

# FAITH<sup>AND</sup>VICTORY

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### Straying Sheep

'Twas a sheep, not a lamb, that had strayed away  
In the parable Jesus told;  
A grown-up sheep that had gone astray  
From the ninety and nine in the fold.

Out on the hillside, out in the cold,  
" 'Twas a sheep the Good Shepherd sought;  
And back to the flock, safe in the fold,  
'Twas a sheep the Good Shepherd brought."

And why for the sheep should we earnestly long,  
And as earnestly hope and pray?  
Because there is danger, if they go wrong,  
They will lead the lambs astray.

For the lambs will follow the sheep, you know,  
Wherever the sheep may stray;  
When the sheep go wrong, it will not be long  
Till the lambs are as wrong as they.

And so with the sheep we earnestly plead,  
For the sake of the lambs today:  
If the lambs are lost, what terrible cost  
Some sheep will have to pay. —Mrs. F. R.

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### A Good Name

To always be an honest man,  
To play the game real fair,  
To live up to the Golden Rule,  
In business dealings square.

To always fight against the wrong,  
Be on the side of right,  
That folks will know just where you stand,  
Your actions bear the light.

To have the confidence of men,  
Have folks believe you're true—  
There's something money cannot buy:  
An honest name for you.

—Forrest W. Bartholomew.

### Without Faith It Is Impossible To Please God

Faith is a vital necessity for all Christian success. Without faith we cannot become a Christian, for we "must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." Oh, let us earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints! We need more faith today. How I would love to impress our people that we need to exercise more faith—all of us. We need to cry out to God to help our unbelief if we are in doubt in any way. God is able, willing, and ready to help in every time of need, if we only believe. Listen how Paul had complete confidence in God: he said, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Oh, may we expect God to do something for his people, even expect to see miracles performed! The day of miracles is not passed except to those who do not believe. His Word declares that He is the same yesterday and today and forever. Can we not believe that? take Him at His Word? The Scriptures need more believing today than explaining. We must believe that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. Are we diligently seeking Him? Do we believe God's promises are to us?

In Luke it says, "Shall not God avenge his own elect which cry day and night unto him though he bear long with them? I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh shall he find faith on the earth?" To me that is proof that the writer was afraid people would faint and not have faith. The Scriptures tell us to contend for the faith which was once delivered to the saints. Do we contend, urge, show folks that it is the only way? The reason some folks do not have more faith than they do is because of lack of obedience. Folks do not obey the Lord. Oh, they obey when it suits them and is easy, but when hard things come and it does not suit them, I am afraid they are like Saul when Samuel told him to utterly destroy the city. He partly obeyed, and told Samuel that he had performed the commandments of the Lord. But Samuel asked him the meaning of the bleating of the sheep and the lowing of the oxen in his ears. Saul said the people desired

them for a sacrifice unto the Lord. He was trying to place the blame on someone else, but he was the guilty one and Samuel knew it. He told Saul that God had turned from him and that it was better to obey than to sacrifice. It seems that Saul was sorry in a measure when he saw the penalty he would have to pay, but he was not willing to admit that he had sinned by his own choice. He wanted Samuel to forgive him, but Samuel turned away to leave him. Samuel was very sorry that Saul had turned away from God and refused to obey the Lord. He knew that God could not bless Israel as long as Saul ruled over them. Be sure your sin will find you out. One cannot hide from God. He that covereth his sins shall not prosper. We must deal honestly with God. Of course one cannot exercise faith if his life is crooked. We cannot serve God and mammon. We must serve Him with all our hearts. Then and then only can one have faith in God. It is through constant obedience that faith is built up in God and we can expect God to answer our prayers and expect miracles to be performed. With God nothing is impossible, but all things are possible to him that believeth.

Prayer and faith are so closely connected that I do not see how we can separate them. Prayer builds up our faith and when we have faith we want to pray. We have confidence in our prayers, though He may not answer as we expected.

Let us not just pray once, but continue in prayer. Think of the great prophet Elijah praying for rain. He did not stop the first time, nor the second nor third, but prayed on and on till the answer came. Sometimes when we pray we feel defeated, feel our prayers have gone no higher than our heads. It is good to tarry in prayer until the enemy is defeated. What a wonderful thing prayer is.

Another thing that hinders faith is a lack of secret prayer. He that prayeth in secret shall be rewarded openly. It is not the long prayer, and the beautifully worded prayer; but it is the heart felt prayer and our faith and submission to God that brings results.

We cannot grow without faith. The Bible tells us to add to our faith—virtue, knowledge, etc. Faith is not feelings. Sometimes when things look darkest one can stand by faith. "Having done all to stand."

The Bible tells us of those who had no faith; those who had little faith; and those who were full of faith. We are saved by faith; we are sanctified by faith; kept by faith; healed by faith. James tells us that faith if it hath not works is dead. I will shew my faith by my works, said James—faith in action. If someone comes to us needing help that we can give and we just say, "God bless you," yet do not give them the things needed, How dwelleth the love of God in us? "Inasmuch as ye did it not unto the least of these, my brethren, ye did it not unto me." May God help us all to exercise more faith in God. May the time soon come when we shall see more of the early church miracles. Let us work harder to accomplish it. Obey God in all things. He will increase our faith. Earnestly contend for the faith once delivered unto the saints.

—Mrs. Henry Grauke.

## Are You Dead or Just Playing Opossum?

"We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain" 2 Cor. 6:1. "If we suffer, we shall also reign with him." 2 Tim. 2:12. God needs workers today in the time of the end as he never did before; because the time is very short. Workers are needed who are filled with power and faith—faith that worketh by love. God wants to love the souls of lost men through us; be burdened for souls through us; suffer through us for the afflicted ones.

The loving Heavenly Father has a special process through which all must go before they can be meet for the Master's use. Very few have gone through this severe test.

Oh! if everyone were really dead that thinks they are, we would see great things accomplished for God. Dear ones, if God ever uses us in the great work of salvation, we must first be crucified with Christ. Suffering always accompanies crucifixion, therefore if we have not suffered we have not been crucified; and if not crucified, Christ cannot use us. Some may say: I have suffered. I suffered the loss of my dear wife and children. Another may say, I suffered in body many years and bore it patiently. But to suffer with Him means more than all this. Sinners are subject to this kind of suffering.

Jesus' body suffered untold agony on the cross. The thieves also suffered in their bodies. This is not the suffering that it takes for you to be able to say, "I am crucified with Christ."

The greatest suffering of our Saviour was the inmost soul suffering that he suffered when his soul was sorely afflicted. What caused this affliction? Was it not because he cared? He suffered for all. If he had not been burdened for the lost world, he would have escaped this soul suffering, the greatest suffering of all. His great love for the lost world brought on this suffering; and we are commanded to follow in His steps and to love one another as he loved us.

Jesus suffered for all of our afflictions, both of body and soul. And if we (His body the Church) are in good health spiritually, when one member suffers we all suffer with it. But to suffer for others we first must have suffered as He suffered. The flesh does not want to die. The flesh of Jesus did not want to go to the cross. But hear Him when the decision is made, the victory won, the price is paid; when he comes to the place where he can say, "Not my will, but thine be done."

Dear ones, are you suffering in your inmost souls for the lost and afflicted ones? If so, then you can say, "I am crucified with him." If not, you are not dead—just playing dead. Many, I fear, are like the opossum, they are playing dead. From all appearance they seem to be dead, and no doubt they think that they are dead. When the opossum is caught, he will play dead and go stiff all over and never bat an eye. You can pick it up, toss it around, bump it against a tree and it will never move a muscle. You will think that it is surely dead. But when left alone and when no one is looking, it will be up and about

its own business, following its own desires. So many are just like that, going about their own business, following their own desires, living their own lives, living for the flesh, have no burden for the lost world, cannot suffer when other members are suffering, all because they are playing dead.

Pick up that opossum and break his neck, then watch him. What has happened? He is not playing dead any longer; he is going through the death struggle. Brother, have you gone through the death struggle? If you have, it will cure you of playing opossum.

The flesh does not want to die. We all die hard. Jesus suffered the death struggle in the garden: the flesh did not want to go to the cross. It is not easy to die to all but Jesus and his will, not easy to say—and really mean it—"Not my will be done, but thine."

It seems to be easy for some to say, "I'll suffer for Him, I'll bear the cross." These are easy sayings from the lips out; and many have gone no further. Ask them if they are suffering with Him and they do not know what you mean. Suffering cannot be taken away from the cross. Beware! today many are teaching a streamlined cross. Do not be deceived! If you have not suffered and can not suffer for others, you are not dead, just playing dead.

My beloved, search your hearts. Have you suffered crucifixion? If so, He can use you; if not, you are not dead. And what is worse, you are a hindrance to the great cause, a weight that is hindering the progress of his people. If we are really dead, then we are channels of blessing through which God is working: "Workers together with Him" because it is not us, but God working through us. —H. P. Huskey

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### To A Mother in Israel From a Son in the Gospel

Love, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. Recently a burden has come to us prompted by love to write you. I think of you as very precious and very dear to us all. We miss you so when you are gone out in the fields of labor. Our meetings are not the same when you and Bro.— are gone. But with all this, we do enjoy our coming together. We are worshipping the One whom we adore, who saved us, paying a great price for our redemption. This makes us His—His own dear children. O thank God, we are His through faith in Christ and obedience to His will.

I've been thinking lately about some of the good things of the Lord. So much of the day the Word of God comes to us revealing precious things concerning man's salvation. I have been desiring more food, particularly for meditation on the sanctified life, where the heart experiences complete purity. We would like more teaching on this as I see you have been blessed to look deeper into this wonderful experience. I don't believe one can see deeply into this pure teaching without first receiving the grace of perfect stability.

With so many false doctrines afloat, one is likely to err if he loses his first vision of the truth. It has

been my human weakness to want knowledge. Some have felt that I have searched into the Word of God for things too deep for one recently come into the faith. I do not dispute this at all. My soul still longs for deeper researches into the graces of God. My being craved growth, which could only be by obeying the Scriptures. Though blunders were chalked against me, I wanted to be a burning and shining light. To me Christ's life and example came as a continual reminder. I yearned for the Christ life and my search was for the Holy Spirit. Time and times again I went with tears dripping upon the Christ breast (my Altar), where I went to weep out all my human imperfections. I could not make the jump from the Great Sea to the other side of Jordan. Many miles of journeyings stood between me and my repented soul, and the search for the Holy Spirit.

Furthermore, the lying powers of Satan from without stood foaming out threats: "This is not for you." Anti-cleansing suggestions also, from men of clever deduction and glossy speech that "The work is by one stroke only," troubled me. But blest be God, which revealeth secrets and maketh known the interpretations of His truth, made known to his servant that this "Most Holy" state was for His children. The fire of the Holy Spirit came burning out that inherited nature, making room for greater love.

And now, though we write you this rich experience and feeling wealthy in grace, yet we feel our littleness. We are learning more and more what it means to be clothed with humility and tenderness of heart. Though sanctified and hopeful, it does not mean that the paralyzing effects of Satan will not be felt pressing in. Now it is His sweet Spirit that gives us more grace, more power, and that daily hope of living with heaven in view.

Your son through the Gospel,

S. D.

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Dear ones in the Lord—Thank you for your prayers. I am feeling much better and I'm able to be up, for which we thank the good Lord. Keep praying for us that we will live closer to the Lord each day. Pray for our children that they will get saved and those that are saved will live closer to Him. We have an unspoken request for our youngest son. Pray earnestly that God will answer this request for us. Again we thank you for your earnest prayers. With Christian love, Bro. and Sis. N. A. Decocq

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### OKLAHOMA CITY ANNUAL MEETING

Greetings in Jesus dear name. The saints of the Church of God are to hold their February meeting at 800 N. E. 3rd street in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, beginning on February 11th through February 20th. We are praying and we want all the saints to pray with us that we will let God have his way to burden the hearts of the spirit-filled ministers and saints to help carry this meeting on as the Lord would have it. —Bro. M. Spears, Pastor  
Phone Ga 7-1033, 2704 N. E. 19th St., Oklahoma City.

### ALL DAY MEETING

There will not be an all day meeting at Bristow, Okla. the second Sunday in February. But there will be an all day meeting the second Sunday in March, which is March 13th. All are invited to come. There will be dinner on the ground.  
—Bro. Orie Young

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**Editorials**

The last issue of the "Faith and Victory" paper went out to more than ten thousand homes, and this fact rejoices our hearts to think that the Lord is making it possible for us to reach so many precious souls with the unadulterated gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Not only this, but the Lord is encouraging our hearts for a greater moving forward for the printing work in a general sense; not only in more subscriptions for the paper, but also a greater issue of tracts, booklets, and books. The literature is now going out in a steady stream to all parts of this country and to many foreign countries. It is the big hand of God that makes these things possible as we bow in humble submission to his sovereign will and pleasure.

We desire to be counted as naught that our God and Saviour may be magnified and lifted up. We certainly do appreciate the many letters of encouragement from our readers living throughout the land and the love offerings which many have sent in to the furtherance of the gospel by the printed page. We have long contended that God would supply his printing work without any begging, exhorting, or flaring ones needs before the readers all the time. A faith work is one of which God is the author, and those whom he burdens for the work will tell the needs to the Lord and he will talk to his trusting children whom he has blessed with means, and they will gladly and willingly give as he directs them; thus the Lord's printing work is kept going by the hand of God. It is precious to live in the freedom of the Spirit in this manner and see the living God work and bring about things that are needful for the sending forth of his gospel truth to open-hearted and needy souls.

A few have been sending in offerings to the work who have given no name nor address. We want to let you know that the Lord causes us to appreciate this kindness, as it does help to get the gospel to men by the printed page.

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The interior of my office room, the wrapping room, and the enlistment and stencil rooms have undergone a great change lately as the Lord moved on some of the brethren to put sheet-rock on the walls and ceiling with a new paint job and some linoleum on the floors. This is a great improvement and satisfaction, as it makes everything cleaner and the rooms can be heated with less fuel and made much more comfortable for the workers. This is another blessing from the Lord.

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My daughter, Anna Marie Miles, has settled down in the printing work with godly zeal and fervency of spirit that belongs to those who are definitely called of God to this work and is a great comfort to me and causes inward rejoicing to know that God has seen fit to use one of our children in His work. It is good to have someone to counsel with and to be in agreement of prayer to God for wisdom to carry on for Him who is above all. We earnestly desire the prayers of all our readers.

The Lord has also added another worker to his family here in the print shop. Viola Atnip from southeast Missouri came for the Assembly Meeting and remained to work in the Lord's work. She is taking hold of the work and gives us reason to believe that she will be a good worker for the Lord. She has felt definitely led of the Lord to give her time and talent to the Lord in the printing work. Thank God for the consecrated young people, for those who hold steady and get wisdom from God will be the pillars in the church of God in coming years.

Besides the many tracts and booklets being printed, we are also printing two books that are out of stock. There is no room for ease-lovers nor idlers of any kind around the "Lord's Print Shop." Those who are really consecrated and interested in getting the gospel out to men spend their time with that one object in view, which is the rescuing of precious souls from sin and eternal death.

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The assembly meeting held here at Guthrie was very good, although the attendance was not as great as usual. The Lord worked in a very precious way in saving souls and sanctifying believers. Some bodies were healed by the power of God. The preaching was good and much anointing was in evidence. There was a large snow storm during the meeting which, no doubt, hindered some from coming who otherwise would have been in the meeting.

Bro. Richard Madden was recognized by the ministers as one anointed of God for the ministry, and they bade him God-speed by the laying on of hands and prayer. May the Lord bless him in the ministry of the Word as he continually yields himself to God.

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There is a time for all things: a time to weep and pray and a time to rejoice and be glad. In our forty years of service for God we have found that weeping and praying was upon us many times, and at other times when the Lord would reveal himself in such a marvelous way that great rejoicing would be overcoming us. In looking through the Bible we find that this has been the life of practically all the godly characters mentioned. We think of Moses, the meek man of God. He had many such experiences. Jacob grieved and mourned over the loss of his son Joseph, whom he believed to be destroyed by wild animals. When word was brought to him that Joseph lived, he could not believe it; but when he saw the horses and wagons which were sent to bring him and all he possessed down into Egypt, he said, "It is enough; Joseph my son is yet alive: I will go and see him before I die." That was a time of rejoicing for him. Thomas doubted about the Son of God being resurrected; but when he felt of his side, saw the print of the spear and the nail prints in his hands, he said, "My Lord and my God!" What he saw was enough for him. When the Lord was resurrected and the rocks rent and some graves were opened and the saints came forth and the sun was darkened, the centurion standing by said, "Surely this was the Son of God."

When the Son of God was mocked, scourged, and hung between the thieves and murderers, pierced and

slain, then was taken down, buried in the tomb, sealed with the governor's seal and a company of soldiers were set to watch through the night that his body be not stolen away: the God of the universe, in deed, said, "It is enough." Then he sent his angel who broke the governor's seal, rolled away the stone, sat upon it, and the brave soldiers fell down as dead men, and the Son of God came forth a conqueror, and is alive forevermore, causing many to rejoice and be exceedingly glad. Brothers and sisters, Satan is a whipped Devil and we can all have sweeping victory through Christ who conquered him, although there may be suffering, weeping and praying before victory comes, but it will come in due time. Let us rejoice and be glad for the risen Christ who has ascended up to heaven and is our High Priest and is touched by our infirmities. Glory be to God in the highest, peace on earth, good will toward all men.

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Dear Bro. Pruitt and all the saints and ministers of God:—

I am writing this to say that for a short time (as some of you already know) I have been confused and mixed up with this new light doctrine as regards sanctification, which trouble came about in reading false literature which is being sent out and circulated, opposing the doctrine of sanctification as has always been taught by this reformation. I would say that it affected both my mind and heart; but more especially my mind, as sometimes my mind would seem to be in a whirl. But I kept my heart open to any counsel that could be given to show the doctrine wrong, but I really wanted time to consider and be sure that it was from the Lord. But still I never could fellowship the doctrine wholeheartedly, and had no fellowship whatever with the advocates of the doctrine. But it was confusing to the mind, and the Scriptures used to support it did seem so clear and Biblical till it really looked like revealed light from the Bible.

However, I am so glad and thankful to say that through the help of the Lord and the prayers and faithful efforts of the saints and ministers, God has wonderfully delivered me from this doctrine; and I herein renounce it as the work of the devil calculated to confuse and divide the people of God and to hinder his salvation work in the earth. Being so thankful that God has delivered me from this satanical imposition, I feel impressed to sound out the warning to all other saints to never read and tamper with any literature which is not sound and is contrary to the old time truth which we have heard from the beginning of this reformation. I am so glad to say I am again in harmony and fellowship with the saints and ministers here in the south, and mean from now on to endeavor to live more watchful and closer to the Lord so the enemy shall never gain any ground upon me to cause me to waver in the least from any of the old time truth as was taught by the Bible and ministers of this reform. It is my desire and shall be my aim to contend earnestly for the faith which was once delivered to the saints.

I ask the saints in general to forgive me of this wrong, and pray for me; and I shall ever remain your

blood-washed brother for the whole truth.

L. L. Perry

**Editor's Note:**—It brought sorrow to my soul when I learned that dear Bro. Perry got deceived into that wrong doctrine. Many prayers went up for him, but now we rejoice that the Lord has revealed to him its sly and cunning work and he is freed from this deceitful spirit which is still holding a few of our brothers and sisters in its webb. May God hasten deliverance for them all. If one continues in a deceptive doctrine very long he (or she) will also pick up other wrong doctrines that will separate them more and more from God and the true saints in light. Let us take heed unto ourselves and to the true doctrine which we have learned of God. Quite often Paul in his writings says, "Let no man deceive you."

### Obituaries

Loneta Jones was born in High, Texas, Lamar Co., Oct. 5, 1903 and departed this life in her home Nov. 7, 1954. Most of her childhood days were spent in Gatesville bottom, a community out from Porter, Okla. She attended school in Eufaula, Okla. Oct. 19, 1930 Sister Loneta was united in holy matrimony to Willie Griffin. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Lenard Gaines. To this union two daughters were born, Corene and Janett.

Early in life she professed a hope in Christ and joined the Baptist denomination where she remained until hearing the gospel of the Bible preached in its fulness by the evening light saints in 1916, which she accepted and was saved in the Church of God. She was baptized by Bro. Henry Robinson. She was a devoted wife and a loving mother, had a great love for her home, and a concern for those who lived around her. While she was able to go, she took a delight in visiting the sick and lending a helping hand to those in need, doing the best she could in showing the love of Christ to the people.

Sister Griffin was faithful and at her post of duty until about two years ago when her health began to fail. During her illness she said the Lord was with her and that she would not forsake Him but was going to stay with Him to the end. Her last testimony was: "I am ready to go; whatever the Lord's will is concerning me, I am satisfied; for I am ready to stay or go, because my trust is in the Lord." Sister Griffin has gone from labor to her reward although she is not forgotten, for the life she lived will be long remembered in the home and community.

She leaves to mourn her passing a loving husband, two daughters, one grandson, a father, three sisters, one uncle, and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral by Bro. M. Spears. Text Rom. 6:23. "For the wages of sin is death: but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

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Clarence Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Thomas Smith was born April 8, 1904 and departed this life December 15, 1954, age 50 years, 8 months, and 7 days.

On August 1st, 1941 he was united in marriage to Mrs. Minnie Hecks. After six years of happy marriage, the Lord saw best to take his companion home.

Clarence has been employed for many years in dairy work and more recently in Anthony Plumbing Shop.

Clarence accepted the Lord as his Savior a few days before he became so seriously ill and his experience was bright through his going.

Besides his wife, he was preceded in death by his fa-

ther, a sister, Irene, brother and step grandson.

He leaves to mourn his passing his mother, Mrs. Millie Smith of the home; one brother, Raymond of Los Angeles, California; Three sisters, Miss Nora Smith of Pomona, California, Mrs. George Patterson of Anthony and Mrs. Robert Roberson of Witchita, one step-daughter Mrs. Jim Combs; one step grandson Myrn; two nephews, three nieces, and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Saturday, December 18, 1954 at 2:30 p. m. at the Parsons Funeral Home with interment made in the Forest Park Cemetery. Brother O. C. Porter and Brother Charles Smith officiated.

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George W. Myers son of Mr. and Mrs. Amaziah Myers was born November 12, 1882 in Worth County, Mo. and departed this life December 19, 1954.

He was united in marriage to Nola Fain in 1908, to which union five children were born.

In 1906 he was healed of chills and fever when near death's door, and gave his heart to God and was delivered from the tobacco habit. He had faith in God for divine healing of the bodies of others. He allowed the enemy to discourage him and quit professing, but never went deep into sin. He always held the standard high and wouldn't profess unless he lived up to that standard. But he had a desire to live for God. Last May he suffered a heart attack and accepted Christ again as his Savior, and from that time on he proved beyond the shadow of a doubt that he was living a Christian life. Soon after that he was afflicted with a virus very severely, then he suffered a stroke a few months ago, but had recently been helping to build some Sunday school rooms.

On December 19th he had attended church services and after dinner sat down to read and suddenly passed away. He had realized his time was short. He is survived by his wife, three sons; Floyd of Corpus Christi, Loyd of Fresno, California, Walden of Texas City, Texas, and two daughters: Dessie Meyer of Borger, Texas, and Mary Hilton of McAllen, Texas; also ten grandchildren, two sisters, E. Coral Johnson of La Junta, Colorado, and Kate Young of Lamar, Colorado; also two brothers; Merrill of Pueblo, Colorado, and Pren of Dallas, Texas.

Funeral services were conducted by L. L. Gaylord at Corpus Christi, interment at the family plot at McAllen, Texas.

Dear brother how we miss you,

But to God's will we say amen;

We know if to God we are faithful,

In a better land we'll meet soon again;

For God and his great love and mercy

Kept pleading, Come home weary one.

You were heart-broken, torn and bleeding,

And Satan said, "Wait"—but you said,

"I come into the outstretched arms of Jesus,"

Where peace you found and grace to live

A life proving to all who saw you tested,

Grace sufficient for trials he freely gives,

His word was food for your hungry soul,

Telling you how to reach your goal;

So you sat down to read awhile:

God said, "Come, we'll go the last mile."

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### In Memory of Sister May Ola Johnson

I will speak now of May Ola,

One who loved to serve the Lord,

And her gentle quiet spirit

Was with Jesus in one accord.  
 And with joy she rendered service  
 In her home and by the way,  
 Getting strength each day from Jesus  
 As she plod along life's way.  
 Off' her spirit loved to revel  
 In fields of poetic grace;  
 And she told her fellow pilgrim  
 Of a bright and better place.  
 God gave her a dear companion—  
 Harvey Johnson was his name—  
 And they journeyed on together,  
 Having hearts with love aflame.  
 At the Monark Springs Campmeeting,  
 July twenty-ninth in fifty-four,  
 An angel came to call May Ola  
 To a bright and better shore.  
 She left this world and all behind,  
 And her sweet companion, too;  
 And other friends and loved ones dear—  
 Yes, she bade them all adieu.  
 She's gone now to be with Jesus,  
 For her work on earth is done;  
 She is resting from her labors  
 Where there is no setting sun.  
 So if you some day would meet her  
 In the land of joy and peace,  
 Watch and pray and labor  
 Till your walk on earth shall cease.

—Ulysses Phillips

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

Sister Elaine Davis of Plainwell, Michigan requests prayer for the Lord to build up a new work in her city, removing any oppositions of the enemy. Also that she would be, and keep filled with the Spirit, keeping her mind on things above.

She also needs healing for three varicose ulcers, and strength for her ministering to souls, as much walking is involved as well as spiritual power.

May the Lord bless you, Sister Elaine Davis.

Greetings in the name of our Precious Savior.  
 Thanks for sending the book and calenders so promptly.

I spent several hours with my mother (Mrs. Stella Decocq) during Christmas, and she wanted me to send word to the saints everywhere to pray for her complete healing. She will get relief for awhile after some of the saints come to pray for her, but then she begins to suffer so terribly again. If someone who was able to hold on to God for her, could only be with her for awhile, I believe it would mean so much to her. As a dear brother once said, "We have access to the most wonderful Doctor in the whole world, and he is always ready to hear us and ready to come to our rescue." We thank the Lord over and over for his wonderful love and goodness to us. Pray for us that we may grow in grace and be strong in faith.

A sister in Christ, Mrs. Pat Cole, Rt. 2, Granby, Mo.

#### MEETING REPORTS

Our annual assembly meeting of the Church of God held near Pacoima, Calif. has come and gone and now is a fond memory. Many sought the Lord and found Him a very present help in time of need. An incident occurred one night in the early part of the meeting just about

preaching time. The lights went out. Seekers began to come and seek the Lord. About the time the last one prayed through the lights came on again. We never had any preaching that night.

A number of ministers were present to break the bread of life. Bros. C. Smith, J. Johnson, U. Phillips, and D. Madden were here from Oklahoma besides the local ministers. There was unity and heavenly anointing all the way through.

Bro. Ulysses Phillips and others ministers held a ten days meeting at San Bernardino before the assembly meeting; then shortly afterward a revival was begun there again. Bros. Charles Smith and Johnny Johnson with the local ministers preached the Word. A goodly number sought the Lord for spiritual help. Some became convinced that this was what they were looking for and took their stand with the people of God and felt very much at home among God's children.

These ministers went from San Bernardino to Bakersfield to begin a revival to last as long as the Lord leads. The Church of God has a real missionary spirit, which is a good sign of spiritual growth.

Yours for all the truth and salvation of lost souls,  
 E. M. Zinn.

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Our hearts are still rejoicing and praising the Lord for the wonderful weekend young peoples meeting we had here in Bakersfield, November 26-28.

The Lord blessed two of our young ministers, Bro. Calvin Hobbs and Bro. Clarence Hattley, to be with us.

The Spirit of the Lord was in each service, and everyone was precious, and the truth went forth clear and plain.

We are enjoying the rich word of God from these ministers. One message in particular was one Bro. Hobbs preached on "Redeeming the Time."

Quite a large number came from the various congregations to be with us, young and old, which was very encouraging to us.

Quite a number sought the Lord for salvation, sanctification, and other needs. Some came to receive healing of their bodies and was blessed of the Lord.

We all surely did enjoy ourselves. We desire the prayers of all the saints that God will hold his hand over us here, and encourage each and every one to press on deeper into God and his holy way. Hazel Blackwell

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#### Biblical Truth On Adultery

Away back in ages past before the "Sun of Righteousness began to shine, God winked at many things which the people did (Acts 17:30). The reason for God's winking at some of their deeds and passing over them was that the people were in ignorance, in moon-light darkness. They were living in the "shadow of good things to come" (Heb. 10:1). They were not able and had no way to free themselves nor to be cleansed from the pollution of sin and death that passed upon all men through the fall of the first Adam (Rom. 5:12). Hence they could not be responsible as we are today who live in the new covenant and have the light and truth shining in the world by the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. The apostle Paul, in speaking of Jesus in Titus 2:11, says, "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world." Light and knowledge rates



our responsibility before God. We know sin is a transgression of the law, whether it be the Mosaic law or the law of Christ under grace. If people do know and really keep the law of Christ under grace, they will also be keeping all the law of Moses in a spiritual sense before God. For Jesus came not to destroy the law but to fulfill it; and his laws, which are put into our minds and written on the fleshly tables of our hearts (Heb. 8:10) when we are sanctified and cleansed by His blood, will make us absolutely free from the law of sin and death which reigned over and in men through the fall of our foreparents.

Physical and spiritual adultery is a cursed thing in Christendom today through fleshly lusts upheld by deceitful teachers. The complete teachings of the New Testament are fully against physical and spiritual adultery; and we can also include the whole Bible, for God only created one woman for the man whom he had created; and he said of them: "Therefore shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh." Gen. 2:24. Anyone having more than one living companion would be living in fornication and whoredom whether they had any ceremony performed or not. A man living with what is called a "Common law wife" would be in sin, fornication and whoredom in the sight of God just as much as one who had a ceremony performed. One in that state is in sin because he has not complied with the laws of the land which demand couples to be married by a credible official. They would also be in fornication and whoredom because we cannot associate Him with those who are breaking the laws of the land, which He teaches us to obey. God does not look upon sin or transgression of his law with any favor, no matter what state or condition it is found; therefore we can see that biblically speaking, it is not the marriage ceremony or vows they make, but the deeds they commit which make them adulterous persons in His sight. God does not hold us to former vows when light and knowledge comes to us. We must walk in truth and righteousness regardless of former vows or decisions.

Saul made vows before going to Damascus, but broke them suddenly when the light shown on him (Acts 9:5, 6). We know that all over the land today preachers and judges are joining men and women together in marriage ceremonies, which the laws of the land uphold, and at the same time many of them are in adultery, having several living companions. Is God a party in joining them together? I say no, and you say no. I believe that it would be blasphemy for any one to accuse the Lord of being a party in joining one up in an adulterous state. I believe that every enlightened child of God will say amen to that statement. It is quite in harmony with the Word of God to say that the man who has been living with a "common-law wife" for years and had never at any time had a ceremony performed would have no divine right to marry another woman. If they both got under conviction and cleaned up for God, they would be led of Him to clean up in every needed way and have a ceremony performed in harmony with the laws of the land, and they could live with God's approval upon them. I believe

that Bro. Warner and the early reformers in this evening light reformation in general terms received the right doctrines of the Bible and God did mightily bless their labors. We need those wholesome truths embedded in our hearts today with knowledge and understanding on the same subjects to overcome the greatly increased wickedness and evil and false religious teachings which have multiplied and are multiplying in the world, thereby keep shining as lights in this dark world.

Our early reformers taught us that if two parties were legally married and were living together as man and wife and perhaps had a family of children and then the enemy would work evil in their hearts and cause them to divorce and be separated one from the other, living apart; that they would be in adultery if they married any one else while both were living. But if and when they got saved, washed in the blood of the Lamb and made clean, they were instructed to remarry and live together as God ordained they should. For proof of this statement I refer you to Bro. C. E. Orr's book entitled, "A Religious Controversy." Bro. Orr wrote this book many years ago and he used to be closely associated with Bro. Warner. At the time this book was written the Trumpet leaders had not backslidden in heart and gone to worldly religion, but it was the Church of God. They had not lost their identity at that time. Bro. Orr told me with his own mouth that when the first issue of this book was printed that the whole Trumpet family stayed up late at night, working, writing addresses, wrapping, and getting this book ready to mail out to friends and others when the first issue was printed. The whole company at that time approved its teachings. You will find his writings on this subject on Page Eleven of this book, "Religious Controversy," which we now print and keep in stock. To make it plain to our readers we shall quote two paragraphs from Page 11: Quote. "Mr. W.—Well, I don't know whether to believe such a story or not. I've never yet seen a preacher that wouldn't marry anyone for twenty-five dollars.

"Mrs. W.—Go to the meeting with me tonight, and you'll see one, for this is the same man. But I didn't tell all the story. This preacher began to talk to the man about his soul and how wrong it would be to remarry and disobey God. 'Go back' he said, 'to your divorced wife and live with her. Both of you get saved, and you can live happily together.' The man said he wanted to do what was right. The preacher asked him to come out to meeting and hear the Word of God. The man did go to the meeting, got saved, and then he and the preacher went to see his divorced wife and talked to her. She, too, got saved and they married again and have been living happily together ever since. That does not look like separating husband and wife."

Dear brothers and sisters, do not receive anyone's new light on this subject, for we are now living under the new covenant. When the blood is applied it cleanses from all sin and uncleanness (Zech. 13:1), makes us new creatures and old things pass away. Clean folks would naturally want to go back together



and live as God ordained they should, rearing their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

We find in the Word of God recorded in Matt. 5:28, this truth spoken by the Lord himself, "But I say unto you, that whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her, hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." I dare say that there are many in sin today, including professors of religion who sin more or less every day, that are guilty of this ungodly and sinful deed. For this reason and many others, adultery should be taught against truly and strongly by all of God's enlightened ministers, for in this enlightened age since Christ has fulfilled the law and the prophets, one is in adultery if he retains lustful desires in his heart for the opposite sex. We that are ministers in this evening light truth should live clean and hold up boldly the true holiness doctrines of the Bible, and teach against sin and adultery in every form regardless of what state or condition it may be found.

In the 19th chapter of Matt. Jesus makes it very plain that no one is to have more than one living companion. He referred them to God's created pair in the beginning. He said, "They twain shall be one flesh." He also said positively, "What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder." I believe that it is biblical to say that all marriage ceremonies and vows in accordance with the laws and regulations of the land are binding and approved of God with the exception of those ceremonies which bind parties together in an adulterous state. Far be it from us who love the Lord and souls to accuse the Lord of being a party to such a state when his whole teachings and life are against it.

Several years ago a couple came into my office and wanted me to perform a marriage ceremony for them. On inquiry I found out that the man had a living wife. I told him that I could not perform the ceremony for them as it would be contrary to the teachings of the Bible. I was persuaded that God would not unite him up with this woman when he had a living wife and I would not be a party to any thing that God would not do. I believe that the first marriage ceremony has God's approval and binds men and women together until death does them part.

Jesus told the Pharisees that Moses because of the hardness of their hearts suffered them to put away their wife, but from the beginning it was not so. We who are saved are circumcised in heart, living under the new covenant and are cleansed from the hardness of the heart. We are put back as God created man in the beginning and should live all the time with a tender heart toward God and all mankind or else forfeit our right to the tree of life, be weighed in the balance and found wanting in that awful day that is coming.

The 9th verse reads thus, "And I say unto you, whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whosoever marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery." There are many today who use this word "except" as an excuse for being free to marry again. It does give them a right to separate from the one who is a fornicator, but I am

persuaded that the voice of Scripture is against their being free to marry anyone else. Matthew and Paul both say that in the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established (2 Cor. 13:1). We read in Mark 10:11 what Mark as a witness says, "Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marrieth another, committeth adultery against her. And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she committeth adultery." Bro. Luke says, "Whosoever putteth away his wife, and marrieth another, committeth adultery: and whosoever marrieth her that is put away from her husband committeth adultery" Luke 16:18. The apostle Paul says in Romans 7:3, "So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress."

Now we have three inspired of God witnessing without giving any exceptions, if's and and's about the matter, declaring one would be in adultery were he to marry another.

Young brothers and sisters and older ones as well, I want to warn you by the sacred and holy Scriptures to never consider uniting in marriage with anyone who has been mixed up in questionable marriage relationships. If you want to keep out of trouble and clear before God, do not consider such a person as a life companion, or with anyone who has a divorce and a living husband or wife.

God forbid that any minister among us should ever so lower the standard of truth on this subject insomuch that any adulterous person would have any liberty to make a profession among any of the congregations of the saints and go along as though he or she were a member in the body of Christ, the Church of the living God. Hear the Word of God, "Be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the Lord." And again in Isaiah 35:8 we read, "And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called the way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it." In Luke 1:75 we read that we are to serve the Lord "in holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life."

In first Thessalonians 5:23 we read, "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it." If you are saved, sanctified, and walking in the truth, do not in any case consider uniting in marriage to anyone who is unsaved, for it is plainly stated in the Word of God in 2 Cor. 6:14, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?" I do not know how one could be yoked up with an unbeliever more closely than in marriage. Precious souls, keep yourselves clean and pure before God, and His favors and blessings will rest upon you. --Fred Pruitt

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## CORRESPONDENCE

Mo.—Dear saints and lovers of the truth:—I am like Paul who said in Rom. 1:16, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ." I thank God for salvation that makes me happy in the straight and narrow way. The Lord has done so much for me I never want to fail Him in any way. Some things God has done for me I would like to tell.

When our last baby was born the next day I took a terrible hurting in my right leg and foot. The nurses and doctors did not tell me what it was. After I came home it hurt me so badly I could hardly walk without limping. It seemed to settle in one spot in my foot. After the dear Lord saved me, I asked Him one night to please heal my foot and leg. Thank God, he did. It never hurt me again. It had hurt for almost a year. I never did know what caused the hurting, but did know God could heal it. I'll never forget this one blessing.

About a week ago a hurting came in my back. It was so painful I couldn't lift the baby or anything without pain. The Lord heard prayer and healed it Wednesday night, Jan 5th. I was so happy Thursday morning, praising the Lord. I seemed to have a hurting coming in my left lung, but was so happy I didn't seem to notice it much. It grew worse and worse, and I seemed to have fever Friday night. Arla, my husband came home from St. Louis and was worried about me when he saw I felt so badly. I told him how the Lord wonderfully healed my back and that I was going to trust the Lord for this. If He did not see best to heal me, I was willing to suffer. Thank God, He did heal me, the next morning the pain was all gone. There was still a sore spot on my lung but no pain, and the sore spot left Monday night, Jan 10th. I do thank God for His healing. I feel well and happy to press the battle on. The Lord has helped the children so much in colds and other things. God knows our hearts; we thank Him for His many blessings.

We are trying by the help of God to have a little Sunday school here. Pray God to bless it and that my husband and others will get saved. I also have some unspoken requests which I would like for the saints to pray for. I desire to stay true to God to help others.

Edith Robinson.

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Mo.—Dear saints,—Greetings of love. I am glad to be saved and living for God. I am glad to have the privilege to carry all my burdens to One who is able to do all things. He has been so good to us. He supplies all our needs and heals our bodies when we are sick.

Last Saturday night my oldest child was very sick, and had a high fever. She would sleep a few minutes then wake up crying. I went to her and started asking the Lord to take her fever away. She began to rest better and the next morning when she got up her fever was all gone.

My heart's desire is to please the Lord in every way that I can. Please pray that I will live true and raise my children up in the way He would have me do.

Christian love, Mrs. Lenard Marler.

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Oklahoma.—Dear Bro. Pruitt,—I feel impressed to write this testimony in honor of our dear Saviour, the one who means all in all to us. We praise Him for salvation today, for His grace that keeps us from day to day, for the way He protects us through dangers seen and unseen.

As I now write this, I want to tell how the Lord protected my wife and me from injury or possible death in a car wreck. We were coming home from Wichita, Kans. Monday, Dec. 6th after being there attending the meeting for a few days, when just south of Caldwell, Kans. we

started to pass a semi-trailer truck loaded with corn. As we were about middle ways in passing, the driver of the truck made a left turn into a roadside park. As I tried to turn into the park to avoid hitting the truck, our car was caught between the truck and a post at the entrance of the park and was wedged partly under the truck and against the post. At that instant the driver of the truck was able to stop. Our first words spoken were: "Praise the Lord!"

We were not hurt or even excited. Praise His name! The car was damaged considerably, but seemingly I hardly thought about it. As some of the saints know, my wife has been in a nervous weakened condition with a bad heart and high blood pressure in the past few years, and excitement has been so against her in the past. It was wonderful to me to see her calm and not the least bit excited nor shocked. I know it was the goodness of the Lord, for had the truck traveled just ten feet farther, we could not say what would have happened. So today we cannot praise Him enough; and by His grace I want to live and do more for Him in this new year than ever before.

Pray for me that I ever keep humble that my faith be increased and I be able to do everything the Lord would have me do. A brother in Christ, Louis Droke

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To the saints scattered abroad, I greet you in our dear Saviour's name. Today finds me still pressing on. My health has been bad all fall and winter, but the Lord has given me strength to carry on at times when I would feel that I would have to go to bed and give up the struggle. But Jesus would come in time to strengthen me, so I am still living by faith. I desire you to pray for me to get stronger in body.

Last summer at Monark Springs Sister Beisly and I took inventory of our campmeeting supplies and found we will need a few tea towels and aprons. We wonder if all the sisters will please send in one tea towel each. We would be so thankful for you to help that much. There is a need for our dining room to be painted inside and remodeled. Pray with us that at least two weeks before the meeting the Lord will provide us a carpenter and means to get the job done. I will be glad to cook for the workers the Lord sends or we will provide a way for their meals to be furnished on the grounds.

Anything that you have that you would like to send to be used on the camp ground will be greatly appreciated.

Last year a sister passed away before the meeting started. Before her death she requested her children to give her things to the camp ground; so by the kindness of the children we accumulated quilts and pillows. We were so thankful for them.

We have been so thankful to all the saints for their thoughtfulness of the Monark Springs grounds. You have all been so wonderful to that part of the work of the Lord. We praise God for all his faithful children.

Sister Sam Barton and Sister Beisly.

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Dear saints,—I wish to add my testimony with the many others. Some time ago I had a severe cold. I praise God with all my heart for healing it. The dear Lord is so good to answer prayer and give to us that which we need.

Of late I have been suffering with gall bladder trouble. I desire the saints to pray God to heal me of this trouble. God bless you. Hattie Legg.

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Ill.—Dear Bro. Pruitt,—I promised the Lord I would try to make a testimony for the "Faith and Victory" paper if He would heal me. I was having some kind of trouble with my legs. I don't know what the trouble was, but the hurting would start in my back and would go all

the way to the bottom of my feet. It would pain so severely I could not sit down nor lie down. I would have to walk or lie on the sofa with pillows under my head and back. That is the only way I could get any rest at all. But I could not lie that way long at a time. My husband and daughter kept praying for me, but it just seemed like I couldn't get any victory. The last spell I had I promised the Lord if he would heal me I would try to write my testimony and the hurting left. I haven't been bothered with it since. Praise the dear Lord for it.

Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Edward Boling

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Ohio—Dear saints:—I am saved and encouraged to press on in this heavenly way. I promised the Lord that if he would heal me I would write my testimony for the "Faith and Victory" paper.

I have a heart condition that bothers me at times, especially if I run or overwork. I ran part of the way to the bus stop this morning and after getting on the bus it just seemed like my heart would stop beating. I sat there in the seat and just prayed to God. I made the promise concerning the testimony if He would stop this complaint. In less than a minute God stopped the heart trouble. I am at work now, and thank Him from the depths of my soul for coming to my rescue.

I want to tell of another miracle God performed for me. On Tuesday or Wednesday of this week, just before quitting time, my left ear became deaf. I could hear very faintly with it. I prayed, asking God to please let my hearing return. I called Sister Jones and asked her to pray for my ear shortly after 5:00 p. m. I went on home and about my duties as usual, still praying for God to heal my ear. About 8:30 when I was in the basement washing, God opened up my ear. Oh, praise his name forever. Isn't it wonderful to trust in God? This brought great rejoicing to my heart.

I desire the prayers of all the saints that I will ever trust and stay true to my God so long as I live upon this earth. Christian love, A. Stills.

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Tenn.—It has been some time since I have written my testimony. I desire to tell of some of God's goodness to me. I praise Him for His redeeming grace and love to my soul, and for his precious promises to be a present help in every hour of need. I find them true. I have a very bad hernia and have had attacks with it. A few weeks ago I had a very bad attack. It come on as I was getting up one morning. My suffering was so bad I could not help prepare breakfast. I went in a room alone and called on God. He relieved me almost instantly and I did a family wash that morning. Praise His holy name.

I am glad He enables me to trust Him for all my needs. He can do more than we can ask or think according to the power that worketh within us. A few years ago the Lord healed me of a crippled foot caused from a fall. I couldn't bend my foot, couldn't bear weight on it without holding to something. I was wearing an arch support. I laid the support aside and God healed my foot. I can use it now as I can the other foot. How wonderful to trust in a big God. Pray for me that I be true to Him always. Your sister, Mrs. Andrew Smelcer.

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Ill.—Dear saints of God everywhere,—Greetings in the name of our wonderful Lord and Master,—I enjoy the "Faith and Victory" paper, the dear saints' testimonies, and the truth it contains. How I praise God tonight for the truth and salvation that saves from sin—not the kind that saves in our sins. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life, and he is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He is my physician. I have been healed of cancer, polio, and three or four bad heart attacks. The last heart attack

I had lasted about five weeks. I was so weak I could hardly walk across the house. Dear saints, keep your eyes on Christ. If I hadn't trusted Him, I would have died. The devil gave me a battle; but, praise God, Christ is more than a match for Satan.

Dear ones, it takes suffering to bring us up to where Christ would have us come. People get scared and afraid to trust God. "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me."

A year ago last fall Sister Selle and I went out to work for the Lord. I had what I thought was a stiff neck, but it kept getting worse. On Wednesday she came. We had planned to go see a blind woman who had lost her husband suddenly. I was in bed. I told her I believed I had polio. She stayed with me and prayed three times. I got relief and was better. When she left to go home, she said, "The devil may come back." And he surely did. I had suffered intensely; I was paralyzed in the neck and made a terrible effort to swallow. I could not describe the agony. But the Lord spoke to me telling me to get a pillow and fold around my neck to hold it and brace it. The old devil was there, and what a battle! He told me about everything, but I trusted Christ with all my heart. I began to amend at ten o'clock a. m. on Friday, and Sun. I was able to help do the cooking. I was weak. In less than a week I was well. I found out afterward I had polio in the neck, the very worst kind and it usually kills. Thank God, He brought me out with no ill effects. Twenty-five years ago I was healed of cancer. Now I have the very best of health for a person of my age. I give Christ, the dear son of God, all the praise.

I am an isolated saint, for I am not nibbling at Babylon, but I am feasting at Father's table. I love the truth and the people that tell the truth. I wish more saints would give their addresses when they write their testimonies, so we could write to each other. I could write a book on experiences I have had with God. He has been merciful and good to all of my family.

Dear saints, you will find the closer you live to God the greater battle Satan will give you. No wonder Jesus warned us to watch and pray. He is a sly old fox as Jesus called him. Oh, how I do thank Jesus for dying for me. Praise Him.

Pray for me and my family of unsaved loved ones. I do want to stay faithful to God and His righteous cause whatever the cost may be. It will not be too great. How God is flooding my soul with the joy bells of heaven as I write this. Can we praise God enough for the truth? It cost God his dear Son. How it grieves the dear heart of God when we fail to trust Christ.

God bless the workers at Faith Publishing House, and supply every need is my prayer. Anyone who cares to write to me, I'll try to answer. I desire to attend some of the campmeetings this summer, the Lord willing. My address is R. R. 2, Bement, Illinois.

In God's love,

Bertha Gill

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W. Va.—Greetings in the dear name of the Lord,—I believe it would be pleasing to the dear Lord for me to write how good God has been to me over the forty years I have been saved, sanctified, and kept by His mighty power, and healed. When I get sick I go to the Lord and He heals me. I never give the doctor one thought. I am not backward in sending for the dear saints, for that is God's Word: "Send for the elders of the church," and that is what I did about a week ago. I had never had anything wrong with my heart, but it began to hurt one night. It was like something was pulling on it and cramping. I was alone and no phone. I prayed and got some

case, but the next day it got worse. I went out on the porch to sweep off some snow and began to sink down. I managed to get into the house and got to a chair and began to call upon God and got some better. Some lady came and she called. It wasn't long until the saints came. Sister Spaur anointed me and I was healed instantly. Praise God for His goodness to me. Pray for my family, and pray for me. I am past eighty years old. I am glad I gave God my heart when I did. The way gets brighter all the time. I won't have many more years to stay in this wicked world till I can go Home to be with my dear Saviour, the one who has done so much for me and will do for all them who will trust Him. Georgiana Sayre.

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Calif.—Dear saints everywhere,—This leaves me saved, sanctified, and very much encouraged to live for the Lord. I've only been saved a short time, and I thank the Lord for saving me. But I regret that I didn't know the Lord before I did. Thank the Lord, I know Him now. Before I got saved I knew nothing of the truth.

Saints, I desire to have a closer walk with God, and I need your prayers. Also pray for my three children who all have colds. I know the Lord is able to heal, and I am waiting on Him. I have not a doubt that he is going to do it. Pray for my husband, for me, and my children.

A sister in Christ, Wilma Parrish.

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Oklahoma—Dear saints and friends,—This is a new year, 1955, that has never been unveiled before. Dear saints, let this be a year of jubilee with all in getting closer to God and to one another. Get more of His divine nature and more of His divine love. "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh but after the spirit." Rom 8:1. "For the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death."

Let us watch ourselves and shake ourselves and be careful to speak only the things that become sound doctrine so the Lord can get glory out of our lives. Let us keep ready every minute and every second of our lives. Let us lie down ready and get up ready, and have no ill will in our hearts against anyone. And when our time is out we can make death welcome. If the righteous scarcely be saved what will become of them that obey not the will of God? See to it that we pray more and talk less and read our Bible more. "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life."

A sister in Christ, Lizzie Jordon

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Tenn.—Greetings to the dear saints everywhere in the precious name of Jesus,—I am so glad I can report victory in the precious name of Jesus. He has done so much for me. He keeps me each day in the strait narrow way, praise the Lord for His goodness to me. I am trusting in the Lord for everything. Pray for me that I will grow deeper in His love. Yours in Christ,

Sister S. E. Barnett.

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Tulsa, Okla.—To the dear saints everywhere,—I greet you in the name of the Lord Jesus. It is by the grace of God that I am saved and walking in all the light that God gives me, and it is truly wonderful to know that your name is written in heaven.

I take this opportunity to thank all the saints for their love and kindness to me when my sister Hettie Edwards passed away in Springfield, Ohio in November, also my sister Lula Jaxson in Oakland, Calif. Dec. 28th.

It is truly wonderful to be saved and have the strength and grace of God in such trying times as this, and also the prayers of the saints.

And since the prayers of the righteous avail much, I desire to request prayer for Sister Parker, as she is steadily growing weaker physically.

May God bless all the saints everywhere is my prayer.  
A sister in Christ Jesus, Mattie Daniels.

Kansas—Dear saints,—We are much encouraged in the Lord this morning. We thank Him for his keeping power, for a determination to go all the way with Him.

We are thankful for the precious baby the Lord placed in our hands to raise for Him. He belongs to the Lord. When he was born one of his tear glands was stopped up. At the Guthrie campmeeting he was anointed and the Lord opened the gland. Also of late he has had something upon his little body that caused much suffering, but the Lord has also undertaken in that case; thank the Lord. When everything else fails, the Lord can do the work.

We cannot tell all the Lord has done for us, but if we live for Him and obey Him, we will be doing a lot for Him. We desire the prayers of the Lord's children.

Yours in Christ, Roy and Dorothy Meek

### SPECIAL NOTICE

I have been burdened for some time about isolated saints and congregations. I believe the Lord has suggested a means to help. We offered the following suggestion at the Guthrie Assembly meeting and it met with approval. This is the plan:

Make tape recordings at camp meetings, assembly meetings, or even local congregational meetings. Record singing, preaching, or teaching. Let each congregation or individual that will do so, send into a central pool, such material as will be suitable for distribution to all who will supply themselves with a tape recorder-reproducer. From this pool those having reproducers may order recorded tapes by paying the postage. A (7 in.) 1200 ft. tape will play for two hours. Wouldn't two hours of saints' meetings be good to listen to? These tapes can be erased and used over and over. For those who would not be interested in recording, only listening, a very good REPRODUCER may be purchased for about \$90.00. If you might want to record as well as reproduce, a very good one, simple in operation, may be supplied for \$110.00 plus express. A real good one with three speakers for extra quality reproduction will cost about \$175.00. Then there are prices in between. For those who will record at services, I believe the \$175.00 would be best, but the cheaper is real good. For shut-ins the \$90 or \$110 will be fine. I suggest each give about two blank tapes into the pool, for initial distribution.

For those who have machines already, I can furnish 7 in. tapes containing 1200 ft. for about \$2.00; in lots of 12 for \$1.75. This is the two-hour tape.

If interested, please write me what you desire. I have several messages already, and want those who record something that they think the Holy Spirit dictated, send it in to me, stating if you want it returned.

Paul told the Colossians to read the message to Laodicea and let them read the Colossian letter. Let us pass around services this way.

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## Careful? or Prayerful?

Have you thought very much about the importance of each word that you speak? Many people say they try to be very careful in their conversations; but believe me, dear ones, that is not enough. We must be prayerful. In Matt. 12:34 Jesus says, "For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." Verse 35 reads, "A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things." So you see we must have pure hearts, filled with the Spirit of Christ, if we are to please God. Even if we do have strong will power enough to hold back evil words, and have the desire in our hearts to speak them, we still have sinned against God. Our evil thoughts are sometimes hidden from man but not from God. Our words, whether spoken or unspoken, are very important to God. So important that in verses 36 and 37 Jesus tells us that every idle word that men shall speak they shall give an account thereof in the day of judgment. "For by thy words thou shalt be justified and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." Prov. 15:26 reads, "The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the Lord; but the words of the pure are pleasant words." In Matt. 5:8 Jesus says, "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." With pure hearts filled with the love of God there is no desire to say things that we shouldn't say (evil thoughts). So let us pray without ceasing for God to purify our hearts; and if we are sincere, God knows an honest heart and He will surely give us the desires of our heart. This pureness of heart can come only by surrendering all to Jesus and letting His Spirit rule our heart, soul, mind, and body.

There are many more good Scriptures on this subject; but these few should be enough to prove to us that we must be prayerful at all times, in words as well as deeds. If the Spirit of the Lord is with us we do not have to worry about being careful.

Many people talk too much and say too little.

—Mrs. Inez Taylor.

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## Until He Find It

There is a religious class of people who do not deny that the Scripture is the Word of God, and must therefore of necessity admit that there is divine authority behind it. But knowing, by long experience, the result of its truths being received into the heart by simple faith in a divine communication, they find it convenient to maintain, that ordinary people cannot understand it, that only the clergy can properly interpret it to the laity! Like the "lawyers" when the Lord was upon earth, these men use all the influence they possess to "take away the Key of Knowledge." And not only would they keep this key in their own hands, but men's consciences also, if they could only induce their hearers to trust them.

But, thank God, in spite of every attack, the Holy Scriptures are still here, and He who makes the truth effectual in men's souls—the Holy Spirit of God—is here also. Men can get rid of neither. Infidelity

may do its best to tear the book to pieces, and Romanism and Anglican Ritualism may do their utmost to snatch it out of your hand, or bury it out of your sight; but these two witnesses of Christ are in the world still, and God's work goes on (see John 5:39 and ch. 15:26).

Let the writer relate to you an instance of how, notwithstanding all the opposition of man, God can and does bring about His own gracious ends and bless precious souls. Like the good shepherd of whom Jesus spoke, He will "go after that which was lost, until he find it," Luke 15:4.

A young lady of our acquaintance was leaving home in Germany to fill the post of French governess in a school in England. She was at this time a devout Roman Catholic. Before her departure the priest, her "father confessor" expressed grave fears as to the influence of certain things upon her when she landed in Protestant England (so-called). Two things he tried to make her solemnly promise him. First, that she would never read a Bible; second, that as it was a common custom in England for persons to put little religious leaflets into your hands, she would absolutely refuse them. While declining to bind herself by any definite promise, she assured him she would certainly do her utmost to follow his advice. We shall see, presently, that the fears of this German priest as to the effect of tract and Bible were not altogether without foundation. Man proposes, and God disposes, no matter how much Satan opposes.

When the young governess reached her destination, one of her first duties was to take a junior reading-class in French. In this school, it appears, they made use of the French Bible as their ordinary reading-book for those studying that language. This religious governess had never handled a Bible before, and when they told her that the portion for that day's reading was the fourteenth chapter of John's Gospel, she did not even know in which part of the book to look for it; a girl in the class had to find the place for her!

When she discovered what book it was, she determined not to pay any regard to what was in it. However, for the proper carrying out of this devout resolution it was unfortunate that the young ladies in her class stammered and blundered so considerably over their reading of the chapter in question, that they had to spell it out, over and over again. In spite of her fixed purpose, therefore, she could not help noticing what was in it.

Her next class was the elder scholars, and this time the chapter was the fifty-third of Isaiah. The girls of this class could, of course, read much better; but instead of being the better able to pay no attention to what was read, she became intensely interested; indeed, so much was she interested in the chapter that she found herself secretly determining to get a Bible, take it upstairs and read it for herself.

While reading Acts 1 one day, she found that at a prayer-meeting in that upper room at Jerusalem the mother of Jesus was included in the praying company, and that they were not praying to her! "These all continued in prayer and supplication, with the wom-

en, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren," v. 14.

Then, for her, came a very serious question, but not less serious for the priest we have already spoken of, had he known it. It was this. If Mary herself needs to make supplication and prayer, in company with the other women and the rest of the disciples, why should she be prayed to? Again Mary, in speaking to Elizabeth, the mother of John the baptist, says, "my spirit has rejoiced in God my Saviour," Luke 1:47. So she knew that she had need of a Saviour herself.

These discoveries staggered her greatly, for she had often heard the very opposite from the priests. She was now forced to this conclusion, "They must have told me a lie about it! And if one lie, why not more?" Her confidence in them became more and more shaken, as the light of Scripture, with its divine authority, entered her mind. So much, then, for the priest's first warning.

When the holidays came a few of the pupils had to remain under the care of their teachers; and our young friend, unable to go home herself, was selected; with another, to take these girls to the Isle of Wight for a change. One day they all went together for a walk in the public park. Near the entrance they found a lady sitting on one of the seats, who gave them each a little book. The one given to the governess we have been speaking of was different from any of the others. Its title was "Almost a Christian."

On receiving it she made up her mind to read it when she got a good opportunity, though it was in English, and, as yet, she had but a very elementary knowledge of this language.

By the help of a dictionary and grammar she managed to get through it; but what it contained so touched her that, in a temper, she crumpled it up in her hands and angrily threw it into the corner of the room.

This, however, needless to say, neither removed nor lessened her soul exercises. Early next morning she was compelled to get out of bed, come downstairs, and search for that crumpled and once despised bit of paper. Carefully smoothing it out she read it once more, but this time in a very different state of mind. So much for the priest's second warning!

Thank God, she now began to read her Bible more diligently, and in reading one day the fifth chapter of Romans, she found what she longed for—**PEACE WITH GOD.**

Many years have rolled by since then, but the grace that once followed her for blessing still keeps her in the enjoyment of the love of the exalted Blessor, the Lord Jesus Christ.

May the light that shone from the face of a glorified Saviour into our young friend's heart shine into yours, my reader. Beware of men! God's written Word is your only safeguard amid the conflicting jargon of human opinions. "Jesus alone can save."

"There is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time," 1 Tim. 2:5, 6. Trust Him, and no other. —G. Cutting.

## What Will You Do With Jesus?

What will you do with Jesus,  
The blessed Lamb of God?  
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And lead you where He's trod.

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And fill your heart with love;  
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To that happy home above.

Jesus is a Friend so true,  
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Won't you come to Jesus?  
He'll love you to the end.

I love Him for He's loveable,  
He is so good and kind;  
He'll stick closer than a brother,  
And He's with you all the time.

He's such a loving Saviour,  
He's gentle, kind, and true;  
He is so good to me—  
He'll be the same to you.

Oh, won't you come and trust Him,  
And let Him have His way?  
Knocking at your heart's door,  
He's coming in to stay.

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## BIBLE STUDY

### THE GRACE OF GOD

February 6, 1955

Printed Portion: ..... I John 4:10; Eph. 2:4-9; Tit. 2:11-14.

I Jn. 4:10. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Eph. 2:4. But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

5. Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace are ye saved;)

6. And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

7. That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

8. For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

9. Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Tit. 2:11. For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

12. Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

13. Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

14. Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

**Memory Verse:** Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

**Practical Truth:** Because God loved us he has made provision for all our spiritual needs.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Salvation is a free gift and faith is our means by which we can appropriate all that God has in store for the welfare of our souls. God sent his Son to be the propitiation (merciful favor) for our sins (v. 10). The world did not love God. He was despised and rejected, but regardless of their hate "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son" (John 3:16), and the Son gave his life (John 10:17,18). Surely then we have much contained in our title THE GRACE OF GOD since it bringeth salvation to all men (Tit. 2:11) which is prompted by his great love for fallen humanity and is ready to show it by his pity. God's grace is so extended that he is "not willing that any should perish" (2 Pet. 3:9).

To gain eternal life we must repent. Repentance has two distinct factors that must come: sorrow for sin and turning away from sin; then Jesus is the Lamb of God that takes away sin (John 1:29). That is the first step in salvation but that is not all: Jesus said, "He that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved" (Matt. 24:13). To enter heaven we must first be purified, sober, righteous and godly in this present world. "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need" (Heb.4:16).

#### THE NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

February 13, 1955

Printed Portion ..... Jn. 3:5-7; Acts 16:25-34; 2 Cor. 5:17.

Jn. 3:5. 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.

Acts 16:25. And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

26. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately

all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

27. And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled.

28. But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.

29. Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling and fell down before Paul and Silas.

30. And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

31. And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

32. And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.

33. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.

34. And when he had brought them into his house, he sat meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.

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.

**Memory Verse:** The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. (Jn. 10:10).

**Practical Truth:** New life in Christ is gradually made possible to all.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

There are many dead religions in the world, but there is only one that has life and that life (spiritual life) is found in Christ. To have Christ in the soul (Col. 1:27) is to have life, and according to our memory selection "and that they might have it more abundantly." Dead religion has no fire to burn out the dross. John, in speaking of Jesus said, "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire" (Matt. 3:11). The fire is greatly needed today. Many souls are going along with a compromising attitude that really need the fire of God to burn out and to cleanse. The new life God gives us when we are regenerated is to be watered daily (daily Bible reading) and contact with God through prayer by "Praying in the Holy Ghost" (Jude 20,21). That is how we are to build up our most holy faith and keep ourselves in "the love of God."

Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises to God; they were alive, using their all even in the dark place where the keeper of the prison put them. They were not complaining nor wishing they had done differently, because they were faithful to God. God worked it all out that Paul had the opportunity to speak to him the word of the Lord and the keeper and all his house were saved.

#### THE CHURCH AND ITS ORDINANCES

February 20, 1955

Printed Portion ..... Acts 2:38-41; Jn. 13:12-15; I Cor. 11:23-29.

Acts 2:38. Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

39. For the promise is unto you, and to your children,



and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

40. And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourself from this untoward generation.

41. Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

Jn. 13:12. So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you?

13. Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.

14. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

15. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

I Cor. 11:23. For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread:

24. And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do ye in remembrance of me.

25. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he supped, saying, This cup is the new testament of my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

26. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

27. Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

28. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.

29. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

**Memory Verse:** If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them. (John 13:17).

**Practical Truth:** In observing baptism, feet washing, and the Lord's Supper we are observing Christ's commands and are bearing witness to the Christian faith.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The church and its ordinances are to be considered in today's lesson. There have been three given to us by the Lord: Baptism (Matt. 3:13-17); Feet-washing (John 13:1-17); and the Lord's Supper (Matt. 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Lu. 22:14-18; I Cor. 11:23-29).

The best condensed definition of baptism is found in Col. 2:12, "Buried with him in baptism wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead." The thought is given more fully in Rom. 6:3-11. It takes the blood of Jesus Christ to wash away sins (Rev. 1:5).

"Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that we should follow his steps" (I Pet. 2:21). Jesus washed the disciples feet, and said, "Ye also ought to wash one another's feet" (Jn. 13:14), and "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them" (Jn. 13:17). So we bear witness to our Christian faith to do just as Jesus said for those of us who are his disciples to do.

"As often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come" (I Cor. 11:26). "This is my body, which is broken for you" (v. 24). These are very plain scriptures as to why we partake of the Lord's Supper. We are to ponder the fact that Jesus died for our sins and rose again for us as we partake of it.

#### THE CHURCH PROCLAIMS THE GOSPEL

February 27, 1955

Printed Portion: ..... Rom. 10:8-15; I Cor. 2:1-5.

Rom. 10:8. But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart; that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

9. That if thou shalt confess with the mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

10. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

11. For the scripture saith, whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

12. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

13. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

14. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

15. And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

I Cor. 2:1. And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God.

2. For I determine not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

3. And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.

4. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in the demonstration of the Spirit and of power:

5. That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

**Memory Verse:** For 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. (Rom. 1:16).

**Practical Truth:** We all should have some part in bringing the gospel to those who know it not.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

When God gives spiritual life to the soul, there is something to tell about. The desire to tell it becomes so real that somehow it works just that way no matter what difficulties are met with. One should have such an experience of salvation that the Spirit of God can have full control of the life. To not have such a desire would mean that that soul should dig deeper.

The dictionary definition of the word "Gospel" is the "announcement of the salvation of mankind by Jesus Christ." The world needs that announcement. God can use only the one who lives the life of a Christian in proclaiming the gospel.

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus" (v. 9) are pertinent words in our lesson today. "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (v. 10).

Paul said, "For I determine not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified" (I Cor. 2:2), and he says, "I am set for the defence of the gospel" (Phil. 1:17). "That I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel." (Eph. 6:19).