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O Give Thanks Unto The Lord

O give thanks unto the Lord
For all his love and care,
Manifested in His Word,
And to His children here.

When the poor and needy cry,
The Lord will plead their cause;
On His promise they rely,
And cleave unto His laws.

In the dry land, there a pool
Of water He will make;
Turn the heart to breezes cool
For His own dear name's sake.

When troubles rise, fear thou not,
Says He, "I'll hold thy hand:"
Tribulations may be hot,
Close by thy side I'll stand.

In sickness I will care for thee,
And thou shalt be made whole;
Thy faith shall be thy victory,
And joy shall fill thy soul.

O give thanks unto the Lord,
Ye people, great and small;
He will hear the faintest cry
Of those who on Him call.
---Ulysses Phillips

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The Gospel of the Kingdom of God, Or The Gospel of Christ

"From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" Matt. 4:17.

"And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about, and he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all, and he came to Nazareth where he had been brought up: and as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day,

and stood up for to read, And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. And he closed the book and gave it again to the minister, and sat down, and the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened upon him. And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears." Luke 4:16-21.

"Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, And saying, the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye and believe the gospel" Mark 1:14, 15.

Jesus, the Saviour of the world, came down from heaven through the power of the Holy Spirit in behalf of fallen humanity to redeem and to bring them back to God. Whosoever would believe on him should not perish but have everlasting life. He came on a definite mission, according to divine plan, to do for man what nothing, or no one else could do; and that was to save his people from their sins. And there is no other name given under heaven among men, whereby we must be saved. We are told in 1 Cor. 1:21, "For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." Jesus was a preacher, teacher, prophet, priest, and king. And he came preaching and teaching a clear cut gospel message that the world had never before heard. He was anointed of God, and the power of his message was irresistible. He confounded the wisest men of his day. Those who had looked for help and succor through the works of the law and observance of legalistic rites and the keeping of the traditions of men, which in many instances turned aside and made void the Word of God, were made to tremble. They were brought face to face with a new and higher standard. Many had been blinded by false ideas and opinions and by the application of wrong principles. True, they had the law, but even so, they were not keeping it. And

at the best, the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did. Men could not be saved by the deeds of the law. The law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." The law condemned sin in the act, but the gospel of truth that Jesus preached located and condemned sin in the heart. Jesus did not preach to condemn the people. They were condemned already. But he preached in such a manner that men could see their condition. He came as a light into the world. He came to open blinded eyes; not only physical, but spiritual also.

The common people heard him gladly, but He found a class of people that loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. Of this class, were the ones who opposed his doctrine. They tried to ensnare and entangle him in his talk; they charged him with blasphemy, and were always listening with keen ears to catch or hear something from his lips to condemn him; but never a word did they find. When the officers had been sent to arrest and bring him in on account of his preaching, they returned without him; and being asked, "Why have ye not brought him?" they said, "Never man spake like this man." His message brought freedom to the captive, healing to the broken hearted, deliverance to those who were in the prison house of sin. He set the captive free through the power of the gospel of the kingdom, opened the eyes of the blind, and turned them from darkness to light; and said, "He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." Yes, the poor who sat in the land of the shadow of death, the outcasts, and forgotten, burdened under the weight of guilt and sin, heard Christ gladly because he had been anointed by the Spirit of God to preach the gospel unto them, the gospel of the kingdom. In his message he spoke those quickening and invigorating words, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Sadness and sorrow turned to joy to many who by faith received His message as He looked in their despairing faces and said, "Thy sins be forgiven thee," and "go and sin no more." Yes, they had received the light of life; their names were written in heaven in the Book of Life. There was rejoicing among the angels in heaven. Had He not said there was more rejoicing in heaven among the angels over one sinner that repenteth than over ninety and nine just persons which need no repentance?

Jesus had commanded the people to repent and believe the gospel. "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." True repentance and the believing of the gospel will bring salvation to the vilest sinner. They that accepted the message of Jesus lost their burden of guilt and condemnation. They were made new creatures; they received new life; they received something the law could not give. The law had filled its place. It had waxed old like a garment; it was folded up and laid aside. A new day had dawned, the gospel day. "The law and the prophets were until John. Since that time the kingdom of heaven is preached and every man presseth into it." If the law could have given life, it would not have been needful

for Jesus to come into this world. He said, "I am come that they might have life." The gospel that Jesus preached was everlasting, it was powerful, it was transforming, it was, and is, the life-giving Word. "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." Jesus is not here in the world in body preaching any more, but he has delivered this same powerful message to his ambassadors and bids them to go into all the world preaching and saying, repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. And still He promised to be with His messengers until the world comes to an end. There is no other name, and no other gospel by which men may be saved, only through the gospel of Christ and through his name. —Ulysses Phillips

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A Timely Warning

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We are truly living in an age when loyalty to God and trueness to souls is required. The apostle has told us in the sacred Word of the deceptions and heresies that would be manifested in the last days, and of how some would go forth "deceiving and being deceived." Paul said there were some "teaching things which they ought not," "whose mouths must be stopped."—Tit. 1:11. When false doctrines are being taught and people are being deceived there is a responsibility and duty resting upon the ministers of God who are watchmen upon the walls of Zion.

"If when he [the watchman] seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people; then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head. He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood shall be upon him. But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul. But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand." —Ezek. 33:3-6.

Here we find not only a responsibility upon the watchman or minister, but also upon the people who hear his voice of warning. Some think it unnecessary to heed such, and when too late find the warning was a timely one, had it been heeded.

We have frequently sounded a warning note against some false doctrines the Devil is trying to impose upon the people at the present time regarding the works of justification and sanctification. His object is to show those who have been sanctified that they have only been justified, and the removal of the elements of carnality or depraved nature, is a work of justification and not of sanctification, and that there is no cleansing in sanctification, but that it is only a sealing or baptism of the Holy Ghost. Pentecost is pointed to as a manifestation of the Holy Spir-

it when sanctification takes place, and that when people reach the point now cloven tongues of fire will be upon them. But while setting forth this idea they never refer to the experience of Paul and other disciples who were sanctified after this time. The object is to get those who really have the experience to hesitate in testifying to sanctification, then it is an easy matter to have them drop the shield of faith and the enemy come in like a flood with his accusations and deceptions, confusing the mind and filling the soul with darkness.

To the justified the enemy seeks to propagate the doctrine that all elements of carnality or depraved nature are cleansed out of the heart at conversion, knowing that it will be but a short time until such elements will in some way be manifest in the heart, then it will be but an easy matter under such teaching to conclude that an experience of justification had never been reached, thus confusing and discouraging the soul. Such a doctrine is false. It is heresy. It is not only a doctrine of men, but it is a doctrine of devils, such as is deceiving souls and leading them to destruction. There are many other points similar to these, among which is, that a child before it reaches the age of accountability does not have the carnal nature.

We have met with this doctrine and its propagators and seen its work of devastation of souls, and its slimy, satanic, binding influence; and we warn all who have a care for their souls to beware of the same, reject it, and rebuke the spirit of it. The enemy uses some one to approach a person with a line of scriptures as reasonable and plausible as those used by the Devil, when he came to tempt Christ, and they should be rejected in the same manner, also Christ's example followed in rejecting the one who insists upon teaching such doctrines after having been properly dealt with.

Among the leading propagators of this false doctrine is one J. A. Smith, formerly of Nebraska, who has been representing himself as a minister in this reformation, and traveling throughout the west in camp and grove meetings, and is now in California. He has all along the line privily poisoned the minds of brethren, by mixing some truths with his erroneous doctrines, and saying that the leading brethren see the matter as he does, that it is new light and the brethren are accepting it, thus deceiving souls. We have letters before us written by him stating that Bro. Schell, G. L. Cole, and a number of other ministers whom he named understand it the same as he does. We desire to relieve the minds of our readers concerning this matter. The above named brethren renounce it as a heresy. So do most all the ministers in this reformation. A few have been taken in with the transformed light of the Devil, whom we pray God to speedily deliver. This man has been faithfully dealt with and kindly admonished and warned by a number of the leading brethren, some of whom he says see as he does. But we personally know that they have always opposed, and do yet oppose such a doctrine. Having thus been faithfully dealt with, and still insisting upon going ahead teaching such, we do not recognize him as a teacher nor minister of the gospel or

worthy the confidence of the brethren, until he sees the error of his ways and turns unto the Lord. Let us pray earnestly for him and those whose minds and hearts have been poisoned by false doctrines, that God may per-adventure rescue them from everlasting destruction.

The word of God will be set forth more fully on this line in the "Trumpet" in the near future. The Devil is aware of the advancement of the cause of Christ and that there are great things for the church near at hand; therefore he is making a desperate effort to defeat it with deceptions and false doctrines. But we are thankful that the Lord is at the helm, and his truth will prevail. The glory of his power shall shine forth in all its brightness.

Editor's Note:—When the Lord in his unique way brought the above article to my attention, the thought penetrated my soul at once that it would also be a **TIMELY ARTICLE TO BE PRINTED OVER AGAIN AND SENT FORTH FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE DEAR SAINTS.** At this present time there are many spirits floating around in the air to confuse and sow discord among the saints; and one of these different spirits is this same "one-work-of-grace-spirit" which comes to some in a very cunning and angel-like way. When any one is not sound in the doctrines of the Bible, he or she is likely to also have some extreme ideas which will have a tendency to cause some to give up or drive them into compromising methods. This one work of grace doctrine teaches and stresses that practically all the cleansing is received in justification and that there is no cleansing or purifying of the heart at the time of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Such teaching as that flatly contradicts the words of Peter and leaves him as one that has lied. Peter declared plainly, when speaking of the Gentiles receiving the Holy Ghost, that their hearts were purified by faith. Notice the words of the Holy Scriptures: "And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, [the Gentiles] 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). The tongues of fire that sat upon each of them on the day of Pentecost typified the cleansing that was going on while they received the Holy Ghost. The cleansing and infilling of the Holy Ghost was one definite operation.

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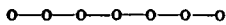
By the time this issue of the "Faith and Victory" paper reaches our readers, the New Year of 1954 will have begun or will be closely approaching. As we look back over the passing year we can recall with pleasure the different times that God has, in the time of trials or temptation showed his strong arm of power and in miraculous ways has made a way of escape and has given sweeping victory over the enemy. We have a number of Ebenezers set up in the last year where battles were fought and victories were won. One victory won over the devil stands out above some of the others. The devil came with much craftiness and force, trying to get us to receive some wrong thoughts. We kept resisting him. The battle waxed hot, and as we kept looking to God for help, the Lord just let the blood down all around us and over us, and Satan had to flee and his voice faded away, glory be to God! Just this week, when we resisted the devil and drew nigh unto God, the Lord let showers of blessings down upon our souls. Satan hates this printing work and he comes against it with all force and power to destroy or hinder its progress, using some of his most clever religious tools to do it, if possible. But thanks be unto God who gives us the victory again and again. We certainly are not going to heaven on flowery beds of ease. John saw a group of saints who had come through great tribulations and had washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb. In another place we find some that had gained the victory over the great red dragon by the blood of the Lamb and their testimony.

We are looking forward to this new year with all confidence in God that He will give us greater victories and enable us to reach many more souls with the gospel by the printed page than ever before. The three months subscriptions have been coming in very satisfactorily and we shall have an opportunity to get the gospel to several thousands more souls for the next three months. We appreciate this opportunity and shall look to the Lord for manuscript to print and send out in the paper that He will be pleased with and the Holy Spirit will work with and use to imbed the truth upon the souls of men and awaken them to their privileges in Christ the holy One who has tasted death for all men and by his shed blood has lifted the penalty of death that hung over our heads and brought peace to our souls with God our heavenly Father, has completely cleansed our inner being and preserves us blameless unto his coming when this body will be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, and will put on a glorified body to soar away with all the redeemed and meet the Lord in the air, and we shall ever be with him. Bless his holy name!

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God is dealing equally and justly with every soul, and His atoning blood was poured out on Calvary's cross for the salvation of every man, woman, boy, and girl that exists in this world. All can come to him with a humble and contrite spirit and cast their sins at his feet in confession and repentance and have peace with God through Christ, and when they are in a state of having forgiveness from God, they can

by the help of God live holy and go on to perfection by being cleansed from the impurity of the heart received through the fall of the first Adam and be filled with the Holy Spirit, which is the earnest (small portion) of our inheritance, until the redemption of the purchased possession (our body). Paul says, "For ye are bought with a price." 1 Cor. 6:20. And in the 19th verse he says that our body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own. We are to glorify God in our body and in our spirit, which are God's. By His help and grace, let us let it be so. When one is filled with the Holy Spirit, it makes him able to live a clean holy life every day; and even in a justified state one is supposed to live a clean holy life as far as they have knowledge and understanding; for Jesus says in John 14:26, "But the Comforter which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." When the Holy Spirit comes in to abide, he will lead and guide us into all truth; and knowledge and understanding of truth will make us more responsible before God. Jesus said to his disciples, "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you." They were clean because they were living up to all the knowledge and truth they had received from the Lord. If they had been walking back of light and knowledge, He could not have truthfully said that unto them.



Ever since Martin Luther took his stand against Catholicism and began to preach justification by faith, the light from heaven has been shining brighter and more understanding has been given to men on scriptural truth. And the light will continue to shine more and more unto the perfect day, the coming of the Lord. Reformation after reformation has risen and fallen, and the present reformation which the Lord wrought through the labors of Bro. D. S. Warner and others is no exception to the rule; for the greater part, the compromising element has slowly drifted, and sometimes quite fast, into the ways of the world, showing less and less faith in God. They have become so full of the ways of the world, the enemy of God, that in most places they are in as great or greater darkness than the old formal dead sects which are twice dead plucked up by the roots. It is certainly a sad condition to behold; but facts are facts, for what is in evidence cannot be hid.

In James 1:27 we read what pure and undefiled religion is. Let us read this verse carefully and prayerfully and learn what solid rock Bible truth means: "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." This compromising element is extremely lacking when it comes to being unspotted from the world, for they have loaded up with nearly all that the world has to offer in one way and another. They seem to be religious, and they bridle not their tongue, but deceive their own hearts, and such religion is vain.

In Micah 3:11 we read, "The heads thereof judge for reward, and the priests thereof teach for hire, and

the prophets thereof divine for money: yet will they lean upon the Lord, and say, Is not the Lord among us? none evil can come upon us." There is not a thing recorded in this verse but what you can find going on among the compromising element. First, "the heads judge for reward." Those that head the movement love their position and the praise of men and a good financial reward, so it can be said that they judge for reward. Second, "The priests thereof teach for hire." The preachers among them, the pastors, must have a good salary. They are hired and paid by the month. Third, "The prophets thereof divine for money." The evangelists must know how much they will get for holding the meeting or otherwise be assured that plenty will be given to them. Yet they say they lean upon the Lord and trust him, and further console themselves by saying, "Is not the Lord among us? None evil can come upon us." Oh, the blindness that envelopes such people. Truly the sayings of Christ picture them clearly: "If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness." Matt. 6:23.

In Deut. 32:5 we read again of their likeness. Hear what the Word says, "They have corrupted themselves, their spot, is not the spot of his children: they are a perverse and crooked generation."

This compromising element has certainly corrupted themselves with the world and worldly wisdom. They are exceedingly spotted with it and are holding up such as the body of Christ, a spotted, covetous, and defiled body. It amounts to blasphemy in the ears of the Lord. They have lost their identity as the church of God and are wallowing in the mire and dirt of worldly conformity and Pharisee self righteousness.

A number of movements have split off from it which make the claim of getting back to the old truth, but they have followed along with it so many years that they bring a lot of it back with them; and, of course, will move on in like manner as the others. The voice of Scripture found in Revelation 18:4 says, "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partaker of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." Some seem to come out in a sense, but do not get the things out of them. They just slow down some. They make me think of the time I ran a stop sign. The police whistled at me and I stopped. He came running over to where I was and said, "Did you see that sign back there?" I answered, "Yes, I slowed down." The policeman yelled out, "THAT SIGN DOES NOT SAY, 'SLOW DOWN,' IT SAYS 'STOP!'" The Bible does not teach us to merely slow down with our worldliness and sins, but it plainly says to cease to do evil (Isaiah 1:16), and that means to stop it altogether. We have to confess our sins and forsake them to get right with God, and then we have to continue right on forsaking and ceasing from them to keep right with God. If we do again those things which we have forsaken and quit, we make ourselves a transgressor (Gal. 2:18). Oh, foolish man, do not deceive yourself by thinking you can be a friend to the world and please God. Read the first four verses of the 4th chapter of James; also the 15th-17th verses of the second chapter of First John, and the Lord give you understanding.

Christ On the Throne Of David

"He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord shall give unto him the throne of his father David."—Luke 1:32. It is a mystery to the minds of the people when this reign shall begin. It was set up in the year A. D. 30, and on the day of Pentecost it was fully established. "And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shall sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build an house [or church] for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom forever."

In this kingdom there are governments and they are on the king's shoulder; for in Isa. 9:6, 7 we read: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder; of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end." And his throne is a merciful throne. Isa. 16:5. "And in mercy shall the throne be established; and he shall sit upon it in truth in the tabernacle of David, judging, and seeking judgment, and hasting righteousness." In Jer. 23:5 we read, "Behold, the day cometh, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous branch, and a king shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth." In Psa. 132:11 we read: "The Lord hath sworn in truth unto David; he will not turn from it: Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne."

In this kingdom Christ is the doorkeeper; and he "hath the key of David . . . openeth and no man shutteth; and shutteth and no man openeth."—Rev. 3:7. And Christ shall reign over his house or church forever and of his kingdom shall be no end. Luke 1:33.

It is a mystery to the people who shall dwell in this kingdom. In Dan. 7:27 we read: "And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom . . . shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom." Praise God! His kingdom does not only last for a thousand years, but forever. The scriptures do not say he shall reign over the whole world. In Micah 4:7 it reads: "And I will make her that halted a remnant, and her that was cast afar off a strong nation; and the Lord shall reign over them in mount Zion [or church] from henceforth, even forever." The Apostle Paul says in Heb. 12:22, 23, "We have come unto mount Zion, the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem and to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the first-born."

The majority of people claim that we will have to wait until Christ comes before we are made kings and priests. But Peter claimed nearly nineteen hundred years ago that we were priests. "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, and holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."—1 Pet. 2:9. And John the Revelator said to the seven churches of Asia, "Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion

forever and ever. Amen."—Rev. 1:5, 6. "And they sang 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 unto God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; and hast made us unto God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth."—Rev. 5:9, 10.—L. Ecker

BABY SITTER'S REPORT

Evanston, Ill., Nov. 24—Last Saturday I took care of a 6 year old child in a north shore suburb. His parents went to a dinner party in the evening after a day spent in town—mother having her hair bleached and father attending to a business deal.

From 9 a. m. unto 8 p. m., when my charge went to bed, the child sat before a television set watching crime dramas and westerns in which robberies, hold-ups, arson, beatings, and fist fights were shown. He would turn the dial from one station to another to get these pictures and refused to look at anything else.

I was told to serve his meals on a tray before the television set. When I attempted to persuade him to leave the set he screamed and yelled like an Indian on the warpath.

At 2 a. m. the parents came home, the father complaining that his losses at poker had been \$150.

This is only one example of what is happening in the hundred or more homes where I have served as a proxy parent. Is it any wonder that children fill the institutions for juvenile delinquents? —M. M.

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A True Experience With A Dying Man

I walked through the long hospital ward to my bed, and, as most everyone is prone to do, I surveyed the room hoping to find an acquaintance. As I walked by one of the beds I found myself looking into the face of a very old man. I watched him for a moment, noting the awful expression of fear on his face and the odd movements of his hands and feet. Then I passed on.

After awhile, I went back to the desk and asked the nurse his name. "Joe T——," she answered, and must have noted my surprise. I had known this man for a number of years, but I would have never recognized him in his present condition. He was little more than a living skeleton, making incoherent noises in an attempt to speak, and gesticulating wildly as his eyes searched the ceiling above. He was tied in the bed and, altogether, presented a very sad spectacle. Eighty-four years old, and dying without God!

For years he had lived a hermit's life in his lonely mountain home, except for the women he had there occasionally. He made his living in a way not approved by the government. I had come across his "secret" place for making "moonshine" whiskey, while hunting one day, but I knew even before that what sort of life he lived. All his life he had lived on his whiskey, making and drinking it for years. I suppose the only time he had ever been in a church house was at a funeral. Eighty-four years he had lived like that, but finally the grim reaper had found him.

But here is the part that had such an effect on me.

There were times when he knew people, and at other times that terrible expression of fear, the awfulest expression I have ever seen on a human, came over his face. His eyes followed the movements of something over his bed that I could not see. He watched them as they came nearer and nearer, and then with a wild, animal-like scream he would strike at them with boney fists. At times he would kick wildly and try to fight them off, but they continued to hover over him. His eyes followed their every movement like we would watch the fluttering of a moth around a light. One day during one of the times when he knew people, he asked me where those things had gone. I could not tell him, but I did get him to tell me that the creatures he saw were horrible. He was afraid of them. He recognized them, but for eighty-four years he had rejected God and now the demons of hell were there to gather that human soul and convey it to the fires of hell. During one of these lulls, I asked,

"Joe, would you like to pray? Will you let me pray with you?"

"NO!" his answer was with force.

It was almost inconceivable. A human soul facing death, facing an eternity of suffering and refusing to pray; refusing the only avenue of escape. During the days I was there he wanted only two things, his tobacco and whiskey. Two things he wanted, and two things the devil wanted him to have, nicotine and alcohol. He would fumble at his mouth for his pipe and act as if he were drinking something. At the mention of whiskey he would brighten noticeably. One day they did give him a little whiskey and it was remarkable how he revived. The nurse told me that whiskey was all that could keep him alive. After this he continued to sink for a few days and then went out into eternity kicking, fighting, and screaming in wild-eyed terror as the devils angels reached lower to grasp that human soul, and carry it to the dark terrors of a place prepared for the devil and his angels.

The Bible tells us that Lazarus, the beggar, died and the angels carried him to Abraham's bosom, Luke 16:22. If angels were necessary to carry his soul to its reward, the demons of hell will be present to carry the soul of a lost person to eternal damnation. Medical science calls it Delirium Tremens, but in reality it is the angels of the "god of this world" taking an unprepared soul in the regions of the lost.

Paul, in his epistle to the Romans, says, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom. 6:23. This verse speaks of wages. Sin has a pay day, and we will get exactly what we work for. Sin pays off in eternal death—a spiritual death—endless ages of suffering. Then the same verse gives an alternative. The "gift" of God [not that by our own righteousness we can earn it. It is a free gift from God.] is eternal life, and that through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

"For what shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" Mark 8:36.

—G. M. Farley

Was There A Need of the Disciples Being Sanctified?

To the above question we say, there was much need of the disciples receiving an experience of sanctification. In the justified state their sins were forgiven; but they were still in possession of the carnal nature, as were the Corinthian believers of whom we read in 1 Cor. 3:1, "And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ." By this Scripture we see they were saved from their sins, or justified; for Paul addressed them as "babes in Christ," and "brethren." But with the carnal nature dwelling in their hearts, they were very weak spiritually, for they could not stand strong "meat," but had to be fed with "milk." In other words, they could not stand nor understand strong truths of the Word, so had to be fed on very simple instructions similar to a new-born babe not being able to digest and assimilate meat so has to be fed on milk, which is a natural food for babes. "I have fed you with milk and not with meat, for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. For ye are yet carnal, for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men? For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal?" Verses 2-4. We can clearly see that the carnal nature in their hearts brought division among them, as each one showed preference to his choice of minister. Some chose Paul and others chose Apollos. We can see the same thing happening today; some prefer Bro. Smith and others, Bro. Jones, which causes division and has and is splitting and dividing congregations and bodies of saints. If all professed saints had a sanctified experience and be no more a babe in Christ, there would be no divisions. But in the babe state, men's persons are held in admiration because of advantage (Jude 16), so the minister with a pleasing personality is preferred to the one who is filled with the Holy Ghost, which is the result of the lack of discernment with the desire to promote the creature instead of the Creator.

We can understand why sin-you-must religionists split and pull apart and then form another organization or sect, for they don't claim to have much experience with the Lord; and in their sins it is natural for them to set their affections on their choice minister, which results in clashing of opinions, bringing in wranglings and quarrellings, resulting in division. But among the saints, this ought not to be; and since this is often the case, we conclude that it springs from an unsanctified experience.

The Holy Ghost leads to unity; and carnality, to division. As a rule, when there is division, it originates from carnality in the heart; for there is a tendency to have their own way in a matter or to have the preeminence or be promoted above the rest, as we read about James and John in Mark 10:35-45 before they were sanctified. "And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came unto him, saying, Master, we would that thou shouldst do for us whatsoever we shall

desire. And he said unto them, What would ye that I should do for you? They said unto him, Grant unto us that we may sit, one on thy right hand and the other on thy left hand, in thy glory. But Jesus said unto them, Ye know not what ye ask. . . . To sit on my right hand and on my left is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared. And when the ten heard it, they began to be much displeased with James and John." Verses 35-38, 40.

At times there arises a desire in the unsanctified heart to defend one's self, or to get even; which is caused by the carnal nature. These temptations to sin must be subdued and overcome with much watching and prayer until the carnal nature is destroyed with the infilling of the Holy Ghost.

That the Apostle Peter was saved before the day of Pentecost we are sure, or the Lord would not have sent him out with the other eleven to preach, heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils, Matt. 10:7, 8. But his weakness and unsteadiness is shown in Matt. 26:33-35, "Peter answered and said unto him, Though all men should be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended. Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, that this night, before the cock crow thou shalt deny me thrice. Peter said unto him, Though I should die with thee, yet will I not deny thee." Then in verses 69-74 we read how Peter denied Christ three times, even cursed and swore, which proved that he had lost the grace of God out of his heart by yielding to temptation when he was so greatly tested the three times. He was saved before this, but fell from grace. Also read Gal. 5:4. Then in verse 75 we read, "And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly." In Luke 22:61, 62 we read, "And the Lord turned and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said unto him, Before the cock crow thou shalt deny me thrice. And Peter went out and wept bitterly." He must have got back to the Lord then, as he was ready to see Jesus in peace after His resurrection, and ready for the infilling of the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost, after which we see Peter living an established life, according to Acts 2:14-37 when he delivered a sermon of power which pricked the hearts of the listeners according to verse 37. He suffered imprisonment. Read Acts 4:1-22. Read about him through the book of Acts and see how the Lord used him and how able he was to face ridicule and persecution because he was rid of the carnal nature and had the fulness of the Holy Ghost.

The other disciples we read about were also established in the same way. And today we must be sanctified to keep us in the unity of the Spirit with heaven and one another as saints on earth. Nothing short of it will take us through, for Jesus is coming for His sanctified church: "That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish." Eph. 5:27. —Katherine Key

In God is comprehended all love, power, wisdom, holiness, righteousness, pureness, truth, and goodness.

Sound Biblical Doctrine Set Forth

Insomuch as there are many theories advanced and different doctrines taught concerning a thousand years of literal reign of Christ on earth, it seems needful that some sound scriptural truth should be set forth on this subject that honest, meek, and lowly hearted men and women may have an opportunity to hear and see the truth and disentangle themselves from all false ways that they may be a pleasure in the hand of the living God.

In the first place, there is a teaching among some that Jesus intended to set up a literal kingdom at his first coming, but the Jews rejected him and put him to death, and thereby spoiled the plan of God.

I want to give you some Scripture to prove that this theory has no scriptural foundation, and is clearly false teaching. The fact is that the prophets of God foretold that he would be put to death. Who is it that can read the 53rd chapter of Isaiah, which was spoken 712 years before Christ was nailed to the cross, and not receive the knowledge that He was to be put to death? Let us read the last verse of this chapter, "Therefore I will divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong: because he has poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors: and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors." Also read the 9th verse. In Matt. 26:31 we read, "Then said Jesus unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad." You will find this written in Zech. 13:7. In Matt. 27:35 is another prophecy that was fulfilled in His death.

In Luke 24:25 we read what Jesus said after his resurrection, "Then he said unto them, O fools and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory."

In Acts 4:27 we read, "For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel were gathered together, for to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done." In the 18th verse of the 3rd chapter we read, "But those things, which God before had showed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled."

Jesus was to set up a kingdom at his first appearance, but not a literal one as the Jews had thought for his kingdom was a spiritual kingdom and is only literal in a sense when we behold his Spirit-filled saints knit and compacted together as His Body functioning in the world among men, but in the Spirit they are of heaven. There are many wicked men and women in the world who rebel against his spiritually ruled kingdom because of their God-given free moral agency, but God will bring all into Judgment in that great day of reckoning.

His spiritual kingdom is prophesied of by many of the prophets. In Isaiah 9:5-7 you can read of this kingdom. It ends thus: "The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this." God is performing that

very thing now to the spiritually enlightened saints of God. In Daniel 2:44 we read, "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: . . . but it shall brake in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever."—not just a thousand years; it is spiritual and eternal.

In Matt. 2:6 we read, "And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least of the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a governor, that shall rule my people Israel." God's saints are spiritual Israel today and they obey Him and are glad to have Him rule over them.

Matt. 3:2 reads thus of what John the Baptist said, "And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." "From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand"—not in some far off future time, but at hand then and now. In Luke 1:32 we read, "He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his Father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever [Spirit-filled saints are the house of Jacob] and of his kingdom there shall be no end." It is not a literal kingdom to end in a thousand years. In Luke 12:32, we read, "Fear not little flock: for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." In Col. 1:13 we read, "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated [or transplanted] us into the kingdom of his dear Son: in whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins." We get into his kingdom now when we are saved from all sin.

In Matt. 6:33 we read, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." The first thing for man to do is to seek the kingdom of God and get in it. In Luke 17:20 we read, "And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: [not literal] Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo, there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you." When we received the Spirit of Christ in the soul, the kingdom of God has come in and we are in the kingdom, for Christ is king of his kingdom.

In Matt. 16:28 we read, "Verily, I say unto you, there be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom." He could mean no other time only the day of Pentecost when His believers (some of whom were standing there when Christ spoke) received the Holy Ghost or the Spirit of truth, the Comforter which is the Holy Ghost, and had power to reign with Christ in this world. In Mark 9:1 it is written, "And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, that there be some that stand here which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power." Thus we see that the kingdom of God came from heaven into the hearts of his believers, and the kingdom of God was set up with power to rule over sin and the world; and his kingdom is also spoken of as the church of God or the family of God.

"Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire." Heb. 12:28, 29. God, whom we serve and in whose kingdom we are now reigning, will in time consume and destroy the earth and all things therein and bring to naught the fleshly hopes of men, that of gratifying their fleshly lusts in an earthly millennial reign.

In Romans 14:17 we read what Paul says about the kingdom, "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink: but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost." It is not composed of literal, earthly decaying things; but it is composed of eternal things, righteousness, peace, and joy. There is no need, neither place given in the Scriptures for a thousand years literal reign on earth. It comes from the imagination of a carnal mind hoping to exalt the fleshly lustful desires which should be crucified with Christ. Paul says in the first few verses of the third chapter of Colossians, "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth." Do not set your affection on an earthly reign to, in the future, fulfill the lusts of the flesh. "For ye are dead [dead to fleshly lusts and desires] and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory." To those who are truly in his kingdom now, the next move for them will be glory and not some earthly place to gratify fleshly lusts. We who have our affection on things above and are in his kingdom now and have crucified the fleshly affections and lusts will be with the happy throng who are caught up to meet the Lord in the air in that great Judgment Day, and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Our bodies will be changed to a glorified body that will need none of these earthly, decaying, and perishable things which men scramble after in this world and hope to gratify their lust in a greater measure in what they call an earthly millennial.

—Fred Pruitt.

A MIGHTY GOD

I AM GOD. Ex. 3:6, I AM the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.

Almighty God. Gen. 17:1, I AM the Almighty God.

God of the living. St. Mark 12:27 He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living.

God of glory. Acts 7:2, The God of glory appeared to our Father Abraham.

God of patience. Rom. 15:5, Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be like minded, one toward another, according to Jesus Christ.

God of hope. Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace. Rom. 15:13.

God of comfort. 2 Cor. 1:3, Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort.

God of grace. 1 Peter 5:10, But the God of all

grace, who hath called you unto his eternal glory by Jesus Christ.

Jealous God. Ex. 20:5, For I the Lord thy God am a jealous God.

God of righteousness. Rom. 1:17, For there in is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith.

Holy God. Ec ye holy for I am holy. Lev. 19:2.

God of salvation. Psal. 68:20, Our GOD is the God of salvation.

Now in the presence of a soul-saving, holy, righteous, jealous, gracious, comforting, hope-filling, patient, glorious, living, Almighty God; what manner of persons ought we to be in all holy conversation and godliness. 2 Peter 3:11.

Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he will lift you up. James 4:10. And what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God? Micah 6:8.

Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be holy: for I am the Lord your God. Lev. 20:7.

If it be possible as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Rom. 12:18.

What doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul. Deut. 10:12. Walk before me and be thou perfect. Gen. 17:1. But without faith it is impossible to please God. Heb. 11:6. For him that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. Heb. 11:6. Now let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter. Fear God and keep his commandments, For this is the whole duty of man. Eccl. 12:13.

—Dolly Locker.

Stand Fast

Stand fast in the truth,

The truth has made us free (John 8:32)

Be not entangled in sin,

Rejoice in this liberty.

Put on the whole armour of God

That you may be able to stand

Against the wiles of the devil (Eph. 6:11).

That's come against every man.

Lift up the shield of faith

And let us never let it down;

It shall quench the fiery darts

That the devil's shooting around. (Eph. 6:16).

—Effie Miller

Hallowe'en

Hallowe'en (Hallow-even) means Holy Eve. That evening is so called because it is the eve of the pagan festival of All Spirits Day, which falls on Nov. 1st. The building of bonfires, cracking of nuts, bobbing for apples floating in tubs of water, and telling fortunes and ghost stories, which are now Hallowe'en customs, are all relics of paganism. About thirteen centuries ago, pagans celebrated Nov. 1st as All Spir-

it's Day, when spirits, both good and evil were believed to be on earth. The Druids also celebrated their harvest at that time, and many strange ceremonies were performed. Even after the pagans adopted Christianity, they still observed many of their old customs, and so the Hallowe'en diversions of today are ones which originated centuries ago by the pagans and have been adopted by many Christians. My beloved, this ought not to be. Jer. 10:2, "Thus saith the Lord, learn not the way of the heathen. . ." 1 Tim. 5:22, "Neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure."

As you all know, Hallowe'en is now celebrated by most people, both young and old, by donning outfits resembling devils, witches, skeletons, or anything which might resemble death, hell, or foolishness.

Next let us consider the expense of this evening. I will not attempt to calculate any figures, but will let you do this for me. First write down the population of the whole world, then subtract as many as you think will not participate in the celebration, then multiply that by whatever you think will be the average expenditure for each person for Hallowe'en outfits, decorations, horns, toys, candy, etc.; then add the approximate cost of damage done to property all over the world because of Hallowe'en pranks; next add the average cost per each city for parades and extra police force to block off streets for parades (Just try to get them to block off about fifteen feet for an old-fashioned street meeting!!) When this is all totaled up, I'm sure it will run high in the millions of dollars. Isa. 55:2, "Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread [necessary]?" You might also consider now the number of crimes and awful sins which will be committed under mask, more so on this night than any other night. 1 Thess. 5:22, "Abstain from ALL APPEARANCE OF EVIL."

Have you ever stopped to think who the majority are who participate in this celebration? Such foolishness is condemned by God. Psal. 5:5, "The foolish shall not stand in thy sight." Prov. 24:9, "The thought of foolishness is sin." 2 Tim. 2:16, "Shun profane and vain babblings . . ." Eph. 5:3, 4, " . . . let it not be once named among you as becometh saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting which are not convenient."

Come, let us reason together; is Hallowe'en and its revelry for saints or SINNERS??

Psal. 27:11, "Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a PLAIN PATH . . ."

—Mrs. Eugene Burford

Some Benefits of Not Wearing a Necktie

I have saved much valuable time and annoyance the past thirty-three years by not having to put on or remove these neck ornaments.

Again, I have saved perhaps \$100.00 in money by not adhering to this worldly custom. So that this might be given to a good cause, I have used it to keep a native worker in the mission field for two years.

Another blessing has been mine: It has served as a cross by which the "world is crucified unto me and I

unto the world." This crucifixion process is an excellent thing to spoil pride and vain glory.

Some modern brethren, however, prefer to be excused from bearing this plain cross, not realizing that they will also be excused from sharing the blessing that belongs to those who willingly lay aside this fussy display of cloth neck bands, various colored four-in-hands, attractive collar frontlets and many other cumbersome paraphernalia of this fast age. These careful brethren who do not want to offend worldlings by being so plain in dress, manage to keep their consciences easy by persuading themselves into believing it is wrong to be so odd and different from other people.

"The Lord has chosen thee to be a peculiar people" Deut. 14:2. "Not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts." 1 Pet. "Be not conformed to this world." "Purify unto himself a peculiar people." Titus 2:14. "God's heritage (people) is unto Him as a speckled bird!" Jer. 12:9.

According to these and other Scriptures, we learn that there should be a peculiarity about God's children that will easily distinguish them from the world.

When a principle of God's righteousness requires that we lay aside something that would make us look peculiar in the eyes of worldlings, then that peculiarity is glorifying to God. —Selected.

La.—Dear saints,—Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. May our God bless every one of you, and help you to serve Him in full.

I am truly glad my heart says amen to the word and will of God. Praise God for ever. The longer I live in this time world, the straiter I see the way from earth to heaven. It is no wonder Jesus said, "strait is the gate, and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. Matt. 7:14. This verse of scripture, if digested properly, will cause us to have the fear of God on our hearts to the extent that we will gladly obey God and have delight in the law of God. Then by meditating day and night, He will bring His law to our minds so it will be easy and delightful for us to obey Him. Phil. 2:12 says "Wherefore my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." Well, praise God, let us be sure that we do this very thing that is commanded in the Word. "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps, Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth."

I am persuaded to believe that Jesus was a very pleasant one to be with, when He was here on earth, but I do not believe He had any foolishness about His life. Therefore, we cannot indulge in foolishness and be in the order of the Lord. Also, I notice that Hebrews 12:1 says, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us."

In Isa. 55:2 the question is asked, "wherefore do ye spend your money for that which is not bread? and your labor for that which satisfieth not? Hearken diligently unto me, and eat that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness." Dear saints and readers of the "Faith and Victory" paper, we are facing a judgment

where we will stand to receive a reward for this life, whether it be good or bad. So let us be sure and lay aside every unnecessary thing in our lives. There is so much to be thoughtful about in obeying God, and so many things that are not food and raiment.

The chewing of gum is really not food nor raiment. I do not believe Jesus would chew it. Some say that it is healthy to chew gum. Well, bless your heart, if the Lord wants us to be healthy He can keep us healthy on food, and not the going about chewing a piece of rubber. There are millions of dollars spent for gum, and the world really goes after it. The Lord tells us not to be conformed to the world. So speaking for myself, I am glad to leave it off, together with everything else that belongs to the world. I am perfectly glad to leave off all the works of the flesh for Jesus' sake and for the good and encouragement of the saints. May God help us to be clean and lay aside every weight and the sin that so easily besets us. It means much to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. But this is what it takes to please our God. Praise Him for ever.

These remarks in this letter, to the saints and readers of the "Faith and Victory" paper are the true convictions of my heart. These things, with others, have been on my mind and heart for some time. I truly hope and pray that the contents of this letter will be a help to those on the strait and narrow way—from earth to heaven.

Yours for the whole truth, J. S. Green.

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'Tis God That's Moving

A little boy sat in a bus,
Nose pressed against the glass,
As he watched the bus close to his own
In which a little lass
Had peered at him, as children do,
Until her bus had started.
Its motors roared, it gained more speed—
The new-found friends had parted.
The mother sitting by the boy
Glanced down into his eyes
And quickly saw, reflected there,
A look of great surprise.
A query; she saw he had not known
How smoothly a bus can ride,
For the child had thought his bus was moving
Instead of the one by their side.
Christians, there's a lesson, true,
In this little tale I've told;
And unless we heed, a downfall
In the Scripture is foretold.
'Tis this: When God has moved
When we have prayed before His throne—
Has answered prayer when we have felt
We were standing all alone—

Be not like the boy who thought 'twas he
That was moving—instead of the lass.
'Tis Father, only, who can make
Great miracles come to pass!
Give Him the praise, and let not your joy
Turn to an idle boast,
For 'tis God that is moving, and not us—
As we at first supposed.

—Alta Mae Harmon—

Children, God wants you and your young life.
He calls the husband, and He calls the wife;
He wants the aged who totter along,
His Spirit pleads loud in word and in song.
—E. E. F.

CORRESPONDENCE

Okl.—Dear saints,—Grace to you all and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. This finds me with much joy with my Lord, who gave his life for me that I might live. God's word always brings much joy to me, therefore I thank him for his gracious word. It has made of me a doer of His word, and that, I show daily to all mankind. I always love to be with God's people. I'm trusting that God will keep blessing all of the saints that keep saved. May the New Year find us all shining examples of God's word. A Brother, Sam Nusz.

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Mo.—Dear saints and readers of "Faith and Victory"—This evening finds us saved and looking to the Lord for grace and strength for each daily need. Truly Jesus is a friend who never disappoints us. Praise his dear name.

I truly thank Him for the sweet peace and rest that we enjoy today. When I was going about my work this evening, I was thinking of the old song we sang years ago. "I cannot tell from whence it came, this Peace within my breast, But this I know, there fills my soul, a strange and tranquil rest." Now, I can truly say that I have this rest. At that time it was only empty words to me, but when we come to Jesus and give our lives and our all to him, this deep, settled peace becomes a reality in our daily life. Not only when things are seemingly going well with us but when the trials and misunderstandings of life are permitted to come our way, we can still sing the old song, "There's a deep settled peace in my soul, There's a deep settled peace in my soul. Though the billows of sin near me roll, he abides, Christ abides." As long as he abides there, nothing can take away that peace.

Dear soul, you who are still professing to love the Lord, do you continually have this rest and sweet peace flowing in your heart daily? This is a holy life to be lived daily and it will take that to be ready for heaven. One says, "I know that is true but when things go wrong and someone crosses me, I just say things that I ought not, but I am always sorry and ask them to forgive me." It is good to do that, but the Lord has better things for us. Precious soul, please don't allow the enemy of your soul to deceive you any longer, but just come and humble your heart before the Lord. Be honest with your soul and ask the Lord to give you that sweet experience which will keep you kind and patient and saved every day in the year and where we can be ready in a moment of time if the Lord calls. His word tells us that he is able to save to the uttermost, or from all sin—the only way to heaven.

May the Lord bless each one.

A sister in the one true way, Mrs. Mary Whipple.

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Mo.—Dear young saints everywhere,—I have intended to write my testimony for quite some time, but have neglected.

I have been encouraged of late to live closer to God. At the Hammond meeting we were privileged to hear some good sermons and I surely want to profit by them. It also encouraged my heart to see some young people start-

ing out for God. I know we young people should be settling down in the Lord, because if time goes on, we will be the ones who will have to hold up the standards of Christ's church. Let us pray much that we will be able to go through the things ahead of us.

A few weeks ago, while working outside I got a splinter in my hip. It was about an inch long. Mother tried to get it out, but it wouldn't come out. It was quite painful. I told the Lord that if he would make it come out that I would testify for him. It did come out in a little while and the place is almost well now. We surely need to live a life so when we need the Lord we won't have to go fix up some things before we can be healed. I desire the prayers of the saints that I will live a more consecrated life.

Christian love,

Carol Allen.

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La.—Dear saints,—I am still leaning on the outstretched arms of Jesus. I know God can supply my every need, because he is the Great Giver of life and he can really give us rest from the storms of life.

I like this little piece that I'm sending. I don't know whether it is a song or poetry, nevertheless it is beautiful and we can hide from the tempest of life in the blest Rock of Ages.

How grateful I am today that Jesus is mine. Since my dear husband left me, January 3, 1953, I would not have known what to do if I didn't have Him to go to.

"O safe to the rock that is higher than I,
My soul in its conflicts and sorrows would fly!
So helpless, so weary, thine, thine would I be;
Thou blest "Rock of Ages," I'm hiding in thee.

"In the calm of the noontide, in sorrow's lone hour,
In times when temptation casts o'er me its power,
In the tempests of life, on its wide, heaving sea,
Thou blest "Rock of Ages," I'm hiding in thee.

"How oft in the conflict, when pressed by the foe,
I have fled to my Refuge and breathed out my woe;
How often, when trials like sea billows roll,
Have I hidden in thee, O thou Rock of my soul."

Sister Wiggins.

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Mo.—Dear ones in Christ,—I feel impressed to testify of God's goodness to me. I feel so unworthy of all his blessings. It surely makes me realize my need of drawing closer to Him day by day. I know it is hard for us young people to stand out against the evils of the world and keep a victorious experience in the Lord, but I'm thankful that God has an experience for us that we won't have to be going back to the altar every camp meeting and assembly meeting to get saved again. I'm not saying that it is wrong to go to the altar if we need to, but I believe we young people can get more settled in the Lord, so that we can keep saved. I truly desire to sink down in the things of God. I know it is going to take a tried people to reach heaven. The old devil is trying his best to overthrow all the saints he can. 1 Pet. 5:8 says, "Be sober, be vigilant: because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."

Sometimes, the young people may just give up their experience when they make a little mistake, but I believe we can profit by our mistakes and ask the Lord to help us to do better the next time. Of course, if we just keep on doing the same thing, it will finally become a sin.

I got much encouragement out of the Hammond As-

sembly Meeting. I surely want to measure up to every word of God, for I know if we are short of just one thing in the day of judgment, it will be too late then and we will go on the downward road. It encouraged my heart to see some saved that I had prayed for so long. We know God is still on the throne and will hear and answer our prayers, if we keep faithful to him. Psalms 34: 15 says, "The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry."

Dear young people, be encouraged. The Lord is looking down upon us and knows our every trial and test, but he said in 1 Cor. 10:13, "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful; who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able, but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." Praise the Lord! He is not going to let us down, so let us keep saved. Remember, we are only living this life once, and if we make a failure of it, we are just gone.

The Lord is everything to me. He has healed my body so many times. I'm so thankful for a Christian home and saint parents, who have taught me to trust in God, which no worldly people can do.

I desire the prayers of all God's people that I will stay true to the end.

With Christian love to all, Shirley Allen.

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Hammond, La.—Dear saints scattered abroad,—Greetings to you in Jesus' dear name.

I feel led to tell you how very much we enjoyed our last assembly meeting held here at Hammond from November 20-29. Quite a number of visiting ministers were with us who brought real precious messages of truth on different lines, which fed our souls. The unity of the Spirit that existed among the saints in the meeting was quite noticeable and is very encouraging in these last days of confusion and strife over our country.

The last night quite a number came to the altar, a few before that. The expenses of the meeting were well met through free-will offerings. A nice number of saints took part in the ordinance meeting of the Lord's supper and feet washing.

We trust that the other saints' assembly meetings held this winter will meet with equal or greater success in the advancement of God's cause.

Let us keep our faces set toward heaven and our minds on the Lord. May He keep his saints encouraged to the end. Christian love, Bro. and Sis. Ray Key.

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Dear saints scattered abroad,—I feel burdened to write concerning the Myrtle, Mo. camp ground. Not being of that congregation, I feel free to write concerning it. I'm sure that all of those attending the camp meeting there will agree that we had a most wonderful meeting there this year (as well as the two previous years). The Lord so wonderfully blessed this year and it's a growing camp meeting.

The congregation at Myrtle is small and we feel the Lord would be pleased for us to all help in building up this camp ground. The Lord blessed the saints there in building a nice chapel and one dormitory (not complete, but enough to be used this year). But as the crowds are increasing, it is very needful for a larger dining hall and kitchen, also another dormitory will be needed.

Myrtle is centrally located for the saints in the mid-west and the east. Many of the saints in the east no doubt can't attend the Monark Springs and Oklahoma camp meetings due to the distance, but could attend the

Myrtle camp meeting. So let us all begin to ask God, "Lord, what would you have ME to do Now?" as well as later on. We can't wait until camp meeting time to think of these things or do anything about it. There is much necessary work to be done to make it possible to care for those attending. So as I've said, let us ask God, "What would you have ME to do?" Many things are needed too for the dining hall such as dishes and so forth. Let us dig down and send our donations to Brother A. J. Sorrell, Myrtle, Mo. God will richly bless us for what we do in this cause.

This is a new place for camp meetings and we feel much good can and will be done. It is the duty of all to help out in this place. Pray earnestly about it and do what God impresses you to do. I will close with Christian love. One for the Truth.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Calif.—Dear saints,—I'm asking that you continue to pray for my wife who is in a State Hospital.

J. T. Hinshaw.

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W. Va.—Dear saints,—Greetings in the dear name of our blessed Lord. Do earnestly pray for my husband. He is 84 and has been an unbeliever of divine healing. Now he is losing his hearing and asked for prayer. Please take him on your hearts and pray for his healing and salvation.

Pray for a sister here that has just come to this Truth. She has stopped doping and needs help from God. She is a widow and is getting help from the government. They tell her that if she doesn't go to the hospital that they will have her check stopped. She won't go to the hospital so pray that God will heal her. God is a present help in time of need and she surely needs help.

Georgiana Sayre.

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Ohio—Dear saints,—As the word teaches, ye are overcomers by the Blood of the Lamb and the word of your testimony. My wife and I were saved on Friday night, October 11, 1905 and sanctified on the following Sunday morning. We have contended for the plain, gospel truth, that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world.

I desire the saints' prayers for my wife as she is very poorly and the Lord is able to touch her body through the prayers of the saints. If she lives until January 20, she will be 81.

George Arganbright.

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and GOD REVEALED IN CHRIST

January 3, 1954

Printed Portion..... John 1:14-23, 29-36.

14. John 1:14. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

15. John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me; for he was before me.

16. And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

17. For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

18. No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

19. And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou?

20. And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ.

21. And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? and he saith, I am not, and thou that prophet? And he answered, No.

22. Then said they unto him, Who art thou? That we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself?

23. He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias.

24. The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

25. This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me; for he was before me.

26. And I knew him not; but that he should be made

manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water.

32. And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove and it abode upon him.

33. And I knew him not; but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.

34. And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God.

35. Again the next day after John stood, and two of his disciples;

36. And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!

Memory Verse: These are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name. John 20:31.

Practical Truth: Through his Son, God has made his most complete revelation of himself to man.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In the study of the gospel of John, we need to look to the last of the book for his purpose in writing which is our memory selection. It is those who believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God that can have life (spiritual life) through his name. In looking through the book of John we find that John records many who did believe on Christ and became his followers.

Verse 29 expresses why "the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." The Word says, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." Gal. 1:4 also says, "Our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world." Christ is no longer with us in the flesh but He is here in every soul that opens to his knock. Rev. 3:20. He is found of all those who seek Him with all the heart.

John the Baptist gave his testimony in his time of Jesus that he saw "the Spirit descending and remaining on him." "And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God" verses 33 and 34. In our day, we also have a testimony to give when we find the Lord Jesus precious to our souls and he brings spiritual life, peace, and joy to us who have found the Lamb of God.

JESUS USES HIS AUTHORITY

January 10, 1954

Printed Portion..... John 2:13-25.

John 2:13. And the Jews' passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem,

14. And found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting;

15. And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables;

16. And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise.

17. And his disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up.

18. Then answered the Jews and said unto him, What sign shewest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things?

19. Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.

20. Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this

temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days?

21. But he spake of the temple of his body.

22. When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.

23. Now when he was in Jerusalem at the passover, in the feast day, many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did.

24. But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because he knew all men,

25. And needed not that any should testify of man: for he knew what was in man.

Memory Verse: God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. John 4:24.

Practical Truth: Because Jesus was the Son of God, he had a right to use his authority still.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

There are two times that Jesus showed his authority and drove out the ones in the temple who sold doves and oxen and sheep. In this lesson, we have the first thing that came after His first miracle, recorded in the first of this chapter. Then in Matt. 21, after His triumphant entry into Jerusalem He did the same to them and showed them that he had power over them and then told them, "My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves." The noise of the market drowned out the prayer and praises of the worshiper.

Christ still has a sternness and holy anger against those who will allow sin to have a place when he has delivered his people from their sins and according to 1 Cor. 3:16 and 17 he says, "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." Satan deceives but as we yield ourselves unto God (Rom. 6:12, 13) we can expect that God will keep his part of the promise as found in 1 Pet. 1:5 "Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." According to 1 John 1:7 the temple can be kept clean. Also read verse 9.

JESUS AND NICODEMUS

January 17, 1954

Printed Portion.....John 3:1-16.

John 3:1. There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:

2. The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

3. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

4. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

5. Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

6. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

8. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh,

and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

9. Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be?

10. Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?

11. Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness.

12. If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?

13. And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.

14. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:

15. That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

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.

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

Practical Truth: It is the privilege of all to experience a new birth wrought by the Spirit of God.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

God has his laws in the spiritual life for humanity as well as laws in the natural realm. 1 Cor. 2:14 says, "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." No wonder, then, the word "must" is found here in verse 7, "Ye must be born again." In Acts 14:22 "We must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God." Now God has a right to give us laws in both natural and spiritual realms for he has made us. Rev. 4:11 says "for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created." So when God tells us in his Word to be born again he makes it possible for us to have faith for that thing. Eph. 3:17 says "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith"; also the mystery in Col. 1:27 "Which is Christ in you the hope of glory." In 2 Cor. 5:17 we find a complete change, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away: behold, all things are become new." Now the sum of all this is to submit to God's laws by truly forsaking all sin and we are born again; a child of God.

JESUS AND THE SAMARITANS

January 24, 1954

Printed Portion.....John 4:27-42.

John 4:27. And upon this came his disciples, and marvelled that he talked with the woman: yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why talkest thou with her?

28. The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith to the men,

29. Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?

30. Then they went out of the city, and came unto him.

31. In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying Master, eat.

32. But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of.

33. Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him aught to eat?

34. Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.

35. Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.

36. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.

37. And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth.

38. I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours.

39. And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did.

40. So when the Samaritans were come unto him, they besought him that he would tarry with them: and he abode there two days.

41. And many more believed because of his own word;

42. And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.

Memory Verse: We have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world. John 4:42.

Practical Truth: Man-made barriers should not deter us from ministrations to those who need Christ.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." *Psa. 126:6.* Here we see Jesus as a soul winner. He had talked with Nicodemus who was one of the elite of his day; a high type of morality but needed to be born again. Now he talks with a woman who has sunk in the ways of sin and gradually leads her to the truth of her life before God and shows her that her sinful ways need not keep her out of heaven when she turns from them. Notice her growing understanding about Jesus. In verse 9 she calls him a "Jew"; in verse 11 she calls him "Sir", in verse 19 she perceives that he is a "Prophet." In verses 26 and 29 we read of Jesus telling her "I that speak unto thee am he" and her question, "Is not this the Christ?" Her neighbors in town heard her testimony and were convinced by her that they too, must see him and told the woman "We have heard him ourselves."

One's spiritual labors for others will result in the enrichment of his own soul. It takes total dependence on the Spirit of God to guide us in soul winning. Paul was a man "Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears." *Acts 20:19.* In verse 31 "I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears."

DOING THE WORKS OF GOD

January 31, 1954

Printed Portion.....John 5:2-18.

John 5:2. Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches.

3. In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water.

4. For an angel went down at a certain season into

the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.

5. And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years.

6. When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole?

7. The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.

8. Jesus saith unto him Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.

9. And immediately the man was made whole and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.

10. The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed.

11. He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk.

12. Then asked they him, What man is that which said unto thee, Take up thy bed, and walk?

13. And he that was healed wist not who it was: for Jesus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in that place.

14. Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.

15. The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus, which had made him whole.

16. And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the sabbath day.

17. But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.

18. Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.

Memory Verse: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. John 10:10.

Practical Truth: Jesus has power to make men whole physically and spiritually.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

"Wilt thou be made whole?" verse 6. Are you willing to be made whole? Everything hinges on the will. Sin paralyzes the will. See those whose bodies bear the marks and stains of sinful indulgence, and probe their minds to find how weak they have become thereby. But let a man will to be willing and he is on the road to being made a new creature. Jesus knew this man was ready to be healed and when he told him to take up his bed and walk, he immediately obeyed. There is nothing too hard for our Lord. This man had this infirmity thirty-eight years, but Jesus healed him. Some men get saved when they get old. When they will to get saved, Jesus will save them.

We have critics in our day just as Jesus had in his day. They were offended because "He not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God." No matter what a Christian does to advance the work of God, there are those who will have some opposition to make. Paul says in 2 Tim. 3:12, "Yea, all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." Today, as then, the Church must be missionary minded or die.