found doing His precious will at all times. I thank the saints for how wonderful they have been to me in this affliction.

Yours in Him, Gladys Williams.

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Mo.—To the dear saints and friends of the Truth.—We are thanking the dear Lord this morning for salvation and for his love and mercy to us.

We truly thank God for his "unchanging word." Ever since we found the Truth we have appreciated the precious thought that his word is unchanging—reads today just as it will at the Judgment. How sad it is to see those who have once preached this truth and other dear saints drifting away from its pure teaching and now teaching a false doctrine, that is, only one work of grace," or that the carnal nature is taken away in justification—no cleansing in sanctification. What a sad thing it is to try to bring in such a doctrine by which souls may be deceived and led away from the truth of the gospel.

Let us be watchful dear ones and keep humble, prayerful, and live this life every day lest the enemy deceive us. You know, the promise is to those who continue to walk in the light. His word tells us "the meek will he teach his way," and also promises to guide us. Praise his dear name! No doubt these dear souls have failed to obey the Lord and failed to walk in the light. How care-

ful we should be to obey God! We just pray for those who have drifted into this deception and pray that each one of us will lean upon God for his help and understanding.

One who loves the Truth.

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Mich.—Dear saints,—Greetings in the sweet and precious name of Jesus. For the glory of God, I desire to give my testimony of a few things that the dear Lord has done for me, for which I thank and praise Him.

First of all I thank him for saving my soul, and enabling me to discern his Body, as the church of God and for setting me in the body as it hath pleased him. I do want to fill my place in the body and let him keep me fitted for my place. I want him to work in and through me to his own glory. I would not give up my title to that future world of bliss for the shining gold and silver of a thousand worlds like this. This world has no charms for me. My heart is set on Heaven and I want to lay up my treasures there.

I feel that it would be to the glory of God to tell of three instances of healing I have had since Christmas. I had been ailing a little before Christmas. On Christmas night I awoke with a severe hurting in my heart, which continued for several hours. Before day, I told my husband that I wanted to call for the saints to pray for me. He went to his son's and got his son's wife to come. She called some saints in Kalamazoo. After a few hours they came and held on in prayer, kneeling and praying with me several times, before I finally got permanent relief, and I could feel in my body that I was healed. I continued to get better. Again in February I had a bad case of flu. Again the saints from Kalamazoo came and prayed for me. And after much prayer and holding on by faith I felt again in my body that I was healed, but my faith was tried before I got permanent relief. Then, over two weeks ago I began suffering with my back and a weakness in my body. I wrote to the saints at the "Faith Publishing House" for prayer for healing. On Saturday night while in prayer I received faith for healing and I could tell so much difference in my feelings the next morning. I knew God had heard and answered prayer.

Yours in Christ, Mrs. Frank Brant.

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Calif.—Dear children of God,—We feel impressed to write to you of God's goodness to us. We have often been encouraged by the good testimonies of the saints in the "Faith and Victory" paper, but had never written one ourself. Not that God hadn't done things for me worth telling, but I just hadn't been impressed sufficiently.

We do thank the Lord for the medium of encouragement, by way of testimonies in the paper. And just recently we were, and had been reading some of them when our little girl was seized with an attack of appendicitis. She was in such severe pain that she later told her mother that she thought she would die. We thank God for his saints who are always so willing to get under the burden with us in time of need, but when we tried to contact them this time we were unable to get any of them at the time we needed them most. But our God is always present, so wife and I anointed her in the name of the Lord and prayed for her and God kept his promise by healing her. I promised Him if he would heal her that I would write of it in the paper. Praise his dear name! This is only one of the many times that God has been our help. He has healed in our family for nineteen years and still is healing.

We want also to thank God for his mercies to us during the years we spent in sin. He could have easily

cut us off without any hope of heaven but he didn't. We also thank him that he delivered us from bitterness and division and has filled us with love and fellowship with him and all the redeemed. He blesses us physically, temporally and spiritually, and is a present help at all times. Surely we with the psalmist "Bless his holy name" and don't expect to "forget his many benefits." Pray that we do his will. Your saved brother, Paul Lawson.

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Mo.—Dear saints,—I desire the saints everywhere to pray for the healing of my eye that has infection in it. It has bothered me over a year. I had a jaw tooth pulled and the jaw bone was burst badly. It affected my eyes. I know there is not any affliction too hard for our dear Lord to heal. I have trusted the Lord for thirty-three years and he has healed me many times. My eye feels sore and seems to get weaker. I know the Lord can heal it and make it strong. A sister, Mrs. Fannie Williams.

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Okl.—Dear saints and all who read the "Faith and Victory,—Greetings to all in the name of Him who suffered so much and died for us that we might live for Him and suffer for his sake. It has been quite awhile since I testified through our good little paper "Faith and Victory" so I want all of you to know that I am still at the front of the battle for God and lost souls.

I am so glad that I can report victory in my soul this morning over the world, the flesh, and the devil. I am dwelling in the secret place of the most High, and abiding under the shadow of the Almighty. He covers me with his feathers (Isa. 91:4) and protects me with his big wings as I take shelter under them. He gives me salvation for walls and bulwarks, so I can say from my heart, "Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid." I am dead to all that the world has to offer. This world has no charms for me for I have crucified the flesh with the affections and lust. All I want is more of God and his holy way. I am traveling upon the highway of holiness and my eyes are fixed on Jesus. All of my trust is in the Lord and it is so wonderful how HE takes care of all of my needs. I am almost six years beyond three score and ten, and I can truthfully say I am having the very best time of all my life for I have a close walk with God.

I thank God that I can truthfully say from the depth of my soul that my personal experience with the Lord is:

"It pays to serve Jesus, I speak from my heart

He will always be with us if we do our part

There's naught in this wide world can pleasure afford

There's peace and contentment in serving the Lord.

"I love him far better than in days of yore,

I'll serve him more truly than ever before

I'll do what he bids me whatever the cost,

I'll be a true soldier, I'll die at my post."

From every standpoint in life, I can say by experience that it pays big to serve Jesus always. He is my very best Friend and he sticks closer than a brother. Jesus is the only friend a sinner ever needs. He is so good to all who put their trust and confidence in him. In conclusion, I ask all who read this:

"Have you found this abiding place in Jesus?

Are you grafted unto the true and living Vine?

There is grace for every care in the secret place of prayer,

There is victory for us all along the line."

I am so happy in the Lord this morning. The sunshine of his love is flooding my soul. Glory be to God. My spiritual sky is bright, this morning there is not a

cloud in sight. Dear saints, let us all be true. Jesus is coming soon. Your happy, bloodwashed brother in the one body.

George W. Stephenson.

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Kans.—Dear saints,—We are still encouraged in the Lord as he is our all in all. Surely we cannot praise him enough for what he has done for us. There are many promises in the Bible for trusting children and they are all true. I am just beginning to realize how wonderful Jesus really is. He will keep his word with us if we will keep our word with him.

Many people say that the days of miracles are past and that the Lord doesn't heal any more. How wrong they are because Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Jesus healed the blind, the lame, the palsy, opened deaf ears, healed the leprosy, and healed all manner of sickness and diseases during his life time here on the earth. He has risen from death and ascended to heaven, leaving his Spirit that He might abide within us. Therefore we have the privileges of justification, sanctification, and divine healing. Jesus set forth the example for us to live by. Divine healing is just as real today as it was when Jesus and the apostles were here. He said that when we are sick to call for the elders of the church and let them pray over us, anointing us with oil in the name of the Lord and that the prayer of faith shall save the sick and that the Lord would raise him up. James 5:13-15. It doesn't say that the doctors would heal us but that the Lord would heal us. Praise his name! And Christ would not have told us these things if he could not heal us in this day and time. Isa. 53:5 also says "By his stripes we are healed." Just think, those stripes that were laid on his back were for our healing. I'm thankful that I can trust God the way he wants me to and not trust in the arm of man. He surely is a great healer to all that will trust him.

I can truly say that the Lord healed my wife. On January 14th of this year my wife became ill. As the days passed on she grew worse and worse. The suffering attacks which she had, became more painful each time. Some nights we would get very little sleep. Though our bodies became very tired and weary, we never thought of turning to the arm of flesh but kept trusting God. The Lord was good to touch her body and relieve the pain for a time.

Our time came to leave for Selective Service duty and my wife was not healed yet. She was so weak that it looked like we would lose her. From all information available, her condition was serious enough to result in death if the Lord didn't undertake soon. It seemed that everything we heard about her condition was discouraging but we still trusted God for her healing. The Lord touched her body enough that she was able to attend meeting the night before we left to report for duty the next day. She was anointed the same night. Another attack came on before we got home. The saints came over and prayed for her. The Lord was good again to touch her body and she had strength enough to make the trip with me to Topeka, Kansas—345 miles from Guthrie, Oklahoma.

A few days went by before she had any more attacks, but this time they were more severe. One night the pain was so great that I had to hold her in a certain propped-up position for awhile. It just looked like her time had come, but we didn't give up because this looked bad. We just kept praying. Soon God heard us and relieved the pain so that we rested most of the night.

A few days later while I was returning home from

work, I became very burdened. I felt like she wouldn't pull through. I prayed that God would heal her. He gave her to me and she is so much encouragement and such a good wife to me. Many times when it seemed like I couldn't hold my head up, she would hold it up for me. She has been such a beautiful flower to me in our married life and to think of losing her was hard for me to bear. God made me to know that she would be such a beautiful flower up there in the Master's bouquet; that her life's crown would shine with its purity, toil and care would be over; no more trials, tears, sorrows, or heartaches, but there would be such joy, peace, and happiness—what a glorious and blissful home! Knowing this made it easier for me to say as Jesus "Not my will Lord, but thine be done." I didn't want to stand in the way of her receiving such an inheritance as that, but asked God to have his way with us. I didn't know if she would be alive or not when I got home. On arriving home I was cheered up more, because my wife was much better. The Lord had healed her. She was weak in body but the condition was healed. Jesus surely is still healing people today. Praise him for his greatness!

I pray that her healing will be of some encouragement to someone else. Always stop and think "What would Jesus do?" We truly are thankful for all of your prayers that went to the throne in our behalf. We heard that the saints were praying all over the land for her healing. We pray that God will bless you wherever you are and supply your needs. We pray most of all that your souls will be more encouraged to press the battle on.

Pray for us saints here in Topeka, Kans. when you think of it. There are three couples of us here now to work for the Lord. Pray that God will lead us to the hungry souls. Topeka is a city of 100,000 population. We don't know of any saints here. Surely the Lord could raise up a congregation here. We have meeting in the jail twice a month and will start having meeting in "The Samaritan" Nursing Home soon. Earnestly pray that if it be possible to carry the gospel to souls here that he would lead us to them as we have two years to spend here in Selective Service duty.

Yours in Christ,

Troy and Wilma Meek.

## BIBLE STUDY

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### BUILDING THE CHURCH AT EPHESUS

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Printed Portion.....Acts 19:8-10; 20:17-27.

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

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

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

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

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

19. Serving the Lord with all humility of mind and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews:

20. And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house,

21. Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

22. And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there:

23. Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me.

24. But 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.

25. And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more.

26. Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men.

27. For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.

Memory Verse: For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 3:11.

Practical Truth: Faithful and spiritual pastors are needed to build up spiritual churches.

## COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

There is great need of good foundations when a building is planned. How much more when a spiritual house is being erected. The only foundation a Christian life can be built on is Christ. In 1 Cor. 10:4 he is called "spiritual Rock," and in 1 Cor. 3:11 he is the only "foundation" to be used.

The same applies to the building of the church. Christ is the chief corner Stone. In building the church at Ephesus, Paul was a busy worker for and in behalf of the Lord Jesus Christ. He preached "things concerning the kingdom of God," and they "Heard the word of the Lord Jesus." He served the "Lord with all humility of mind." Notice in the same verse, of the "tears and temptations" and later that he "kept back nothing that was profitable unto you," but showed and taught them. He was diligent in his work for he went from house to house, and as he went he was "testifying—repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." While Paul knew "that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me" yet he says "I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God."

## PAUL UNDER GUARD IN ROME

May 10, 1953

Printed Portion.....Acts 28:14b-24, 30-31.

Acts 28:14b. So we went toward Rome.

15. And from thence, when the brethren heard of us, they came to meet us as far as Appii forum, and The three taverns: whom when Paul saw, he thanked God, and took courage.

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

17. And it came to pass, that after three days Paul called the chief of the Jews together: and when they were

come together, he said unto them, Men and brethren, though I have committed nothing against the people, or customs of our fathers, yet was I delivered prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Memory Verse:** We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. Rom. 8:28.

**Practical Truth:** Even a prisoner in chains may win souls for Christ.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Paul longed to see the saints at Rome and in his writing to them he said, "For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established" Rom. 1:11. Paul's desire was granted, for he was sent to Rome and there was in his own hired house two whole years.

Paul had many discouragements by the way, but when he came near Rome and the brethren met him "he thanked God, and took courage." He was not long time in Rome until he called the Jews together and told them the cause for his being bound in chains. He said "For the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain." Here we find him still faithful to his task of preaching things concerning the kingdom of God and "teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ." This hope that the Jews had was that Christ (or Messiah) should come and set up his kingdom. Now Paul is most convincing in his arguments that this Jesus is the Christ and his kingdom is already set up and not only the Jews but all nations that will come, may come into his kingdom.

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#### LIVING AS CHRISTIANS

May 17, 1953

Printed Portion. . . . . 1 Thessalonians 1:1; 5:1-11, 14-23.

1 Thes. 1:1. Paul and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians which is in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

5:1. But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.

2. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

3. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

4. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

5. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

6. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.

7. For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.

8. But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

9. For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

10. Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.

11. Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

14. Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.

15. See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.

16. Rejoice evermore.

17. Pray without ceasing.

18. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

19. Quench not the Spirit.

20. Despise not prophesyings.

21. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

22. Abstain from all appearance of evil.

23. And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Memory Verse:** For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. 1 Thes. 5:9-10.

**Practical Truth:** Genuine Christian living is Christ-like in outer conduct and springs from a character which has been made Christlike within.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Our title of this lesson and the practical truth give us the fundamental principles of Christian living. Christ in the soul is paramount and gives power to live as he lived and "do always those things that please him" John 8:20. Since Jesus pleased his Father and we have him dwelling in our soul, then we too can please God, "for ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God" Col. 3:3.

The exhortations given here were to stop quarreling, control the unruly, build up the feebleminded, be patient, forgiving and understanding; they were to rejoice, pray, render thanks to God, quench not the Spirit, abstain from evil, and allow God's sanctifying grace its full scope. All this is essential to being blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The proof of our faith is our Christian living. The saying is "Actions speak louder than words."



Since the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ is the next event to take place in the program that God has declared and he wills that all men be saved and is not willing that any should perish; how essential it is that we as Christians let our light shine in this sinful dark world.

### PROBLEMS OF THE CHRISTIAN CONSCIENCE

May 24, 1953

Printed Portion.....1 Corinthians 8:7-13; 6:18-20.

1 Cor. 8:7. Howbeit there is not in every man that knowledge: for some with conscience of the idol unto this hour eat it as a thing offered unto an idol; and their conscience being weak is defiled.

8. But meat commendeth us not to God: for neither, if we eat, are we the better; neither, if we eat not, are we the worse.

9. But take heed lest by any means this liberty of your's become a stumblingblock to them that are weak.

10. For if any man see thee which hast knowledge sit at meat in the idol's temple, shall not the conscience of him which is weak be emboldened to eat those things which are offered to idols;

11. And through thy knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died?

12. But when ye sin so against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ.

13. Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend.

6:18. Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.

19. What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

20. For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

**Memory Verse:** If meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend. 1 Cor. 8:13.

**Practical Truth:** A Christian should be influenced by his own obligations to God and by the probable effect of his example upon others.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Here we have Paul putting issue on the Christian basis of self denial for another person's good. There are those who profess that they are Christians but do not deny self and Jesus said very plainly that we are to deny self. In the first place we need to be all that the Lord would have us to be and then we will not be a stumblingblock to the weak. So as we study the word of God from day to day and God gives us light we can be better examples as Christians.

Every Christian is a "new creature" (2 Cor. 5:17) and is such by the Spirit of God entering and regenerating the soul as we find in the third chapter of John. Since the soul resides in the body, then each body so indwelt becomes a temple of the Spirit for his purpose. It is that purpose which is to become the most important fact of our lives. Each of the New Testament characters reveal success or failure according to the degree that they were faithful to their calling. We are not all called alike, nor do we all the same work. Our willingness to do his will, will insure his enabling us for what he calls us to do. The best way to control the body is to use it as an instrument of God's purpose. Rom. 6:19.

### THE WAY OF CHRISTIAN LOVE

May 31, 1953

Printed Portion.....1 Corinthians 13:1-13.

1 Cor. 13:1. Though I speak with the tongues of men and angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

2. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

3. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

4. Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

5. Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

6. Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

7. Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

8. Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

9. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

10. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

11. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

12. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face; now I know in part: but then shall I know even as also I am known.

13. And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

**Memory Verse:** Now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

**Practical Truth:** The supreme grace which should characterize a Christian is love.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The divine love in the soul is the very essence of true religion. Paul declares that love is of greater value than all spiritual gifts.

Love has fifteen marks that are never wanting:

1. "Suffereth long," it keeps on loving when it seems vain to do so. 2. "Is kind"—even its necessary severity is gentle and tender. Eph. 4:32. 3. "Envieth not"—love has good will for others. The Jews had envy for Jesus and put him on the cross. Mark 15:10. 4. "Vaunteth not itself"—let another have the honor. 5. "Is not puffed up"—thinks not highly of self, but is "clothed with humility." 6. "Doth not behave itself unseemly"—does all things decently and in order. 7. "Seeketh not her own"—is concerned about the welfare, comfort, and salvation of all. 8. "Is not easily provoked"—it may be often grieved but never stirred to wrath. 9. "Thinketh no evil"—do not think evil of others. 10. "Rejoiceth not in iniquity"—when others fail, love doesn't rejoice. 11. "Rejoiceth in the truth"—can, from the heart, sanction and help propagate the truth, the whole Word of God. 12. "Beareth all things"—love bears with others. 13. "Believeth all things"—hope for the best in others. 14. "Hopeth all things"—when others fail, love still has hope. 15. "Endureth all things"—when all is said and done, still have a forgiving spirit as Jesus and Stephen. Luke 23:34; Acts 7:60.

C. W.