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A Battle Between A Soul And Satan

Some with great zeal for heaven start out;
We'll take the city, you can hear them shout.
Now it's time for Satan to start his work,
He's one that's never been known to shirk.
Your shout of victory is still going strong;
Satan says, "I'll not put up with that long;
So he brings out his dirty pack
He always carries on his back.

He tries each article one at a time;
If we don't be careful he's sure to find
The one that will change our joyful shout
To howling dismay or maybe a pout.
Our patience is gone; our faith is weak
Until hardly a word for God we can speak.
Satan sits back with greatest of glee:
I've got him coming; he'll be working for me.

I'll put my pressure on hard and strong,
He'll soon be mine and it won't be long.
I've worried him so already today,
He can't find time to read or to pray.
That's the best weapon I've found to use;
For if we don't eat, our strength we'll lose.
I know what the Word tells him to do;
Pray always, rejoice much, and his strength He'll re-
new.

So with patience I put everything in his way
So I can be sure he can't read or can't pray.
Now I'll sit back and bide my time,
Just a short time and he'll be mine.

This doesn't have to happen to you,
God has a way to carry us through.
Just go back to the Wicker gate,
Repent, believe, it's not too late.
Then obey all of God's Word in love,
It will lead you right home to mansions above.

—Ersa Carrick.

Well-Pleasing

The word, "Well-pleasing" is recorded three times in the Bible and the word "well-pleased" is on record many times.

In Philippians 4:18, we read where Paul spoke about a thing that was well-pleasing unto God and that thing was that the Philippian brethren, or saints, had sent some things to him for his need, and he said that they had an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice, acceptable, "well-pleasing unto God." God is well pleased with us when we give unto the ministers or to the cause of God, and the more of a sacrifice it is, the more he is pleased, for it shows love to his children and to Him. It is as showing love to Him and such giving carries weight with it in bearing the fruits of the Spirit and determines where our affections are; whether on our selfish interests or on the interests of the Kingdom of God.

The next place the word is found is in Col. 3:20, and it reads thus, "Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well-pleasing unto the Lord." It pleases the Lord for the children to be obedient unto their parents and Paul has more to say about this in the first part of the 6th chapter of Ephesians. He says, "Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth." This should be a precious promise to all children. To have God's approval upon us is worth more than any thing else in the world.

Dear old Brother Boebel, who was for many years in the congregation here at Guthrie, often spoke of how he obeyed his parents and honoured them and cared for them when he was a young man, and he felt assured that God would give him a long life as promised. It was a great comfort to him in his declining years that he had obeyed this scripture, and he lived to be up in ninety years, having good health most of the time. God fulfills his promises to every faithful child. He says, "The willing and obedient shall eat the good of the land."

The next place that the word "well-pleasing" is found is in Heb. 13:21, and here he says, "Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight through

Jesus Christ: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen." He wants us to let the Lord Jesus Christ make us perfect so it will be Jesus working in us to do His will, which will be well-pleasing in the sight of God our Father.

Now we turn to the word, "Well-pleased," which has practically the same meaning as the word, "Well-pleasing." Reading the 15th and 16th verses of this same chapter, which is the 13th chapter of Hebrews, we find that we as the children of God are to offer unto God the sacrifice of praise continually, which he says is the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name. In the 16th verse he says, "But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well-pleased. According to these scriptures, we can be well pleasing to God by doing good, giving unto the need of others. To work and labor and give to the cause of God and supply the needs of His ambassadors (2 Cor. 5:20) with such sacrifices God will be well pleased.

Six different times in the New Testament, it is recorded that God was well pleased with his Son. Jesus said in John 8:21, "I do always those things that please Him." We are to be like Jesus and do always those things that please Him and then the Father will say of us to the holy angels, "They are pleasing me," and his blessings and favors will rest upon us.

In Eccl. 8:12, 13 we find these words, "Yet surely I know that it will be well with them that fear God, which fear before Him: but it will not be well with the wicked."

When the apostle Paul was nearing the end, he just the same as said that he had pleased the Lord, for he exclaimed, "I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." And then he saw a crown of righteousness laid up for him.

Brethren, we can have that same assurance in our souls by obedience to him who has washed us from our sins in his own blood. Let us each one look to Him for grace to live well pleasing in his sight. If we furnish the willingness all the time, he will furnish the power and grace needed and a glorious ending will be our portion of delight in that day. —Fred Pruitt.

—oOo— Sanctified By Faith

"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" Heb. 11:6. "That they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me." Acts 26:18. "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: by whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand" Rom. 5:1,2.

Faith in the blood of Christ. "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate." Heb. 13:12. "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." 1 John 1:7.

Dead to sin by faith: "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. For he that is dead is freed from sin. . . . Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:6, 7, 11.

Free from sin by faith: "Being then made free from sin, ye became servants to righteousness. . . . For as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness. . . . But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life." Rom. 6:18-22. "Jesus answered them, Verily, Verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin, and the servant abideth not in the house forever: but the Son abideth ever. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." John 8:34-36. "And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not. Whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him. . . . He that committeth sin is of the devil. Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him, and he can not sin, because he is born of God. In this the children of God are manifest and the children of the devil." 1 John 3:5-10

A pure heart by faith: "And God which knoweth the hearts bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us, and put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith." Acts 15:8, 9.

We receive the Holy Spirit by faith: "That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles thru Jesus Christ, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith." Gal. 3:14. "That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost." Rom. 15:16. "If ye then being evil [earthly], know how to give good gifts to your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him." Luke 11:13.

Sanctification is a redemption blessing offered to us upon specified conditions. The natural and general blessings of God toward men, such as sunshine, rain, and all other temporal or earthly blessings, may be received alike by both saint and sinner, who come into conformity with the natural laws by which these natural are governed. Every redemption or spiritual blessing is also governed by divinely fixed laws, which if complied with, will invariably bring us to all that is contained in the promise. God is able to bestow upon us these blessings unconditionally if this should be his sovereign will in some individual instances; but according to his redemption plan there is no assurance given to any one for any of these specified blessings without a strict conformity to divine law. The Word

of God plainly sets forth the laws upon which these different redemption blessings are based. Repentance and faith are the laws of justification. It is a divinely established fact that God cannot lie. He has forever settled his word in heaven and also upon earth; therefore, it is impossible that any sinner should comply with the laws of repentance and faith and not be justified. Consecration and faith are the laws of sanctification, which if complied with must necessarily bring us into this glorious soul-rest.

These laws are definitely fixed, and must as definitely be complied with. A definite consecration and a definite faith will produce a definite experience. One great lack in the church today is lack of definiteness. A definite experience should be definitely taught and consequently it will be definitely sought and obtained.

In the apostles' commission we distinctly see that we are sanctified by faith. Acts 26:18. We also see that Jesus suffered on the cross that he might sanctify us with his own blood. This points us to the fact that we must have faith in his blood. This grace is purchased for us, and now it is for us to receive it. We also see that he has made provision in this same purchase that we may be kept sanctified. This is upon the simple condition of walking in the light as he is in the light. The result of which is: His blood cleanseth us from all sin. These precious truths will do us no good if we do not believe them. No heart can ever receive the benefits of this inestimable purchase without faith. Faith is the hand that reaches out and takes it. Jesus can do no more than he has done to bring it to us. He holds it out to us, all and complete, and as we meet the conditions of consecration and faith, it becomes ours.

The apostle teaches us in Rom. 6:11 to reckon ourselves "dead indeed unto sin." This can be done only by faith. The reckoning of faith is a very simple process; it is just believing God. Abraham believed God, simply reckoned that what God said was true, and then God counted something to Abraham. He counted it to him for righteousness.

This is the divine law of faith. When we believe it is so because God says it, then God makes it so because we believe it. This law applies to all the graces of the gospel alike. It is a sad fact that some professing Christians do not believe we can be sanctified in this life. Now, it is utterly impossible for such people to get it. They do not believe. The blood of Christ can not sanctify them in this condition. It is not for them at all. It is only for them that believe, and of course, no one can believe for it in the scriptural sense without having met the condition of scriptural consecration. Then the scriptural reckoning will bring the scriptural and satisfactory result.

Science and the Bible

Is there a God? This is the most important question the finite mind of man can possibly ask.

The very fact that man is able to ask the question "Is there a God?" should in itself be sufficient proof that there is and must be a God. But man is an in-

tensely proud creation and demands absolute proof. Man figures he has the sense of reason, so why not exercise that faculty?

Thousands upon thousands of proofs abound. Behold the human body itself. A more perfect machine can never be made. Consider the invisible microbe that even the most powerful lenses cannot detect. The terrible power of the mighty tiger. The beauty of the peacock. The song of the golden canary. The monsters of the fathomless sea. The air waves of the radio. The revolution of the earth around the sun and the moon around the earth. The different speeches of countless tongues. The blending of the royal purple and the glittering orange into the liquid gold of a brilliant sunset. The music of the wind whispering through a forest. The simplicity of the unassuming violet or the grandeur of the orchid. The change of the four seasons. The perfume of the rose. The silence of the night and the noise of the day. The ever-changing clouds above. Clouds that drop beautiful, geometric-designed flakes of snow to blanket Mother Earth with a white mantle. Clouds that in summer send drops of crystal-clear rain to quench the soil so that man may live. The tiny hummingbird flitting from flower to flower, and the powerful eagle surveying everything from his roost on the mountain peak. The pure water of the mountain brook. The salty brine of the five seas. The precious stones in the rocks of the earth. The ever-changing shadows and the brilliance of the sun. But let us look upwards into the firmament and contemplate the stars.

What a flow of sublime thought rushes through the mind, as in the solitude of the stillness of night we gaze in rapture at the stars that radiate and glow in vast, ethereal space. Luminous diadems of the firmament resplendent in their celestial grandeur, they blazon forth in brilliant glory from the utmost depths of a tranquil sky. Yet ever true to their course, unceasingly, in endless array they hurtle space and hold their sway in those boundless dominions.

This is a gorgeous display that warms the heart—so soft and smooth, so soothing to our wearied soul. We feel at ease, a calm enshrouds us with its restful mantle of deep reverie. We behold the universe! The by-gone ages roll by. How insignificant we appear! We think of life, we think of death, we think of eternity. We pause, and pondering, hesitate. Why are we? Whence came we? Whither do we go? How did it come about? From whence, and to what end? That is the great enigma—the riddle of life.

What reason, what intelligence, what influence dominates all, even to mind and matter, life and death? Only a self-existing, uncreated power, that was, that is, that ever will be—an Omnipotent God in whom we should find our destiny. "My God who made me, who will save me, that my soul may rest in Him eternally." Yes, there is and there must be a God.

--Copied from "Christian Victory."

The shortest thing

With the longest regret,

Is a life lived in sin

We can never forget. --E. E. F.

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NOTICE

We would like to call the attention of those who attended the campmeeting at Dover to the fact that several of our song books, "Evening Light Songs" are missing. We thought some by mistake packed them with their books when preparing to leave. Please look among your books. If you have one or more of same, please send to Ulysses Phillips, Dover, Okla. The books are marked on the inside of cover, "Property of the Church of God, Dover, Okla." —U. Phillips.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Will the saints please fast and pray with me some Sunday (or any time) for my husband's salvation? Also please help me pray for our grandson who has hay fever.
—Sister Mary Whitmore.

Sister Solid of Bertha, Minnesota, desires the saints' earnest prayers for the complete healing of her body.

Editorials

The letters which we have received since sending out the September issue of "Faith and Victory" paper have been pleasing and refreshing to our souls. To be a worker together with God satisfies our souls more than anything else in this world, and when we know of God working with souls through the reading of the printed pages of the paper, it causes sacrifices of praises to come forth from the innermost depths of our soul. Oh, that we could reach more souls with the truth of his Word, our hearts would rejoice more. We are comforted with the fact that we are doing all that we can with the things which He puts into our hands; and mean, by His grace and wisdom, to keep right after souls with the Gospel of the Kingdom until He says, "It is enough; come up higher." It gives us much comfort in the spirit to see the tracts, booklets, and papers going out day by day in a steady stream to all parts of the world. The workers here at the "Lord's Print Shop" share this joy with us, as they, too, are making a sacrifice to get this literature out to perishing souls. They deny themselves of the commercial wages that the world gives and are glad to labor in this lowly place to get the truth to the souls of men by the printed page. To give one's self and all up to God is heavenly wisdom, and God will not forget a continued consecration like this, but will work out for them the very best possible in this world and give them a peaceable ending, which none of the worldly minded will receive. To be separated from God by worldly ambitions is a great sin before the Lord and will bring many heart-aches and sorrows in this present world with bitter remorse at the end of such a life.

Young people growing up come to the place where they must choose between God and the god of the world. They will either put themselves into the hands of God our Heavenly Father or reject Him and throw themselves into the hands of Satan and what the world has to offer. Ye cannot serve God and Mammon. A fountain cannot send forth sweet and bitter water at the same time. Jesus says, "Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire." Matt. 7:19. A little further down in this chapter, he says, "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew [Many trials and tests will come to us in the Christian walk] and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock." Dear souls, Christ is the Rock. "Are you building on the Rock or on the sinking sand?" The Lord goes right on and tells what the consequences will be if you should choose to build on the sandy foundation of the world. He ends his sayings with these words: "And it fell: and great was the fall of it." The only way to have and retain a good experience in your soul is to fully give yourself to the Lord and continue in that state, just letting Him work in and through you both to do and to will of His good pleasure (Phil. 2:13).

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Aquila Green of Goodpine, La. has now joined the office force in the print shop to give her services

unto the Lord and this young sister is fitting into the work very nicely. We are thankful to the Lord to have some more help in getting the gospel out to needy souls everywhere.

The world today is steeped in sin, and many of them make a high profession, but give no heed to the Word of God to really live what it teaches. With vexation of soul we behold many of them following the customs and fads of the world, dressing themselves so scanty that the arms are bare, and ugly bare legs show, and often dresses are so thin that one can hardly tell that they are covered, and others with merely abbreviated clothes on. All such as this is disgracing to anyone's profession of religion. They also disregard the teachings of the Scriptures on the wearing of gold and adorning themselves; and you see them with their ear-bobs, rings on their fingers, bracelets, women with bobbed hair and wearing men's clothes, all of which is an abomination unto the Lord (Deut. 22:5). Professing men have on the world's adornment under their chins with a gold clasp to hold the big spread tail of it in its place.

The saints in light are the only ones that abstain from all this show of adornments and are clean from following the fads and ungodly customs of fickle-minded worldly professors.

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We are hearing good reports from the camp meetings that have been held at different places. Some of the reports will be in this issue; others have failed to send their report.

The Dover, Oklahoma campmeeting just closed Sunday, Sept. 13th, and from all reports, the meeting was much blessed of God. The Dover campground is located about forty miles northwest of Guthrie. We were so fully engaged in the office work that we were unable to attend the meeting very much. However, we were there three different times during the meeting and enjoyed the fellowship of the saints and the preaching, and noticed that the attendance was very good. The saints were encouraged and built up in the faith.

The church of the living God is shining in the world in spite of the rubbish that men drag up to hide it from view. She automatically throws off those that fall in with compromising ways and also those that get into fanatical and fault-finding snares. The truth that Jesus planted is still marching on, and His banner over His happy throng of saints is "LOVE." Divine love retained in the heart will cause one to remain in the unadulterated truth of His Word, and that soul with all others in the same condition will constitute His body, the church, functioning in the world but not of the world. It will be as a city set on a hill that cannot be hid from true spiritually enlightened men and women.

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MINISTERS' MEETING

The ministers and others of the church of God have been feeling for some time that there is need of a general ministers' meeting to be held for the purpose of counsel and consultation on problems that confront the church at the present time. The ques-

tion was brought up at the Oklahoma State Campmeeting at Guthrie this summer. There was some discussion as to the time and place, but it was finally left for the ministers in the California State Campmeeting at Pacoima, Calif. to decide the matter. Bro. Barton of Tulsa, Okla., who attended, brought us word that the decision was made by the ministers there to have the meeting at Guthrie, Oklahoma, beginning on the 9th of November and lasting a week or as many days as is needful to get all business attended to.

All the ministers of the true church of God are urgently requested to be present in this meeting. This getting together in counsel and consultation will head off Satan's work of contention and misunderstanding and promote peace and harmony, which is the will of God. You should look to the Lord with prayer and be present in this meeting.

Obituaries

Sudie Ivie Green, was born November 1, 1861 and departed this life July 7, 1953.

She was united in marriage to Joe Green September 11, 1875. To this union four children were born; Bertie Jane who died in infancy, Elmer Lee Green of Cedaredge, Colo., Mrs. Vina Hague of Neosho, Mo., (where she made her home the past three years), and Boone T. Green of Carbon Dale, Colo. They moved to Blackburn, Okla., in 1907. Her husband preceded her in death May 18, 1935.

Mrs. Green continued to live in Blackburn until her health failed in 1950.

She leaves to mourn her passing, three children; one sister, Mrs. Cora Jones of Chandler, Okla.; 31 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; 13 great-great-grandchildren; and a host of friends.

Funeral services were conducted by Brother Sam Barton. Text: 2 Peter 3:8, 2 Corinthians 5:10.

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Cora Iantha Zinn was born at Castana, Iowa, November 8, 1884, and departed this life at Long Beach, California, July 7, 1953 at the age of 68 years and 8 months.

On September 9, 1900, she was united in marriage with Edward M. Zinn. To this union eight children were born, five sons and three daughters.

She was converted to God at an early age and was used in God's field of labor. During affliction and adverse circumstances she slackened in her service to God but in her last sickness, her heart again became soft and forgiving and she asked for prayer and promised to pray for herself. Those who were with her in the closing hours of life have good hopes that she reached heaven safely.

She is survived by her husband, E. M. Zinn; 5 sons: Byrum and Elmer, Bellflower, Calif.; Ralph, Lakewood, Calif.; Harry, Eureka, Calif.; and Charles of New Jersey; 3 daughters: Mrs. Reva Shelton, San Fernando, Calif.; Mrs. Wilda Schrosser, Wilmington, Calif.; and Mrs. Vera Swisher, Santa Rosa, Calif.; 2 brothers, 2 sisters, 11 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Bellflower Mortuary by O. B. Wilson. Interment was in Downey Cemetery.

NOTICE

The saints of the church of God at Bristow, Okla. have need of financial help that the incumbrance or indebtedness on their meeting house might be lifted. It is not an old building, therefore is in good repair. Bro. Foster is the pastor there at present. The board

of trustees is composed of good established saints of God and the building will be preserved for the saints in light to use. A revival meeting is in progress in the meeting house at this present writing.

Send your offerings to Dorothy Barton, 2264 N. Columbia Place, Tulsa, Okla., and she will see that they are used for this purpose. About \$1200.00 is needed to clear the building.

1954 Calendar



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Assembly Meeting Notice

The Lord willing, the Oregon Assembly will be held this year on the saints' ground in Jefferson from November 20th to 29th.

The grounds, cabins, and all here belong to God and his saints. He gave it to us, and all is free to all who come. We desire the earnest prayers of ALL saints that God by His Spirit will direct the ministers of his choosing to come and help, men and women who preach all the Word of God and live what they preach, doing all things to the glory of God. We feel safe in saying that all who come will be cared for. The good campmeeting He gave us in June encourages our hearts to labor on for God and truth. We have often given directions on how to get here in "Faith and Victory." Anyone desiring further information write Sam Wilson, Box 41, Jefferson, Ore., and some saint will give the information desired.

Looking forward to receiving great blessings from our Father, I am your servant in Christ, Sam Wilson.

Campmeeting Reports

BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA

The Bakersfield Campmeeting convened from Aug. 14 to 23rd, 1953. The meeting was well attended from the very first service to the last. Many saints from different parts of the state and out of the state came at the beginning and stayed to the last.

Some nights there would be about 15 or 20 seeking the Lord at one time. It was hard to count them all, but we estimate about 47 got saved during the meeting.

God also did some special healing among us. My daughter Edith Ann Chandler had a serious case of tonsilitis. Her throat was almost closed. We had to watch her day and night to keep her breathing. We brought her to the tent where she was anointed and prayed for, and within a few minutes she was able to receive nourishment, and was healed, and is now attending school. Many others were healed of different complaints.

About 125 took part in the ordinance services.

Out of town ministers were as follows: Bro. Williams of Wichita, Kans., Bro. Gus Poulos, Santa Ana, Bro. Trotter, Fresno, Bro. Hattley, Stockton, Sister Poke, Fresno, Sis. Love, Fresno, Bro. Roberts, Tulsa, Okla., Bro. Stover, Dinuba, Bro. and Sis. Ostis Wilson, and Sister Rada Watkins of San Fernando, Bro. and Sis. John Wilson of Springfield, Mo., Sister Holden, Pasadena, Bro. Holden, San Diego, Sis. Poulos, San Bernardino, and Bro. E. M. Zinn, Bellflower, Calif. Sister Sam Barton and other ministers' wives were also among those present.

We have so many young people and children at Bakersfield that the present chapel is not large enough. We expect to start building another chapel in the next two months, and hope to have it ready by the next campmeeting.

We desire the prayers of the saints abroad, and extend a hearty welcome to any of God's ministers passing this way to stop over for services. We have

service every Sunday and Sunday night, Prayer meeting every Wednesday night, Young People's Meeting every Friday night, and all day meeting every fourth Sunday. Your brother standing for the whole truth,
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To all the dear saints, we greet you in the dear name of Jesus, praising the dear Lord for salvation and the desire He keeps in our heart to go all the way with Him. Truly the Lord has been good to us here in South Charleston, giving us another wonderful camp-meeting, which is now in the past and gone; but, thank God, the seed sown was not in vain. Our God is still bringing souls in. The meeting was precious from start to finish. Not so many saints came as in former meetings, but more outsiders came, so we feel that more good was done in this meeting than in any before. Some took their stand for the truth. God did not fail to send ministers that were filled with the Holy Spirit. Truly it is wonderful how the Holy Spirit can send out His true ministers without any man-rule committee or boards. Yes, we know His Word is still true, that the government is on his shoulder. Yes, our God is still on His throne and is taking care of His church. Saints and ministers were here from different states who had not been here before. We thanked the Lord for them. We missed dear ones that had been with us in last year's meeting. We have heard from some since, and they regretted the hinderance that kept them away, but were praying the Lord to give us a good meeting.

Yes, our dear Lord is adding to the church. It is true, some are also departing from the faith, as our beloved brother Paul warns us in Acts 20:30, and also tells us in verse 31 to "watch." Yes, dear saints, let us watch and pray and be stedfast in the truth to know them that labor among us. Study the Word, which is the word of His grace, which will build us up and give us an inheritance among them that are sanctified.

I want to say for the glory of God that God supplied for all temporal needs of the meeting, and a sweet spirit of love and unity was manifested all through the meeting. It was good to see some at the altar at different times. The last two days of the meeting the Holy Spirit was manifested in a mighty way in sending many to the altar, some to be reclaimed, others for sanctification, and some for healing. One sister was healed of cancer on her neck a few weeks before the meeting, she took her stand for the truth. When her husband came to the meeting he said it was what he had been looking for, the humble way he called it to his wife. He was not saved while the meeting was going on; but, thank the Lord, the seed sown was not in vain. He has been saved this past week and says he will worship with the humble people. We do praise the Lord for this.

Eight from the congregation here attended the Monark Springs meeting. It was a joyful time in the Lord meeting the dear saints again and seeing others we had never met. Now we are back from the meeting, thinking of all the good messages we heard. We find much to do here. Some are sick and need our prayers. There is much visiting to be done among these. We would love to see some young saints move here. This is a big city with lots of factory work, large chemical plants here pay good wages and none union. We are praying the Lord will lay it on some

one that feels an interest in God's work to move here.

We ask your prayers that God will keep us humble and help us to know His dear will. May the Lord bless one and all that read this.

We do thank the dear Lord that we can hear from the saints through the "Faith and Victory" paper. It makes my heart rejoice to read the letters. My heart says amen to all that Sis. Katherine Key wrote in the June paper. I would like to see this article in tract form. God bless the dear ones that are putting their time in for the Lord in giving us this good paper with the Bible doctrine, thereby reaching many people that do not have the privilege as some do to get out and hear good sound preaching. I see so many papers that are sent out by people that teach false doctrines. Many stand on the street corners passing them out, deceiving people that read them. It makes me want to do all I can to get this paper out to people that they may learn of the true Bible way. May the dear Lord stir our hearts to work while we can.

Your sister saved and sanctified and kept by power divine,
Sister Spaur

CALIFORNIA CAMPMEETING

Our meeting has come and gone. I am sure each one who had any part in preparing for this meeting has been richly rewarded by the Lord. We feel that God answered the prayers that ascended to His throne in behalf of this meeting.

When bringing home several of the saints from the meeting, I heard one rejoicing greatly over the meeting and said, "I just feel that I'm ready for anything." Some saints on the grounds were heard to exclaim, "Isn't this a good meeting?" God did bless in saving souls, sanctifying believers, healing bodies, and building up the saints in the Lord.

We were glad to have out of state ministers with us: Bro. C. Carver from Shreveport, La., Bro. Sam Barton, Bro. R. Madden and Bro. L. Roberts from Okla., also other out-of-state saints.

The Lord blessed in the young people's meeting, sisters' meeting, teen age girls' meeting, brothers' meeting and children's meeting.

One hundred fifty-nine took part in the ordinance meeting. Thirty-four were baptized.

The Lord caused a stir among the saints concerning the crying need of missionaries to carry this gospel. Many rededicated their lives to God's service. One young man said he definitely felt a call and was going as soon as God sent him. Let us pray for him.

Here are a few of the good things that were spoken to us under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit:

"God will let the heavens fall before he will fail one of his little ones."

"The enemy of our souls cannot come against anyone that is prayed up and filled up with the Holy Ghost and cause them to fall all of a sudden. First, Satan robs you of something to weaken you.

"Importunity in prayer will bring YOU to a place where you can get the desires of your heart."

"Should we forgive others before they ask? Does God forgive us before we ask? Yes, Jesus forgave us before we were born and if we go down to hell hanging on to that sin that God has forgiven, not willing to ask His forgiveness, God is clear."

"Do we want God to deal with us with the same mercy and feelings we have toward that one who has wronged us? Unless we forgive others, God will not forgive us. God forgave His people and rejoiced in

them."

"Some small tools do some great work. God needs small tools. Will you be that tool?"

"It is easier to keep saved when we are working for Jesus."

"Don't turn Jesus away when He comes knocking at your door. I turned Jesus away, and for many long years I sought for Him and could not find Him. I can not describe the despair I felt. But thanks be unto God, He had mercy upon me and saved me."

"There is a difference between being oppressed of the devil and possessed of the devil. Saints can be oppressed of the devil."

"Many people have come short of their healing because the devil hindered their reaching out and taking it."

"The Holy Spirit knows when we have fully consecrated to God and all is on the altar, and He will not come in until our consecration is complete."

There are many more things that could be written that were brought out, but space will not permit. God ruled and blessed in the meeting.

All the saints of California extend their appreciation to those who labored in the kitchen, seeing to the temporal needs of the saints. —Marie Miles.

MYRTLE, MISSOURI

Dear saints everywhere: Greetings to each one in that sweetest name that angels sing; for it is thru the name of Jesus that we obtain and enjoy this wonderful salvation; and the half has never yet been told. Praise the dear Lord.

The campmeeting at Myrtle, Mo. has come and gone the third consecutive year, each meeting being better than the one before. A larger number of happy saints attended this meeting than last year, also there was a good attendance of relatives, friends, and neighbors. We thank the Lord for each one, and trust that all were blessed of the Lord and benefitted by attending this campmeeting. The unity and sweet fellowship was precious and our hearts did rejoice to see them coming from Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Arkansas, Louisiana, and from several Missouri congregations. We had prayed for God to send the ministers of his choosing, and now we are thanking Him for answering prayer. Every service was precious and the truth went forth clear and plain, and sweetly anointed of the Holy Spirit, and was indeed a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. A few souls were saved, some sanctified, some healed, and the church was edified, strengthened, and encouraged to press on and live for God.

A few weeks before the meeting, we felt the great need of a building on the camp ground to be used for the sisters' dormitory. After much consideration and prayer, such a building was begun with little means and much faith in God. As the building went up, God supplied accordingly, and when the meeting began it was nearing completion insomuch that it was used by the sisters. And we might add that it was well filled. We are still looking to the Lord to complete this work, as we may find it necessary to use it for a kitchen and dining room in future campmeetings and erect another for sleeping quarters. We are glad these meetings are growing. We now have four acres in the grounds, plenty of shade, room for tents, parking space, etc. We shall appreciate your prayers and assistance in any way to help us promote the gospel in this part of the country. Bro. Murphy Allen is our pastor here, as-

sisted by Brother and Sister Abbott. All of us are looking forward to another good campmeeting next year. —Saints at Myrtle.

DOVER, OKLAHOMA

To the saints and friends, lovers of the truth everywhere; greetings in the precious name of Jesus.

We are happy to report a good and glorious meeting at Dover again this year. The Lord was present to anoint for the preaching of the Word, and song. Also the healing services were very precious; several came forward for prayer for bodily ailments and were blessed of the Lord. The days of healing are not passed, as some would try to make us believe. Several children knelt at the altar seeking the Lord for forgiveness of sins. Some claimed salvation and seemed to be happy and sincere. One young man followed the Lord in baptism. The ordinances of feet washing and the Lord's Supper were observed, showing forth the Lord's death and suffering until he shall return.

Since the last campmeeting the Lord has called some of his servants home. May the truth continue to be lifted up before the nations that some at least may see the light and make salvation their choice. Life is solemn with its obligations and responsibilities. Every one must stand before the Great Eternal Judge to receive for the things done in life, whether good or evil. Dear ones pray for us. We are in the last time. May God bless you all.

Yours, waiting for the Lord's return,—Ulysses Phillips and Henry Caldwell.

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Conscientious Objectors Under the 1948 Draft Law

According to the National Service Board for Religious Objectors, the published figures show that more than 2,200 conscientious objectors are now, in lieu of two years in military service, serving in the current I-W civilian work program "contributing to the maintenance of the national health, safety, or interest," as provided by the 1948 Selective Service Draft Law. The Church of God, with 22 young men currently serving in I-W work, stands sixth in the list as to the number of I-W men in comparison with other religious groups. At least eleven of these 22 men are from the Church of God as we know it. Their names and location of work are as follows:

Robert Benson—Larned State Hospital, Larned, Kansas.

Kenneth Flynn—same as above.

Ted Bock—same as above.

Roy Meek—same as above.

Donald Eck—Boys' Industrial School, Topeka, Kansas.

Gene Beisly—same place.

Troy Meek—same place.

Howell Joiner—General Hospital, Alexandria, La.

Herbert Flynn—same place.

Gus Poulos—Goodwill Industries, Santa Ana, California.

Ralph Baker—State Hospital, Westville, Ind.

The figures compiled by the National Service Board show that about 251 registrants have been denied the conscientious objector classification since the passage of the Selective Service draft law in 1948. This number refused induction in the armed forces, and were subsequently arrested. Some cases were dis-

missed and acquitted, while about 143 cases were sentenced, the vast majority serving prison sentences ranging from 1 to 5 years in federal penitentiaries. At present 29 cases are pending before the courts, among whom is one of our Church of God young men, Bro. William Weir of Raton, New Mex. He was denied the CO classification, placed in IA and called for induction. He reported the first part of June to the induction center in Albuquerque on the day directed, but refused to step forward with the others, which would have put him in the army. He was given another chance to obey the order, but refused. After a lengthy conference with the officers in charge, he was arrested the same day and placed in jail. After being there about ten days, he was released on bond and his trial will be during this term of court which began in September. As you well know, the current popular opinion is against conscientious objectors, and relatively few cases are tried before a jury. As the situation now stands, only the intervening hand of God can free Bro. William from this charge, so we are requesting the saints to pray earnestly for him. Prayer changes things, and "the effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

The foregoing figures and facts bring into sharp focus the further fact that at the present time if one follows his conscience, governed by the teaching and practice of the New Testament, it may lead him to prison. And if it does, can we still sing with the poet, "God's way is best, though human wisdom a fairer way may seem to show"?

History definitely shows that for three centuries following the establishment of the Church on the day of Pentecost, the saints were pacifists and conscientious objectors to military service, and even refused to garland their homes in honor of national triumphs. Ever since the 16th century reformation, God has been restoring gradually to the church the truths that were lost in the apostasy of the 4th century. This New Testament teaching against preparation for and participation in military operations of any kind has been restored to the Church since 1941. Let us walk in the light lest darkness overtake us. —L. D. Pruitt.

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La.—Dear Ones,—I copied a beautiful piece of poetry from a Christian paper. I think it is very appropriate to put in "Faith and Victory." It may be the means of drawing some one to Christ. The last or fourth verse is my testimony today, for I truly could not live without Jesus.

I have been very lonely since my dear husband left me January 3rd. I know that he is resting and has no pain. I'm so glad I have the Lord with me at all times.

I am staying with my oldest daughter now in Baton Rouge. Pray that God will work things about so that I can go back to my own home in Hammond, to live in the near future. Pray for God to bless and the Spirit to lead me.

Sister E. C. Wiggins.

If You Should Gain the Whole World and Lose Your Own Soul

If I gained the whole world, but lost the Savior,
Were my life worth living for a day?
Could my yearning heart find rest and comfort,
In the things that soon must pass away?
If I gained the world, but lost the Savior,
Would my gain be worth the life long strife?

Are all earthly pleasures worth comparing,
For a moment with a Christ filled life?

Had I wealth and love in fullest measure,
And a name revered both far and near,
Yet no hope beyond, no harbor waiting,
Where my storm tossed vessel I could steer;
If I gained the world, but lost the Savior,
Who endured the cross and died for me,
Could then all the world afford a refuge,
Whither, in my anguish, I might flee?

Oh, what emptiness! without the Savior,
'Mid the sins and sorrows here below!
And eternity, how dark without him!
Only night and tears and endless woe!
What tho' I might live without the Savior,
When I came to die, how would it be?
O, to face the valleys gloom without him!
And without him all eternity!

O the joy of having all in Jesus!
What a balm the broken heart to heal!
Ne'er a sin so great, but he'll forgive it,
Nor a sorrow that he does not feel!
If I have but Jesus, only Jesus,
Nothing else in all the world beside,
O then everything is mine in Jesus;
For my needs and more He will provide.

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Ohio—Dear saints in the Lord,—Greetings in His precious name. I promised the Lord that I would send my testimony to the "Faith and Victory" paper. Praise his blessed name today and forever.

The Lord has blessed me in so many ways since I gave up this world and its sinful ways to follow him. I served the devil for thirty years, until last October 26, 1952, when I finally yielded to the heavy conviction which was upon me and I sought the Lord and found him.

The winter before last I was stricken with pneumonia and thought that I would never get well. The doctors didn't seem to be doing me much good and I was really down and out. During this sickness the saints here in Dayton visited me and my family and many prayers were going up in my behalf. It was then that I called upon the Lord to heal me and I promised him that I would get right with him. I was healed but continued in sin for about a year. I never quite felt well and finally had an examination and they found an ulcer in my stomach and a liver condition. I feel in my heart that if I had yielded to God when I promised, that I wouldn't have had this later affliction.

My daughter Carol and wife Mildred yielded to God the same night that I did and our home life is very sweet now. We have taken the only road that leads to heaven and with God's help and your prayers we hope to make it through. The devil is seeking to destroy the truth wherever it is being taught, but in Matthew 16:18 it reads, "the gates of hell shall not prevail against it," which means against the true church of God.

I earnestly request the prayers of God's saints everywhere for our new start in life that we may press on though trials may come, and pray much for the work here in Dayton which the devil has tried so often to destroy.

I enjoy reading the "Faith and Victory" paper each time it comes and prayers will be going up that you will continue your wonderful work which encourages God's saints everywhere. A brother in the Lord, Earl Sharp.

Mo.—Dear ones in Jesus.—Greetings! I feel like writing a few lines which might encourage some one. I am truly thankful for the "Faith and Victory" paper and especially at a time like this when I can't do much only read.

I have been near death since I last wrote to you folks there. I nearly bled to death the night of August 14, while having a miscarriage. I was suffering but trying to do it as quietly as possible so I wouldn't wake Ne's up, as I knew that he would want to go after a doctor and I didn't want one as my trust was in the Lord. Nels finally heard me and got up and he saw what was taking place and said that he was going after a doctor. I asked him not to but he went anyway. When the doctor came and worked with me he said that I would have to have an operation and that there was no time to waste. I knew I couldn't last long as much blood as I was losing and I was praying for the Lord to show me if anything stood between me and heaven. I couldn't find anything and I began to feel like I was floating out of this world and the Lord had me by the hand. Oh! the feeling was so sweet and dear to me but I could hear Nels, the doctor, and a neighbor woman talking to me about the children. I told the Lord that if it was his will to leave me here to care for them and teach them of the Lord and work for him, that I was willing to stay here. I gained consciousness in time to hear the ambulance drive up.

The doctors said that they didn't believe I would get off of the operating table alive, but I told them that I knew I would as the Lord had already promised me that I would live. I just got home yesterday and I am feeling pretty good but have dizzy spells as I am so low on blood that I am just a yellow color. My left leg is bothering me and wants to give way with me, so please remember me as I know the Lord can heal me completely.

I have so much to be thankful for as there has been my husband, my son Robert, and myself all spared from death when we were all at death's door. When we took Robert for a check-up in July, both doctors said that he was normal in every way. I know it's not what man did for him but what the Lord did in answer to all of the saints' prayers and I surely want to thank each one that prayed for him. I know that the Lord has a hand in these things but it seems Nels is getting more against the Truth each day. Oh, that his eyes might be open.

The next day after I took sick, the small barn, hay and corn burned to the ground and since then the truck burned up. I know the Lord has a purpose in these things and I am trusting he will show it to whoever it is for. More than ever before my greatest desire is to do His will and work for Him.

I have been reading about sanctification and I know that I have a great need for this now, so please pray for me along this line also. May the Lord bless you there in the work. Christian love, Mrs. Nels Allen.

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Dear saints everywhere,—Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. Today finds me encouraged to press the battle on. Surely there is much to look forward to in this way, and nothing to turn back to.

Saints, I am sending in an urgent request for financial help for a needy family. Perhaps several of the saints know about the family, but didn't realize they needed help so badly.

Last fall the father took real sick one day and was rushed to Burge Hospital in Springfield, Mo. He had an ulcer in the stomach. The doctors operated on him and he was in a bad shape for a long time. Then just this

spring their son was thrown off a tractor and the tractor wheel ran over his head. He was brought to the same hospital and the doctors didn't expect him to live. But thanks to the dear Lord, he is well and normal today, going to school. While he was in the hospital the doctors operated on his head. Now both of these were expensive. Then about the middle of August, the mother (who is a saint) almost passed from this life. Although against her will, she was taken to the hospital.

So right after she took sick, one of the doctors of Springfield wrote to them that he was going to sue them. The father and son's unpaid hospital bill is near \$35.00. One doctor bill is \$197.00, another doctor bill is \$86.00, and still another is \$30.00. The mother's hospital and doctor bill is \$117.90. The father works on a farm and makes \$100.00 per month and pays \$20.45 of that on a mortgage. They have five children, three in school.

Surely we, the saints of God, can help them out of this rough situation. A little from each one would be missed such a little and would help them so much. So pray about it and send what the Lord lays on your heart to Mr. and Mrs. Nels Allen, Seymour, Mo., R. 4.

Let us remember that dear sister in prayer that God will help her to be faithful through every test, and pray much for the soul of her husband. A sister in Christ.

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Calif.—Dear saints everywhere,—Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. I want to thank the Lord very much for being saved and encouraged to live for him. I also thank him for healing me of a tumor in my nose. I always breathed through my mouth. My Dad is not saved and made me go to the doctor and the doctor said that I had a tumor in my nose and he wanted to remove it. I knew I would have to trust the Lord to remove it, so I trusted that he would and was anointed at the Bakersfield campmeeting, also at the State campmeeting. I was anointed there about Monday and had to go to the doctor. The doctor said that I didn't have a tumor, so I thank the Lord for what he has done for me. I am thirteen years old and in the ninth grade. A sister in Christ, Betty Lynch.

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Ala.—Dear saints,—Greetings in Jesus' name. I just feel like writing a word of testimony. I truly thank God that he has been so good to me in saving my soul, and for sanctifying me when I was at the Guthrie, Oklahoma campmeeting. I am glad to report victory. I have been in such traps of the devil so many times that I surely thank God for his wonderful truth and his love toward us. We feel in need of the prayers of the saints.

Your blood washed brother, H. A. McMillian.

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Tex.—To the saints of God in Christ,—I can truthfully say that it pays to serve Jesus. I thank him today for healing me of an affliction that I had had five months. I had a drunk feeling and dizziness, but faith and trusting God was my medicine. Thank you all for your prayers.

E. A. Lambert.

Okla.—Dear saints,—Greetings in the dear name of Jesus. I have moved to my son's since my health is so bad and I have almost lost my eye-sight. Please pray for me that our God will heal my body completely and make me able to work for him while I stay here on this earth. I know that our heavenly Father is able to heal my body and restore my eye-sight and hearing if it be his will. I know that he hears and answers the prayers of his saints, so pray much for me that he will heal me or take me home to be with him in heaven.

A sister in Christ,

Matilda Lee.

Ky.—Dear Brother Pruitt,—Greetings to you and all of the saints in the great household of the Lord. I know that you will wonder how, away up here in Kentucky, that I came across the paper "Faith and Victory." I was staying at a R. R. Y. M. C. A., and in the reading room some one had laid the paper on the table. I noticed the heading, picked it up and read it. I liked it so well that I just kept it and I have read it over and over. It helped me in reading the testimonies of the dear children of God and I do ask the prayers of the saints. You know that I need not mention how the devil is ever and at all times plotting how he can set a trap to catch God's people in. But thanks be unto God we have the victory through Christ Jesus.

I have many different requests, as God knows them all. Again I am asking each one of you to pray that these requests may be granted—not selfishly, but to the praise and glory of God.

Yours in Jesus,

Edw. Bustetter.

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A Millionaire and a Caterpillar

Like many another man, Titus Salt, a factory boy in England, began life poor. A hard worker, with an inventive mind, he developed a process for using coarse Russian wool and became one of the wealthiest woolen manufacturers. After he invented "alpaca," he became a multi-millionaire. A man of many interests, he built a model town, called Saltaire, for his workers. Later he was elected to Parliament, and, because his progressive ideas had benefited the whole industrial life of England, Queen Victoria made him a baron.

Was Sir Titus Salt satisfied? He was not. As wise King Solomon had said long before, "The eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing" (Eccl. 1:8). All that Sir Titus had heard, seen, and possessed had not given and could not give him satisfaction.

One Sunday Sir Titus heard a preacher tell about how, while sitting in his garden, he had watched a caterpillar climb a painted stick which had been stuck into the ground as a decoration. The caterpillar slowly climbed to the top of the stick, then reared itself, feeling this way and that for some juicy twig on which to feed, or for some way of further progress. But the caterpillar was disappointed. Groping about, it found nothing. Slowly it returned to the ground, crawled along until it reached another painted stick, and did the same thing all over again. This happened several times.

"There are many painted sticks in the world," said the preacher. "There are the painted sticks of pleasure, of wealth, of power, of fame. All these call to men and say 'Climb me and you will find the desire of your heart; climb me and you will fulfill the purpose of your existence; climb me and taste the fruits of success; climb me and find satisfaction.' But," continued the preacher, "they are only painted sticks."

The very next day the preacher had a visitor. It was the wealthy Baron, who said, "Sir, I was in your congregation last night and heard what you said about the painted sticks. I want to tell you that I have been climbing them, and today I am a weary man. Tell me, is there rest for someone like me?"

The preacher had the great joy of pointing that sin-burdened soul to the One who once said, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28).

Sir Titus, who long had sought satisfaction from this world and had never found it, laid his heavy burden at the feet of the Lord Jesus, accepted Him as his personal Saviour, and was able to sing joyfully as many others can—

"I came to Jesus as I was, weary worn and sad. I found in Him a resting place, and He has made me glad."

It was not strange. What happened to Sir Titus was normal. After all, God designed salvation so that it would give men SATISFACTION. Isn't that what men crave?

If men so eagerly want the joy of satisfaction and if God so strongly wants them to have it, why are so many people dissatisfied? What is lacking?

Do you ever reach for things but fail to grasp them? Do you strive for goals but come short of them? If only we could possess! If only we could arrive! If only we could attain!

Here is an open secret. When we come to Jesus Christ, we have arrived; we have reached the Goal—God. When we lay hold of Jesus Christ by faith, we become possessors of priceless blessings; forgiveness of sins, the very life of the Eternal God, the gracious gift of the Spirit of God to live within us all the days of our life.

Salvation means receiving. It is receiving Jesus Christ—and by receiving the Saviour we have salvation.

That is why the Word declares "As many as RECEIVED him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12).

Stop climbing "painted sticks." Turn to the Lord Jesus. Trust Him!

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Television

What Is Wrong With It For A Christian?

The Word of God says the Christian abstains from all appearance of evil." 1 Thess. 5:22. You touch not, taste not, handle not, Col. 2:21. All ministers who preach the truth from the holy, inspired Word of God, preach against Hollywood and all movies. How can anyone preach against movies and not preach against television? They are the same. The only difference is that you do not have to go to the theatre to see the movie now as Hollywood, the Liquor Industry, and Tobacco Companies have moved right into your homes with television.

Television is the feeder of lust, a perverter of morals, a tool of greed, a school of crime, a betrayal of innocence. It glorifies impurity as love; pictures murder as entertainment; exalts nakedness and indecency as beauty; shows drink, revelling, gambling, revenge, and gun fights as proper and legitimate. Television ruins the influence of a Christian, debauches the mind of children, inflames the lust of youth, and hardens the hearts of sinners.

The Word of God says that every born-again child of God is a witness for Christ (Matt. 10:32-33); that we should let our light so shine before men, that they may see our good works and glorify our Father which is in heaven, Matt. 5:16. Certainly a Christian could not be obedient to this command of God, and have a television in their home that glamourizes all types of sin. There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death, Prov. 16:25.

—Joe Clifford.

—::— There Is A Way Out

"Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." Prov. 14:34.

In the above scripture we can see very plainly that the favors and blessings of God will be upon any nation that worketh righteousness and do those things that please the Father; but that nation that worketh evil and is sinful and rebellious will be a reproach to their Creator.

In Psalm 9:17, we read, "The wicked shall be turned into hell and all the nations that forget God."

While these Scriptures are speaking of nations, it is also true of any city, family, or individual.

In Isaiah 57:20, we read, "But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace saith my God, to the wicked." It is a horrible state for any soul to be in when it has no soul rest or peace, no communion with God, who is the Creator of all living; for the man who has cut himself off from God by committing sin is indeed a wretched person. He is without the care of the loving Heavenly Father and is a subject of believing the lies of the devil, the enemy of all righteousness, having no hope and without God in the world. It is certainly a deplorable condition for any soul to be in; and yet, by their indifference and rebellion with fleshly lusts, the world in general has the wrath of God abiding upon them. This wrath can only be lifted as they humble their hearts before God in confession and repentance and accept Christ, the sacrifice that was made for our deliverance from sin. In John 3:36 is the cure for sin. It reads: "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

Isaiah, who prophesied of the work of Christ, said, "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that he cannot save; neither is his ear heavy that he cannot hear: but your iniquities [your iniquities] have separated between you and your God, and your sins [your sins] have hid his face from you, that he will not hear."

This Scripture makes it plain that the only thing that is keeping souls from having communion and enjoyment with God is their own iniquities and sins; and there is only one person that has power to blot out all our sins and iniquities. That person is Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Speaking of Christ our Lord, Peter says in Acts 4:11, "This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders [Scribes and Pharisees, or Law keepers]

which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." It is useless and hopeless for anyone to look for salvation from any other source than to Christ and his blood sacrifice. The blood, faith in his blood sacrifice, as the forgiveness of your sins will lift the wrath of God from your soul and make you at peace with God our heavenly Father. Let us read some from the 10th chapter of Romans and hear what the great apostle Paul said about getting saved. "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." This is very plain talk and it is for you, my sinner friend. Believe it, act upon it or like it and your present sins and iniquities will pass from you, will be separated as far from you as the east is from the west and shall never be remembered against you forever. In Eph. 2:8, we read, "For by grace [Christ] are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift [Christ] of God."

In Isaiah 55:6, it is written, "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, Call upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him: and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." Sinner friend, why not take heed unto the Word of God and live, be made a new creature; let the old things that are condemning you go, and have a lively hope in Christ in your soul. Here is the Lord's message to you: Heb. 7:25, "Wherefore he [Christ] is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him [Christ], seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them."

Jesus Christ is now our High Priest. He is touched by the feeling of our infirmities. So let us come unto him with all confidence and receive his pardoning grace and live. Read the last part of the 4th chapter of Hebrews, beginning at the eleventh verse; and may He give you an understanding heart. —Fred Pruitt.

—::— Now That I Am A Christian

I do not worry about past sin.

"As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgression from us." Psalm 103:12.

In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins. Colossians 1:14.

I am a new person.

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new." 2 Cor. 5:7.

". . . ye have put off the old man with his deeds; And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him." Colossians 3:9, 10.

I love to obey my Master.

"If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him,

and make our abode with him." John 14:23.

"And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" Luke 6:46.

I gladly live for Christ: share His sufferings.

"Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God." Romans 6:13.

"All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." 2 Tim. 3:12.

"But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world." Gal. 6:14.

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28.

I freely give my time and money to serve Christ.

"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." 2 Cor. 9:7.

"Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth." Eph. 4:28.

I feed daily on God's Word, the Bible.

"As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby." 1 Peter 2:2.

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom." Col. 3:16.

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 Timothy 2:15.

I pray to God each day.

"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." Philippians 4:6.

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." Lk. 11:9.

"And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us: and if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him." 1 John 5:14, 15.

I look forward with joy to the coming again of Jesus Christ.

"In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14:2, 3.

"Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ." Titus 2:13.

"Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot and blameless." 2 Peter 3:14.

I freely serve God and witness to others.

"Ye are the salt [preserver] of the earth . . . Ye are the light of the world." Matt. 5:13, 14.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matt. 5:16.

"Whoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God." Luke 12:8.

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." 1 Cor. 15:58.

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Come, Come, Saith the Lord

Come, souls that are longing for pleasure,
Jesus has pleasures to give;
Come now and find the sure treasure
That makes every true pleasure live.
Come, saith the Lord, let us reason,
Come and your purpose declare;
Is it the pleasures of sin for a season,
Or the pleasures the glorified share?

—Wistaria.

Jesus Died For Us

In God's great love and wisdom, he saw the condition of man; how that the enemy had so much power over the world and was dragging precious souls down to everlasting punishment and there wasn't any way that man could be made free from the awful bondage of sin. No matter how bad a person might want to do the right thing and live a sinless life, he just was not able, as the power of the enemy is greater than man. It is impossible to live right within one's self.

In John 3:16 it says that God loved the world so much that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believed in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Jesus was willing to shed his life's blood to save people from their sins. He died for all, the rich and poor, old and young; but each individual must come the same way, through Jesus. This wonderful plan of salvation puts all on the same level. It brings the proud and lofty down and lifts the humble and lowly. The only way man is able to overcome the enemy is through the blood of Jesus. I see so many people who are in sin, and they are so dissatisfied and troubled, but they keep seeking after more pleasures and entertainment of this world, trying to find happiness and rest. Oh, if they could only realize that real peace and rest can only come by surrendering unto God and letting Him come into their hearts.

I have often thought of the Scripture in John 7:37, how that Jesus stood and cried and said, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink." It seems I can see him standing there weeping with arms outstretched, ready to receive all that will humble their hearts and come unto him. Jesus knew there would be just a few that would be saved, yet he made a way for all. 2 Pet. 3:9 says The Lord is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come unto repentance. The invitation is to all. Come to Jesus repenting and forsaking the old life of sin and you can be a new creature through Christ. "Old things will pass away and, behold, all things will become new." 2 Cor. 5:17.

—Virgie Marler

HOW TO BE TRULY HAPPY CHRISTIANS

Let us not live in the past, but in the present time. Let us not put off till tomorrow what we can do today. When trouble, sorrow, or trials come our way, let us not cry, but go to God in earnest prayer. When our friends, and even our loved ones turn against us, talk about us, persecute us, let us do unto them as we would have them do unto us, get on our knees and pray for them. When sickness, trials, separation, or death comes our way, let us think of the promised home in heaven where there will be no more sickness, no trials, no separation, no deaths. There will be no more deformed, crippled, nor blind people, for we will all be alike in heaven, praise the Lord. Let us pray that we may be found worthy of heaven when He calls. How happy we should be. There will be no train nor car wrecks, no airplane crashes in heaven. There will be no boys going off to war, leaving their broken-hearted loved ones. There will be no children kidnapped in heaven.

Let us not be gloomy, always looking on the dark side of things, always talking bad about some one, always frowning, unfriendly, unsmiling, always pitying ourselves. Let us forget self and be ready to help others. Let us pray without ceasing—then shall we be truly happy in serving the Lord. —Mrs. S. Whitson.

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A Scriptural Alphabet from Proverbs

A false balance is an abomination to the Lord: but a just weight is his delight. Prov. 11:1.

Behold, the righteous shall be recompensed in the earth: much more the wicked and the sinner. 11:31.

Correction is grievous unto him that forsaketh the way: and he that hateth reproof shall die. 15:10.

Do they not err that deviseth? but mercy and truth shall be to them that devise good. 14:22.

Evil men understand not judgment: but they that seek the Lord understand all things. 28:5.

For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. 2:6.

Give instruction to a wise man and he will be wiser: teach a just man, and he will increase in learning. 9:9.

Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins. Prov. 10:12.

I have taught thee in the way of wisdom: I have led thee in right paths. 4:11.

Judgments are prepared for scorners and stripes for the backs of fools. 19:29.

Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life. 4:23.

Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord: but they that deal truly are his delight. 12:22.

Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man; thou shalt not go. 22:24.

Now therefore hearken unto me O ye children: for blessed are they that keep my ways. 8:32.

Only by pride cometh contention; but with the well advised is wisdom. 13:10.

Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee. 4:24.

Better is a dry morsel and quietness therewith, than an house full of sacrifices with strife. 17:1.

Righteousness keepeth him that is upright in the way: but wickedness overthroweth the sinner. 13:6.

Say not unto thy neighbor, Go and come again: and tomorrow I will give thee, when thou hast it by thee. 3:28.

The integrity of the upright shall guide them; but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them. 11:3.

Understanding is a well spring of life unto him that hath it: but the instruction of fools is folly. 16:22

Where there is no vision the people perish: but he that keepeth the law happy is he. 18:29.

Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed: but he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded. 13:13.

E-Xcellent speech becometh not a fool: much less do lying lips a prince. 17:7.

Yea, my reins shall rejoice, when thy lips speak right things. Prov. 23:16.

Zion heard and was glad: and the daughters of Judah rejoiced because of thy judgments O Lord.

(supplied from Psa. 97:8). —Cora Brant.

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GOD'S DESIGN FOR A BETTER WORLD

October 1, 1953

Printed Portion.....Isaiah 42:5-9; Mark 1:14-15; Luke 4:16-21; John 3:16-18; Revelation 21:1-5.

Isa. 42:5. Thus saith God the Lord, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein:

6. I the Lord have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles;

7. To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners

from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.

8. I am the Lord: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.

9. Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.

Mark 1:14. Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,

15. And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

John 3:16. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

17. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

Rev. 21:1. And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

2. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

4. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

5. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

Memory Verse: Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. Rev. 21:3.

Practical Truth: God has made provision whereby the earth may become a better world and whereby our future dwelling place may be an abode of perpetual bliss.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Historians have records of different ones, who have imagined things for the betterment of mankind, but the scriptures that we have before us show us the true way that God has to lead men back to himself. When that is done men are made over so that it proves to be "God's Design for a Better World." We have before us the power of the gospel, "the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation." Rom. 1:16. According to Isaiah the Lord had the plan of salvation all mapped out and had already chosen his Son to be the one to come to earth to fulfill his plan. In the first place his Son was the creator of the worlds, Heb. 1:2 and John 1:3. Verse 7 says, "To open the blind eyes," (spiritually as well as physically). In that work of redemption he is merciful in giving us a new life that brings us back to where we can have fellowship with God and with his Son Jesus Christ. Then when we yield our lives to him, the Holy Spirit stands ready to reveal to us things of heavenly worth.

Man, because of sin, needs salvation. In John 3:16 we find that God out of his love, gave his Son; the Son gave his life (John 10:18), and as we give our lives to him and repent of our sins we become "sons of God," John 1:12.

GOD'S DESIGN FOR NEW MEN

October 11, 1953

Printed Portion.....Jeremiah 31:31-34;

1 Peter 1:13-16, 22-23.

Jer. 31:31. Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

32. Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the Lord:

33. But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

34. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

1 Pet. 1:13. Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ:

14. As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

15. But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

16. Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

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

23. Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

Memory Verse: I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. Ezekiel 36:27.

Practical Truth: God's design for new men is being fulfilled in the transformations wrought by the gospel.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

We still have many good books that are worth while in the world that are based on the Bible, but we need the Holy Spirit so that we can perceive as to what is right. Christ's death made it possible for us to be redeemed from sin and to receive the Holy Spirit into our hearts and "He will guide you into all truth." John 16:13.

"After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts." The old law was on tables of stone and outside the heart but God putting the law of Christ within us makes us have an inward choice of love to do his will. So then as we have the indwelling Spirit of God, he writes the law "in fleshly tables of the heart." 2 Cor. 3:3.

The portion of scripture taken from Peter shows us that as God is holy that he expects his followers to be holy, verse 16, and again in verse 22 it shows the souls are purified in "obeying the truth through the Spirit;" so then the word of God by the power of the Holy Spirit can not only cleanse us but keep us clean, for Jesus himself said, "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you." John 15:3.

NEW MEN AND A NEW WORLD

October 18, 1953

Printed Portion.....Matthew 5:13-16; 2 Corinthians
5:17-19; James 2:14-18.

Matt. 5:13. Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

14. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

15. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

16. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

2 Cor. 5:17. Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

18. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

19. To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

James 2:14. What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?

15. If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,

16. And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?

17. Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

18. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

Memory Verse: Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Matt. 5:16.

Practical Truth: Men made new through Christ's power should help to make the world better.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Believers in Christ are the salt of the earth. It is they who keep human society from spoiling and who give proper savour to it. Salt loses its savour by becoming mixed with the earth; the Christian loses his savour by compromising with the world. They are then good for nothing but to be cast out and trodden under foot of men.

Believers are not only salt that preserves, but light that illumines. Jesus is the "Light of the world," and we, by receiving him become lights to the world also. The salt in a believer is divine grace—God's enabling, that is, "Christ in you the hope of glory." There are men in the world that restrain themselves to the extent that they are called good moral men but it takes Christ in the heart to produce a holy life that is pleasing to God.

The last part of our scripture has to do with faith and works. Paul in his discussion of faith and works had in mind the Jews who were by the works of the law try-

ing to get to heaven, he said that could not be done; but James is making statement that we show by our works that we have faith. We prove it by daily living.

THE WAR AGAINST BEVERAGE ALCOHOL

October 25, 1953

Printed Portion.....Isaiah 5:11-14; Matthew 18:6;
Romans 13:11-14; James 4:17.

Isa. 5:11. Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink; that continue until night, till wine inflame them!

12. And the harp, and the viol, the tabret, and pipe, and wine, are in their feasts: but they regard not the work of the Lord, neither consider the operation of his hands.

13. Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge: and their honourable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst.

14. Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.

Matt. 18:6. But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

Rom. 13:11. And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.

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

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

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

James 4:17. Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

Memory Verse: Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. Romans 12:2.

Practical Truth: Beverage alcohol is a curse against which Christians should wage war.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

There are many walking here and there over the streets and other places with nice clothes on the outside, but the "robe of righteousness" or the "garment of salvation" (Isa. 61:10) does not clothe their hearts. We see their fine clothes but when they see us, do they see the Lord Jesus Christ? Our life is not to be wasted, but yielded into God's hands so entirely that he can use us in his great redemption of mankind, though small be the place that we fill. We are to cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light.

There is a lot of drunkenness and other things of like nature going on in the world of darkness but the Christian is admonished to "put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof." How can one who claims to be a Christian be always looking after the things of this life and not have time or inclination to read the Bible and do good as James 4:17 indicates? We are to keep all of the word of God or if we do not it will be sin.

C. W.