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### Happy New Year

Happy New Year! Holy greetings.  
To one and all around;  
The wheels of time are rolling,  
And a new year we have found.

And we are truly thankful;  
And thankful we should be,  
That God in love has spared us  
Another year to see.

The old year now has faded  
Into eternal night.  
The new year stands before us  
As a bright and shining light.

We know the time is precious,  
And life is but a span;  
And so we shall endeavor,  
To do the best we can.

To help some way-worn pilgrim  
Traveling o'er life's road,  
To lose his heavy burden,  
And be at rest with God.

If we should go before this year  
Has made its final run,  
Oh, may we hear the Master say,  
"My faithful child, well done."

Ulysses Phillips.

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### The Bible Way of Salvation

I wish to call your attention to the Bible way of salvation. Some seem to see it one way, and others seem to see it another way. I see no place for controversy, for the way is so plainly outlined in the Word of God.

In Luke 13:3 we read, "I tell you, Nay; but except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." So we see that we are first called unto repentance. It is "repent, or perish."

In II Cor. 7:10 we read, "For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of." When we are convicted of our sins, there comes a

godly sorrow for sins committed, which calls us to repent, to come to God, and ask His forgiveness. Upon our truly repenting and asking, God forgives us of our sins, and gives us the witness of His Spirit that He has forgiven us. This places us among those who are justified freely. Rom. 8:16 says, "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God." What a wonderful experience it is to know that our sins are all gone—all blotted out by the precious blood of Jesus!

In Rom. 5:1, 2, we read, "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: by whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God." When we are justified and have peace with God, we are saved, or born again—born of the Spirit. We are then called unto holiness, or sanctification (I Thess. 4). One is not merely called unto sanctification, but he is commanded to go on unto it: "For ye know what commandment we gave you by the Lord Jesus; for this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: that every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honor."

St. Paul tells us that every one of God's children should have the experience of sanctification. It is not only a blessing, but it is a heart experience—a second definite work of divine grace wrought in the heart by the Holy Ghost, after one has been converted or born again. A sinner cannot get sanctified, for he must first repent, be delivered from sin, be made alive unto God, or born again. When Jesus prayed for His disciples (St. John 17), He prayed the Father, "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world." We know that they were converted, and Jesus asked His Father, to "sanctify them." He also prayed, "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word," which brings it down to all of us today. How wonderful, and how easy to be understood!

In Heb. 6:1 we read, "Let us go on unto perfection"; and in Heb. 10:14, "For by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified."

Heb. 12:14 reads thus, "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see

the Lord." What could be more plain or understandable to anyone who loves God and means to make heaven his eternal home?

In II Cor. 4:3, 4, Paul gives us a solemn warning: "But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."

Now, dearly beloved reader, consider the truth of this, and also consider how good God is to give us this wonderful experience of full salvation "through sanctification of the spirit and belief of the truth." Jesus died that we might be sanctified.

Heb. 13:12 says, "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate." Jesus could, and did forgive sins before He was crucified.

I am so glad God ever sent the holy people my way and helped me to see and accept this wonderful truth. After I was saved for some time, I felt my need of a closer walk with God. I surely leaned on Matt. 5:6, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." When I heard sanctification preached, I said, "That is just what I need," and I gladly went down on my knees in my own home and was sanctified wholly. I can sing with the poet,

"Oh, I never shall forget how the fire fell,  
When the Lord sanctified me."

It holds good today! Glory! May the Lord help precious, Judgment-bound souls to see, before it is too late, is my prayer. Mrs. Effie Embrey.

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## Behold Therefore The Goodness And Severity of God

Rom. 11:22

The scripture, "Behold the goodness and severity of God," has been impressed very much on our mind. We would first like to consider the "goodness of God." Dear ones, you who are unsaved—still going on in sin, not heeding the call of the Lord, trampling His love and mercy under your feet—have you ever for a moment just stopped and considered the goodness of God to you? Just think how Jesus loved you so much that He left His home in heaven and came to this world that you might not perish but have a home with Him in heaven. He suffered the cruel death on the cross that He might give you eternal life. Then the "goodness of God" is sparing your life from day to day, giving you the many necessities of life and possibly you are enjoying good health. All these things which you enjoy come because of His goodness and His longsuffering toward you. His Word tells us, He is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" II Pet. 3:9.

Have you heard His sweet voice calling you? You may be just turning away, not considering the mercy and "goodness of God" to you. When Jesus was here in this world calling those whom He loved

to serve Him, they turned away saying, "We will not have this man to reign over us. We will do just what we want to do, have a good time and spend our lives as we would like to." Is this your decision today? Yes, the Lord lets us have our way but His love is reaching out, pleading for you to come and accept it. That is your choice to make. Please make the decision today.

We will now consider the "severity of God." Yes, God loves all of His creation. He loves the sinner but He does not excuse sin in anyone. He gave His life to save every soul from sin and give perfect victory over the power of the enemy, and unless you turn from sin and serve Him in this life, His judgments are against you. When you stand before Him in the Judgment Day, you will hear these words, "Depart from me into everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels." "I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; But ye have set at naught all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh" Prov. 1:24-26.

He is your friend now but unless you accept Him as your friend and Saviour, you will be placed on the left hand when Jesus comes to claim His own. To those on the left He will say, "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire." Then He says, These shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal" Matt. 25:32-46. "The face of the Lord is against them that do evil" Psa. 34:16. In verse 21 in this same chapter it says, "Evil shall slay the wicked." Then, dear ones, surely it will pay you to take Jesus as your friend now, than to turn Him away and be lost. May the dear Lord encourage you to come to Him and serve Him.

—Mrs. Edd Whipple.

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## The Corrupt Tree

We are all judgment-bound travelers. Jesus is our Saviour now but when the trumpet blows and Jesus comes bursting through the clouds He will not be our Saviour then but our judge. Many will pray and cry for the rocks and mountains to fall on them but it will be too late. Now is the time for us to examine ourselves to see if we are measured up to the Word of God or hell will be our doom in that last great day. There is no time after death to get right with God. As death finds us so will the Judgment. This is a serious manner and wisdom makes us know it is time to be holy for "without holiness no man shall see God."

God's Word is plain; any sin in the catalog of sins listed in Gal. 5:19-21 will keep us out of God's heaven. If we are found with any of them in our lives and hearts we had better get rid of them through the blood of Jesus or we will never make it into heaven. When we come to Jesus with real Bible conviction, having a godly sorrow working in our hearts, confessing and forsaking our sins, God will, for Jesus' sake

and through His shed blood, forgive us and those sins will not be remembered against us any more. Praise the Lord! Won't you come to Jesus today? He is waiting and longing to forgive you.

On the tenth limb of the corrupt tree which will be cut down and cast into the lake of fire, (Matt. 7:18-20) we will write "wrath." The definition of wrath is "violent anger or rage." (Web. Dic.) What an awful fruit to bear out in the lives of people! I'm sure that everyone who is guilty of having this fruit is ashamed of it and wishes to be delivered. God will deliver you from it. Each one that reads this has seen this fruit manifested. Some seem to have less control of their temper than others, and therefore give vent to it in such a way that terrible actions are manifested. One man got so angry at his wife that he took a hammer and beat her washing machine to such an extent that it could not be used again. Often you will see some one throw something across the room in a fit of anger when he cannot fix what he is working on. Curse words flow fast from a person who is filled with anger or sharp cutting words will be said that should never have been said. People will say things that they really did not mean, which will leave a scar on the heart of others even if they try to fix them up later when they calm down. How terrible it is to know how the devil will work through the passions of mankind and bring sorrow to others. Murder has been committed when a person was in a fit of anger. If any one who reads this has any trouble with such a condition, don't be discouraged and feel there is no hope for deliverance. Come to God, confessing and seeking His forgiveness and know that He will deliver you. But dear ones, there is something you will need to do also. You must continually be on your guard and watch. If you feel any temptation to yield to that thing you must flee to your knees immediately. And if you happen to be overcome, do not give up and quit trying, but ask forgiveness of those to whom the anger was displayed, and pray earnestly. God will completely deliver you.

One person was overcome when he was put under great pressure and strain and left the room, slamming the door. He went to his room and prayed and wept for hours pleading with God for complete deliverance with a determination to get it. God blessed his soul. He went back to those who saw his actions and asked forgiveness with humility and from that day on he had complete deliverance. Take comfort and know it is for you. May the God of all comfort make you know that He has for you everything that you need. —Mrs. Marie Miles.

### *Heavenly Places*

He "hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus; And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins" Eph. 2:1, 6.

The prodigal was in a far country, away from God. He said, "I will arise and go to my father."

His father said, "It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found" Luke 15:18, 32. "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord" Eph. 2:19-21. "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, . . . an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light" I Peter 2:5, 9.

"Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection" Rev. 20:6. "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people" Prov. 14:34. Sin is degrading.

John saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven (Rev. 21:2), Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all (Gal. 4:26). "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting . . . And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." Acts 2:1, 2, 47.

"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together" Psalms 122:1-3.

"No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast [beastly nature] shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there: And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away" Isa. 35:9, 10.

—Mrs. Charles Reese.

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In considering our past labours for God and precious souls during the year of 1957 we can see that the Lord has helped us in a very blessed way and the tracts, papers, booklets, and books have been going out in a steady stream to all parts of the world. The response has been very gratifying to our souls and many letters have been received in which souls speak of the rich blessings and light and knowledge bestowed upon them by the Lord as they read the contents of the paper and tracts. A lot of souls have been convicted and saved by the gospel going forth by the printed page and our hearts rejoice to know that there are a few souls who love the truth and are willing to walk in the full light of His Word. Hitherto the Lord has helped us and made us able to keep the unadulterated gospel going forth to the glory of God and to the salvation of souls, and we have all confidence and faith in Him that He will continue to increase the output of the work at Faith Publishing House, His print shop, and, that a good harvest of souls will be the result of our labors in the coming year of 1958. We solicit the prayers and co-operation of all our readers as every one of you can have a part in the great work of reaching the gospel to men by the printed page.

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I feel it would please the Lord for me to write to our readers concerning material which you write to be published in the "Faith and Victory" paper.

Testimonies should be brief. Please omit details as much as you can and still express the thoughts which you feel the Lord wants in print. Long, drawn-out testimonies and obituaries take up so much space that they crowd out others.

When you write articles for the paper, keep in mind that the paper is small, and condense your articles as much as possible. If the Lord burdens you to write something which you know will make a long article, seek Him for wisdom to make more than one article out of it, which can be printed as space permits. Continued articles are not best because the paper goes out only once a month, and in most cases the reader would lose interest.

These are just suggestions and kind reminders. We appreciate the Spirit-filled testimonies and articles, and pray the Lord to keep them coming to His glory and the good of souls.

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The condition existing in Christendom today is appalling and heart sickening to those who see the light of His Word and are walking in it. Christendom today is overcome with worldliness, self-righteousness, riches, and pleasure, and a great host of people are traveling the broad way to destruction with a profession of religion. In this condition they are blinded to the fact that the old Dragon power under the cloak of Communism is gradually undermining our government and in time will take over and many of the saints will be persecuted and professors of

religion will find themselves helpless and will be forced to yield to this octopus power which is now strongly gripping this country.

If those that profess Christ were really saved and in touch with God they could unite in prayers that would cause God to look in mercy and he would stay this red dragon power and preserve our country from its coming ruin. When we see so many of the professing religious people with practically no living faith in the true God we know that the great heart of God is grieved, as they have forsaken Him, the fountain of living waters, "and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water." They prove their lack of faith in God by living in the shadow of Egypt (Isa. 30:2) and trusting in the arm of flesh (Jer. 17:5) and many of them strain at a gnat and swallow a camel. Very few are following Christ in His self-denying way. They seem to be satisfied with a show of religion rather than to "buy of Him gold tried in the fire" that they might have the true riches (Rev. 3:17, 18).

Many others justify themselves in their lack of faith by teaching and saying that the days of miracles all passed away with the apostles and deny the Holy Spirit of God the right to live in their hearts and use them to His glory. They make me think of what the Apostle Paul saw at Athens. He found an altar with this inscription on it, "TO THE UNKNOWN GOD." Many worship today, they know not what, as their god seems to be dead and does nothing for them. Oh, that such people would awake to the fact that they are duped or deceived by satanic angels-of-light preachers and spirits. Jesus says, "If the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch." And He also said, "If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!" Many people are walking near the light but are not in the light. In Psa. 36:9 we read, "For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light." We must possess Him in order to have the fountain of life and walk in His light to be able to see true light. When people resort to the arm of flesh and cater to the world and its folly, they cannot expect to see true light, although through their own self-righteousness they are near the light of God. Being blind they do not see the true light for the way they take and justify themselves brings blindness to their spiritual vision.

The statistics show that every day the American people swallow 45 million aspirin tablets, 20 million sleeping tablets, and 20 million wake-up tablets. Oh, that men would have faith in God to give them sleep at the proper time and to keep them awake when needful and best! Oh, the misery that people undergo because they do not know the true God. Just think of the liquor that is consumed, the taking of God's name in vain, the pride that causes men and women to dress in the worldly fashions and put on jewelry, gold adornments, beads, and other adornments which the scriptures plainly teach against. People need salvation, but they love sin and the world; they need

God but choose the world; they need heaven but are choosing hell. How sad the picture! They go to church on Sunday but live to please the devil through the week. I trust that none of our readers are in this class. I exhort you not to lean toward nor console yourself with any of this worldly way.

Jesus rebuked the sect people in His day and said, "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him two-fold more the child of hell than yourselves" Matt. 23:15. Why were these sect people of His day so zealous and making such a show of religion? There can be no other answer but that they were stirred to zeal and prompted by Satan to deceive souls into the broad way with a profession of religion. The people of Christendom are cursed with just such actions today and were Jesus here in person He would no doubt rebuke them as He did the sect people of His day. These cold dead churches in our land are gates to hell today even as then. The true light of God is shining today but blind people cannot see light and therefore they grope on in darkness. Just to say that you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ will profit you nothing unless you let His life get down into your heart and cause you to not be of the world even as He was not of the world. Jesus told the professors of His day, "Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world." Oh, that men would humble down in repentance before God until they could have that life from above in their souls!

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The above writing may seem strong language to some but the need of souls being awakened is so great that the Lord wants us to do all we can to hold the truth free from compromise and declare in plain words the need of souls and uncover the hiding places of Satan in religion so the honest ones who really love the Lord will make their escape and be ready when they are called into judgment. The Lord called us out of the compromise in 1917 and set us against all evil and worldly conformity and we have been holding steady by His grace and that is why this work is in the light and truth today. We do not teach one thing and practice another. This work would have gone the way of the world long ago if we had listened to "Policy men." By God's grace we are willing to bear the reproach of the cross that the truth may shine forth in this world which honest hearted souls love.

We ask the prayers of God's children that we remain steadfast, unmovable, and always abounding in the work of the Lord. In faithful service there is great reward.

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Jesus said, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." John the Baptist came preaching repentance to the people. Paul said in Acts 17:30, "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent." The Word teaches us that a contrite spirit and a broken heart God will not despise. When folks have a

knowledge that they are sinning against God and godly sorrow is in their hearts because they are sinning against God who is giving them air to breath and water to drink and food to eat, then they can really repent from the heart and He will forgive them and they can have peace with God through faith in the atoning blood of Christ. "For by grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: It is the GIFT of God." Whosoever will may come to Him and freely be forgiven. In Rev. the 22nd chapter and the 17th verse we read, "And the Spirit and the bride [the church] say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely." The invitation is going out to all men everywhere, the rich, the poor, the middle classes, and all those who are trodden down and abused by the power of Satan in afflictions. Let them come to the Lord and He will save and heal them. Come to Him just as you are and let Him apply the blood and strip you of your filthy rags of self-righteousness and He will put the best robe on you. He will lift you up out of the miry clay of sin and wash you in His own blood, and place your feet upon a solid Rock, establish your goings, and put a new song in your mouth, even praises unto God. He says that the willing and obedient shall eat the good of the land.

Dear sinner friend, cast your lot with the Lord and be happy on your way to heaven and to God. "The way of the cross leads home."

## Obituaries

Gladys Alice Bock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Britt, was born in North Platte, Nebr. October 17, 1904 and departed this life December 4, 1957 at the age of 53 years, one month, and 17 days. She was united in marriage to Christopher D. Bock July 15, 1925. To this union four children were born, three sons and one daughter.

While still a young woman she yielded her heart and life to God and embraced the truth of the church of God. She upheld the faith that was once delivered to the saints, which she had learned in childhood from the teaching and example of her godly parents. She lived a consistent, Christian life and was a faithful and devoted wife and mother. A few months previous to her departure, it was noticed by her friends and associates that there was an increasing earnestness on her part in her devotion to God and spiritual things. The saints believe that "she walked with God: and is not; for God took her."

She leaves to mourn her passing her husband, Christopher D. Bock; three sons: Kenneth of Guthrie, Okla., Ted of Sapulpa, Okla., and Ronnie Lee of the home; one daughter, Mrs. Christine Eck of Meno, Okla.; two sisters: Mrs. Leola White and Maude Britt both of Guthrie; a brother, W. E. Britt of Hemet, Calif.; five grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and other relatives; and many friends and saints.

Services by Bro. O. C. Porter assisted by Bro. Fred Pruitt. Text: Prov. 31:10-31. Interment at the Lawrie Cemetery.

Charles Bunyon Franklin passed away Oct. 24, 1957 at the age of 69 years. His passing came unexpectedly as he was sick such a short time. He accepted the Lord and the church of God in Jan., 1931. He loved to hear the truth preached and stayed by this conviction.

He was married Feb. 1, 1914 in Hominy, Okla., to Nellie M. Pierce. To this union were born eight children, a son and a daughter preceding him in death.

Surviving children include a son, Marvis C. Franklin; five daughters: Mrs. Savola Schneider, Mrs. Zella Silva, and Mrs. Vearl Kliever all of Grants Pass, Ore., Mrs. Ruth Chapman of Santa Clara, Calif., and Mrs. Beth Keeler of Pasadena, Calif.; three sisters: Mrs. Fannie Davis of Cherokee, Iowa, Mrs. Myrtle Clary, and Mrs. Thressie Wood, both of Hominy, Okla.; and a number of other relatives, saints and friends.

Funeral services and burial was at Grants Pass, Ore.

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Minerva Stevenson, daughter of James Neal, Sr., and Allie Blair, was born August 20, 1879 and passed from this life Nov. 11, 1957, at the age of 78 years, two months, and 11 days. She married Coy Stevenson, Sr. To this union were born eight children, two of which died in infancy, and also her husband preceded her in death.

She was a faithful and devoted mother and wife. She accepted the truth of the church of God at an early age and was faithful until the end. Her expression was, "I am not tired yet." She just slipped away. We say in humble submission, "Thy will be done." Not being physically able to attend public services, prayer meeting was conducted at her home in Enid from time to time by Sister Jessie Douglas and other of the saints there, which she greatly enjoyed.

She leaves to mourn her passing four sons: Coy, Jr. and Wesley of Cleo Springs, Moses and Raymond of Enid, Okla.; two daughters: Maggie Sheley of Denver, Colo., and Pearl West of Enid, Okla.; one sister, Ada Howard of Cleo Springs; four brothers: Scoval Neal of Topeka, Kans., Herbert Neal of Cleo Springs, James of Enid, Okla., and Willie of Liberty, Mo.; eight grandchildren, and a host of other relatives, saints and friends.

Funeral sermon was conducted by Bro. Ulysses Phillips using Ps. 116:15 and other texts. Burial in cemetery at Cleo Springs, Okla.

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Bro. Joseph Hardman was born March 27, 1875 and departed this life Nov. 17, 1957 at the age of 82 years, seven months, and 20 days. He was united in holy matrimony to Mrs. Nancy Sales in 1905. To this union twelve children were born. His wife and seven children preceded him in death.

Bro. Hardman met the saints and was saved in 1906. He attended services at the church of God in Tulsa and remained faithful until death. He was stricken with illness about two years ago and was very patient in it. He often said, "God will heal me at His own set time."

He leaves to mourn his passing three sons; two daughters; 19 grandchildren; and a host of relatives, saints and friends. May God comfort the bereaved ones in our prayer.

Sermon by Bro. Ulysses Phillips assisted by Bros. Sam Barton, M. Spears, and L. West. The interment was near Nowata, Okla.

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Martha Delima Booth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Booth, was born March 4, 1912 and departed this life Nov. 19, 1957 at the age of 45 years, eight months, and 15 days. She moved with her parents to Vinita, Okla., and lived there until her marriage to Ralph Beisly on June 20, 1929. They moved to Coffeyville, Kans. where she lived until her death. To this union were born four children.

She gave her heart to the Lord Dec. 7, 1943. In April, 1947, God shined more light on her pathway leading her to Him. She, having an honest heart, walked in the light

God gave her and remained faithful in the truth until death. She was a pillar in the church of God. Praise the Lord!

She leaves to mourn her passing her husband, Ralph; two daughters: Mrs. Marilyn Eck of Bartlett, Kans., and Janice of the home; two sons: Ralph Eugene of Coffeyville, Kans., and David of the home; four sisters: Mrs. Nettie Dunn and Mrs. Leona Jackson of Tulsa, Okla., Mrs. Albertine Parker of Allen, Texas, Mrs. Alice Miller of Clearview, Utah; six brothers: Vernon O'Gara of Vinita, Okla., Flavius O'Gara of Tucson, Ariz., John Booth of Tulsa, Okla., Charles Booth of Wichita, Kans., Frank Booth of Twin Falls, Idaho, Judson Booth of Augusta, Kans.; other relatives and a host of saints and friends.

Funeral services by Bro. O. B. Wilson assisted by Sister Margaret Eck, Bros. Sam Barton, and O. C. Porter. Text: Psalms 116:15; Rev. 8:9-17. Interment at the Restlawn Cemetery, Coffeyville, Kans.

### *In Memory of Martha Beisly*

God has taken our loved one dear,  
One that brought us much comfort and cheer.  
But God, in His love, saw that it was best  
To take her home where there's peace and rest.

Oh! how we'll miss her, that precious one,  
Her work here on earth was so faithfully done;  
She was always ready and willing to go  
To help those in need and love to bestow.

She suffered much with her body in pain,  
But she did it so patiently, never complained.  
Her life, like a candle not hidden away,  
Trying to win someone to the narrow way.

A burden she carried for her loved ones in sin,  
Praying that somehow they to God she could win.  
Her hands always busy in the work of the Lord,  
We know she'll receive a precious reward.

But the burdens of life she's now laid aside,  
Easily she passed o'er death's chilling tide,  
We know she's in heaven, free from all care,  
And the joys of her Saviour, now she doth share.

—LaVerna Eck.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Dear Saints, I would like for all of you to pray earnestly for me. The dear Lord has answered prayer many times. I know He can this time. I love the Lord, and desire that He bless and keep each and every one of you.  
—One who loves God.

Bro. J. B. Trinkle of Hardensburg, Ind., desires the saints everywhere to pray for him. He has been suffering a long time with prostrate glands, and other painful and distressing troubles.

Pray earnestly for Bro. W. S. Miller of Hammond, La. whose body is so afflicted that he cannot read his Bible nor care for his invalid wife properly. He is surely in great need of healing.

### NOTICE

We have the eleven issues of the "Faith and Victory" paper of 1957 bound in book form. The price is 60 cents, post paid to you. We will send you the 1956 year book and the 1957 book for \$1.00. Send and get a book for yourself and your friends.

### OUR PRECIOUS CHILDREN (Continued)

The family council can not be overstressed, as it is so much needed in this day of hurry. When there is an important matter to decide, call all the family together. Let the children make suggestions and consider them. If they feel that they have an important place to fill in the family, they will try to fill that place well. Be honest with yourself and your child; never tell him an untruth. If you are called to dress a wound, do not say, "This will not hurt;" let him know that it might hurt a little, but that the wound must be dressed.

If the child has bad habits, correct one at a time. Be patient; do not nag. Correct the bad habit by helping him to form a good one in its place. Make the good habit attractive to the child so he will want to master it. The child's desire or will is your greatest asset in working with him. If you can guide until he wants to accomplish the desired end, he will co-operate with you because he will know that he is doing the task because he wants to, and not because he is forced to do it. Do not be always saying, "Don't do that," "Get out of that," or, "You can't do that," but give the child something to do to keep him busy.

It is true that sometimes our children must be punished, to teach obedience. The Lord punishes us to teach us to obey Him, "For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth" Heb. 12:6. Before you punish, talk and pray with your child. Do not jump on him in the heat of your passion, for if you do, you may punish beyond reason. As you pray with him, cause him to see that you are punishing him for his good, not to satisfy your anger. If you get this to him it will cause him to become humble and then he will not build up a resentment against you.

Never scold. We can talk in a firm quiet way, letting them know that we mean just what we say. Never tell the child one day that he can not do a certain thing and the next let him do it. Do not let your children beg you to let them do things. Be firm. Be sure that you mean what you say. When you say "yes" be sure that you mean it and stick to it, and likewise for "no." Never let your child throw itself into a tantrum to get its way. If they start this bring them out of it with a good switch, and be sure the switch is large enough to sting plenty. Little tender switches only make matters worse by stirring up more anger.

Now concerning family prayer and the child: the world today is losing respect for authority because that respect has been lost in the home. Family worship should be made interesting for the children. Read a short interesting chapter of a few verses and let the children comment on them. The prayers should not be long and drawn out, but short and to the point. Talk to God as if you saw him in the room—He is there. Try to see Him with your spiritual eyes. Parents should pray for the needs of their friends and be burdened for all gospel workers, but they should do their long praying in secret, for long prayers tire



children. Let the children pray too, and do not let them run over the house during the worship: they must be taught to reverence God. As soon as the child is old enough to read let him read and take part in all phases of the worship.

Children must also be taught to reverence the house of God. Do not let them run over the house during worship: take a little switch along and use it if needed to keep them quiet. (If you are firm, you won't have to use the switch much.) Your children, if taught Godly reverence, will soon accept Christ as their Saviour. Do not expect too much of your saved children; they need training. There is no doubt but what they will do things that will grieve not only you but the God of heaven also. Point out their mistakes and sins and tell them about God's mercy to forgive them. If you can show them how naughty they have been and the result of such a life, they will become sorry and truly repent. Little by little you can lead them until they will reach the place where their lives will please God. When we commit a trespass, Satan is there to tell us that God has left us and will not forgive us, but our Savior knows our weaknesses and is ready to forgive and restore when godly sorrow worketh repentance.

Our children should have an important part in our public worship: Sunday School, etc. Let the Junior boys and girls sing before the school. If they have a part they will be much more interested in all parts of the work of the Church.

Four out of five delinquent boys say their parents were indifferent to what they did and where they went. Three out of five juvenile delinquents are from homes where there is discord between parents.

May the Lord bless all and give wisdom in all things.  
Your brother, H. P. Huskey.

## -----:----- The Whole Armor of God

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil" Eph. 6:10, 11. We find in this scripture inspired of God the key secret to the success of a Christian life. The Christian life is illustrated in several different ways in the Bible but this is one of the most positive and impressive: the fact that the life of a Christian is likened unto a warfare. If you have been saved and sanctified very long, I believe that you have already found that so, because we have an unseen foe, the enemy of all righteousness as our adversary. He is out to drown our souls and to sap out the very life of Christ. But the Lord has not left us empty-handed to fight this foe. He has for each and every child of God an armor that will be your victory if you will use it. In our own strength we would be a sure victim of the enemy in all his deceivableness and craftiness. But by the means of these almighty spiritual weapons from God we can fight a good fight of faith and gain our eternal crown of glory just as the faithful ones before us did. Now

we would like to explain a little just what the armor is composed of.

But, first, if a hunter goes out on a hunting trip without his knife, trap, gun, and the other necessary equipment, he is very likely to come back empty-handed and may very well lose his life. A person who does not have his car fully equipped with every safety device and ready for the road, is not likely to get far and may well lose his life also. A football player who does not equip himself with every item of his uniform but carelessly goes out without it into the game is very likely to be a fatality or a member of the injured list. So it is with a Christian. If he is not equipped fully with the weapons of God, then surely he is likely to make a failure in the end.

Put on the armor that you may be able to stand. In verse 14, it says to stand, "having your loins girt about with truth." In Romans 13:14 it tells us to put on the Lord Jesus. In John 14:6 Jesus tells us that He is the truth. To be clothed with Jesus the truth means that we must take upon ourselves His nature, His ways, His mind, and His will. Just delight yourself in His work, His Word, and His precious standard. Though it may mean some suffering or some hard things, yet we must have His truth about us to be able to stand. Keep within your heart a burning love for the truth. The truth, we understand, is the Word of God in its right interpretation. No matter how much the enemy tries to turn you against the saints and the truth, stand your ground and look to Jesus to keep that love for God and His Truth in your heart. If you love the truth enough, you will measure to its standard and let it become a part of you. So the truth is to be our clothing in this life and this war.

"Stand . . . having on the breastplate of righteousness." This breastplate of righteousness is the protection you have for your heart. Just as the ancient soldiers had a breastplate that covered the front of their bodies, so the Christian must have this spiritual protection. You might say that the breastplate of righteousness is a holy life before the Lord. Matt. 5:8 says, "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." In Heb. 12:14 it tells us to "Follow peace with all men and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." We must be holy and righteous as the Lord is. I Pet. 1:16. The best way to keep the heart with all diligence (Prov. 4:23) is to live holy before the Lord to the best of your knowledge and live righteous before Him to all you know and understand from His Bible standard. If you let down on any line and walk back of light that the Lord has given you then you are letting down the breastplate and are a sure victim of a dart from the enemy that will mean death to your soul. So walk holy before God and be careful lest your heart may become a target for the enemy.

"Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked." Here is a vital weapon we must have if we want to gain victories for the Lord. In your Chris-



tian life there will be times when the fiery darts of the wicked will fly fast toward you. Temptations, discouragement, jealousy, envy, hatred, selfishness, confusion, pride, foolishness, worldliness, riches, and neglect are just a few of the many darts the devil has to throw that would mean death to our souls. But just a lift of the shield of faith will ward off every one of them. Faith is to believe and to trust God. Sometimes the feelings may not be just right, but just lift the shield of faith in God by resisting the devil and determining in your heart that you will not give over to any evil thing but press on for the Lord. The temptations may be many but the shield of faith will enable us to go through with victory in our souls. No matter what the natural conditions may be, and no matter how hard the trial, just lift the shield, believe and trust in God and victory and grace will be yours. If we did not have faith, we would be depressed most of the time, but with faith we can soar above the clouds in the pure sunlight of God. So keep the shield of faith ready at all times.

"And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace." The thoughts that the Lord has given us reveals that we must be at all times ready to tell someone else about Jesus. Paul tells us to be instant in season and out of season. II Tim. 4:2. When the Lord wants us to, let us be willing to tell others about God. Be sure you can tell them what Jesus will do for them and how much He loves them. Be shod with the preparation. A thought from that tells us to live a holy life around people so that they will notice your life and be able to learn the gospel from you. Be kind to people in sin and always keep in mind that they are to be loved and pitied, for Christ died for them just as He has died to save you. It's a good idea to do good to all men. Give them a warm smile, be courteous, and always be ready to put in a word for the Lord. You will never know just how much these things will affect some people. In Isa. 52:7, it tells us "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace, that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!" It surely is a lovely thing to be able to spread the gospel wherever we go. But remember we are surrounded by men and women who are lost in sin and we must be at our post of duty to warn them to turn to God before it is too late. So let us be shod firmly (keep these shoes fastened firmly to your feet) with the gospel of peace.

"And take the helmet of salvation." The helmet is to protect your head. The head of the body controls the whole body. Even the heart beat is controlled by a certain part of your head. If your head is destroyed, so is your life. Spiritually, salvation covers and protects and saves every part of our life and soul. So let us be sure that we can testify of salvation at all times.

"And the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God." Here is our last part of the armor. The Word of God is very vital to the soul. It is the food

on which the soul must feed. It is the strength of the soul. Your victory and strength depend largely upon the amount you feed upon the Word of God. A person who quits eating will soon die a natural death but a person who quits reading the Bible will die a spiritual. Young saints must read the Word of God. When you read the Bible, ask the Spirit of God to teach you precious truth and you will find the Lord making His truth and Word very dear to your heart. It is a necessity to read the Bible. When the enemy brings discouragement to you or tempts you to do something wrong, just pick out a good scripture from your heart and thrust it at him. Victory will be yours. When he tries to push you off into a false doctrine, just hurl some truth at him. Victory will be yours. At one time the enemy was trying to get me to doubt my salvation, but the Lord gave me some of the Word of God and I put that on the enemy and the victory was mine. In the Word of God we find many promises to supply every need. Remember that God's Word will stand forever. So let us keep the eternal Word as our sword and victory will be ours. Heb. 4:12 tells that the Word of God is quick, powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword. It will cut both ways. It will hit the preacher just as it will any one else. So let us all keep the Word of God and measure to its standard.

A love for the truth, a holy life, the preparation of the gospel, faith in God, salvation, and the Word of God make up the armor of God. Without just one of these vital things we will not make a success of our experience with God.

Verse 18 tells us to be "praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints." Dear Christian friend, let us pray for one another and keep in the center of God's will and victory is sure to be ours to the end.

Yours in the army of the Lord, Leslie Busbee.

## Testimonies

Calif.—Dear Saints,—Greetings in the name of Jesus. "Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits," especially the benefits of salvation which I am enjoying, praise the Lord.

Just recently the Lord permitted me to visit the "Faith Publishing House," and in the home where the workers live with Sister Marie Miles and her family. I also visited in the home of Bro. and Sister Pruitt, who are getting up in years but are still faithful in the work of the Lord.

I had often wondered about "The Lord's Print Shop" and how it operates, etc. No doubt, many other readers of the "Faith and Victory" and "Beautiful Way" papers, who have never been there would like to know about it too.

Of course it is a work of faith, carried on with many sacrifices by all who work there: for the salvation of souls and for the upbuilding of God's kingdom. The sweet spirit of Christ is manifested through love, harmony, and co-operation in the print shop, also the home, because all the workers are saved and sanctified.

Breakfast is at 7 o'clock. Immediately after, they gather in the living room for morning worship, where Sister Marie and the others sing and take turns in read-

ing God's Word and praying—imploing God's help for the day. Then in the print shop each has his or her place, and they work willingly and quietly, without coercion or constraint. At the close of their work-day they again gather in the living room for evening devotions, where the Christian fellowship is so precious.

Sister Marie is a real mother to the younger workers. When two of the girls were sick with flu, she went up the stairs about every two hours through the night as well as the day to give them the best of care besides praying God to heal them.

Each Tuesday is set aside to fast and pray in co-operation with the other saints of Guthrie. Much has been accomplished through these special seasons of prayer. To me it was a very special day to be remembered.

I praise God for the privilege of visiting the Lord's Print Shop and home, and also other saints' homes, the church services, and for the blessings and inspiration I received there. May God help us all to pray more for this unselfish work, and also to give and help in other ways as the Lord directs.

Pray that I be a better co-worker in distributing these good papers and tracts.

In Christian love,

Vera Forbes.

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Kans.—Dear Saints,—We have truly lost a precious co-worker in the gospel. We met the Beisly family April 21, 1947. They were saved but had not found the one true fold. God was leading them out of the place they were in though. He was revealing the corruptness of man leadership, worldly programs, worldly dress, man made messages, and the Lord not being able to have His way in folks' hearts and lives, who were being ruled by the domineering spirit in the church. They were told of an anti-necktie people, and the queerness of their lives, and of the spiritualness of their services, therefore a great longing came into their hearts to meet a people like that.

God, seeing the honesty of their hearts, permitted the "Faith and Victory" paper and tracts to be given to them, and as Sister Beisly said it, "they devoured every word of it." Surely they were hungry for soul food. They wrote to the Faith Publishing House, wanting to know if there were any people close to them that worshiped as the teachings of the paper. The letter was therefore sent to us and on the 19th of April the Lord burdened our hearts to write them inviting them to our house on Sunday the 21st. We did not know my father and mother, Bro. and Sister Johnson, were coming, but they arrived on Saturday. Bro. and Sister Beisly came Sunday evening asking their way to Zion. My father took the Word of God and showed them the awfulness of deception and the purity of God's church. Truly their hearts rejoiced in the Word of God. They left at a very late hour and Sister Beisly said, "We have heard the truth tonight; what are we going to do about it?" Bro. Beisly answered, "I'm coming out." Yes, they heard the call, "Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty" II Cor. 6:17, 18.

Gene and Marilyn were in their early teens at that time, but they, too, were hungry for the truth. Janice and David were much younger, yet, their tender hearts fell in line with the truth as the whole family accepted it. They opened their home for meetings. We have had regular services in their home for the past six years besides having prayer meeting each Friday night the four previous years. It was a great burden on Sister Beisly to take care of the church in her home. Her body was sorely afflicted but she labored faithfully in the Lord's work

sacrificing her comfort for the comfort of others. The congregation here misses her more than we can ever tell.

Not only did she labor in her home congregation, but also Bro. and Sister Beisly had charge of the campground at Monark. How faithfully they labored year after year! Sister Beisly's body was not able to stand up to all the hard labor. She would come home each year sick in body. Surely, she has a great reward and Bro. Beisly and the children will also have a reward at the end of life's way if they will only continue faithful unto death.

Space does not permit us to tell of the many other good deeds, but we hope these will be the cause of others, that are out in some "by-way" and starving for soul food, to begin to search for the one fold and take their stand for the true church of God so their lives also may be useful to God.

Sister Margaret Eck.

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La.—Dear Saints,—Greetings of love. I have been thinking for some time about writing my testimony—how the Lord blessed me through my sickness and also the death of my father. I also want to thank the saints for their prayers, cards of sympathy, and get well cards. They all meant so much to me. I appreciate the love shown to me while having to be in the hospital. I feel that I have grieved God and brought reproach on the church by having surgery, but I have begged the Lord's forgiveness and also the church, so by the help of the Lord I want to be found living to please Him. I felt that I needed to write this testimony so I could feel clear in my soul.

About three weeks ago, I had a spell something like gall bladder trouble. I was going to try and battle it out by myself but while I was praying the Lord spoke to me, telling me to call Bro. Willard Esters, so I did. He and his wife came over and prayed for me. I was better when they got here but they prayed some more. It wasn't very long until I was completely easy. I had a fight with the devil but I was glad I didn't have to listen to him.

The Lord has so wonderfully blessed me about staying by myself at night. Sometimes I feel afraid but then the Lord takes it away. It is truly wonderful what the Lord has done. Glory to His name! Pray for me.

Your Sister in Christ,

Velma Mancil.

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Ireland—Dear believers in the Lord Jesus,—As I lay awake last night I thought of God's gracious dealings with me all along in my life.

One time about twenty years ago I was very ill, in-somuch that I dreaded to put my foot down. The very sound of my heel on the ground as I walked hurt and shook my nerves. One night as I lay in weakness there came a sound from next door of someone chopping wood. Oh, how it hurt me! I had to sit up in bed and hold my heart. Every blow of the hatchet was like a blow at my heart. After it was over I lay back with gloomy and sad thoughts, thinking my neighbors cared little how ill I was. I pondered over wrong doings and heartlessness of my neighbors and of how they could have done the chopping somewhere else or earlier in the day to avoid such a noise. As I was thinking these grievous thoughts, a "still small voice" came to me, speaking so plainly that I can hear it yet through the years: "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." Oh, I knew it was God's voice speaking to me. He did not want me to think on those hurtful things, but rather on pure, lovely, just and virtuous things of good report. Praise God! I saw then

that to dwell on the hurts would hurt more and keep me down. Oh, how glad I was that God spoke to me, making me to know that He cares even about our thinking. One Scripture tells us that as a man thinketh in his heart so is he. That heavenly message lifted me up that night as it has many times since. We are to leave the wrongs of others with God and not ponder over them. We need to meditate on God's goodness and of how often His dear people have given the cup of cold water in His name—in other words, how much God has done and is still doing for us and of how kind His people often are. They come to visit us and welcome us into their homes, write lovely letters and lend a helping hand in different ways. If we put away from our minds the sore hurts and count our blessings, it will surprise us what the Lord has done.

I love the little "Faith and Victory" paper and wish it were sent out every two weeks instead of monthly. I love the testimonies, etc., so I'm trying to add mine. Lord willing, I'll soon be 76 years old. Two Scripture verses have come to me strongly of late. "Believe in thine heart and CONFESS with thy mouth." So this is a little confession of how near God can come and help us. How much it would mean if we all obeyed Phil. 4:8. I hope this little message will reach many hearts and change their way of thinking. God will indeed help you, and you will benefit greatly.

When God's people read this—and I pray are blessed by it—if they care to and feel led of God to send me a word of cheer to let me know my effort for God has not been in vain, I'll be glad. Bro. Pruitt will give you my address. I may not answer very soon, for I have a lot to do. I live alone in a house close to the sea, just a few yards from the waves. A wall is built around me to keep the sea out. God bless you, Margaret Dundas

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Okla.—To the dear saints both far and near,—I want to thank you for your prayers during my son's illness. He was very sick, but the Lord healed his body. The Sunday he became ill I went to visit my mother and grandmother. My grandmother has been ill for some time, but the Lord has blessed her in her old age. When we came home this child was worse. At meeting that night I asked some of the saints to come and pray for him. We laid on hands and prayed and the Lord helped him to sleep for a little while but later he was in great pain again. We continued to pray for him throughout that week, and he would rest at times, but at other times it looked as if he would pass away. I begged the Lord to spare his life, for he was unsaved. On Saturday night he was so ill I sent for two ministers. They came and prayed on Sunday and he was healed and is now going to school. To God I give all the praise. The teacher thought he would not be able to go to school until spring time. Through his illness I was taught some precious lessons. I thank the Lord for His help in time of need.

I want to be what the Lord would have me to be. I have some urgent requests for prayer which I would like for the saints to remember. Ora. L. Johnson

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Ohio.—To the saints scattered abroad, greetings—Tonight I am saved from all sin and encouraged to live for the Lord, for He is all I need in this life. I feel led to give my testimony of how the Lord blessed me in body.

I have had no more trouble with the dropsy. My heart is doing fine and the high blood pressure is gone also. I still have a little trouble with diabetes, but not

serious. It is so much better than when it first came upon me. I feel that the mercy of God and the prayers of the saints have been the means of my being in my present well condition. The Lord has truly been blessing my soul through these different afflictions. I am much encouraged to keep my hand in His. The Lord has wonderfully shown Himself to me through my sickness. I feel sure had they not come upon me I would have missed the joy of seeing how divinely He works for His children in whatever He allows them to go through.

I have now come to the place where I can say, "I cherish the old rugged cross." I think it is wonderful to know the Lord, for knowing Him keeps one delivered from all the foolish and hurtful things of life. Truly God is good to Israel and to all such as be of a clean heart. I am determined, by the grace and help of God to continue to exercise faith in God so He can work out His purpose through my life. I mean to keep hid with Christ in God. All who know the worth of prayer, remember me.

Your saved brother,

W. T. Tomlin

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Mich.—Dear Saints,—Greetings to you in the dear name of Jesus. We truly hope all the saints there are well and encouraged in your souls. We are all as well as could be expected; and truly thank the dear Lord for it. We owe all praise and glory to Him. Truly we are nothing without Him. In Him we live and move and have our being, and from Him we receive all the blessings of life. Today we report victory in our souls. Thru Jesus' dear name we claim the promise of life; therefore we live because He lives. We mean to go all the way with Him at any cost. For all the things of earth that God gives, we thank Him; but as the song says, "Heaven holds all to me." I do not want to get enough earthly things to cause me to lose sight of Jesus. He is the treasure I want.

I love my children very much, but unless we all go to heaven, our time together is short and will not mean much at the last day. Oh, how we want our children to go to heaven, and ourselves, that we might be with them always!

We felt it was God's will for us to move from Alabama to Michigan about fourteen months ago. We did not have a job, but felt like the Lord would work it out, which He did. When we arrived we asked the saints to pray that God would supply work and help us to find a house, and He answered prayer at once, for which we thank Him. He has healed our dear mother since we have been here when she was very near death. We thank Him for this as well as many other healings we have seen.

In this evil day we want to stay very close to God, as we know not what a day may bring. I thank God for all the dear saints of God. They mean much to us. Some time we will be going through a trial and God will send some of the dear saints along to encourage us. The lives of the dear saints have meant much to us through the years. We have much to be thankful for, but the saints are among the greatest blessings we have here. Oh, how we would love to see God heal dear Sister Smith, also others of the saints who are in such need of prayer! May God richly bless all the dear saints everywhere tonight is my prayer. Your humble brother, H. A. McMillian

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Okla.—Dear saints,—Greetings in the name of Jesus. I am still saved and mean to go to heaven the Bible way. I am not well in body, but my trust is in Jesus. I mean to trust Him all the way and mean to stop no shorter

than heaven. The Lord has brought me from a long ways. I have had to fight with Satan ever since I came in this way. He has brought many accusations to me, but I did not give up. Many times I went to the altar when I thought I was not right. I went to the altar many times thinking I was not sanctified. It was better to do that than to give up the Lord.

I started out for the Lord in 1926. The minister who preached that night said a girl was once saved and went back, then said there was nothing to it and she was killed later with her own gun. She had crossed the dead line. He said when one gives over into the hands of the devil, he is likely to go at any time. That brought a dreadful careful feeling on me and I went to the altar. Instead of staying until I was satisfied, I left the altar feeling just as burdened as I was when I went. I kept on praying. One week after that a brother said, "We will baptize the young saints Sunday. I lay down Saturday night, not intending to be baptized because I had been baptized in a sect church and the water nearly took my breath. But the next morning the fear was gone; the Lord had given me victory over it. I told my brother I was going to be baptized, but he couldn't see the use of it. Bro. Robinson baptized me and others. I have had many battles since then and discouragements because of mistakes and blunders.

One day I was hoeing cotton (I was isolated from the saints). I became so discouraged that I said, "I am going to give it up. I am not saved." After I finished my row I went down into the ditch and prayed. I felt much better and kept pressing on.

About a month after I got saved I went north of Boley to see my father and decided to stay awhile and pick cotton. The next year I decided to stay and farm with some of the neighbors. Satan got busy. My father told me I had to leave. Then I had to go and stay with the neighbors where I was going to work. I had such a hard time that I would take my baby and go down into the field and cry. The people's children would pinch the baby very hard around the neck. I did not have wisdom enough to go and pray. I would just sit down and cry. I started once to leave my crop, but the saints told me not to do it. After I gathered my crop and left I returned to Okmulgee, and my husband, who had left me, came back to me. After that I had greater trials but I went through them. He finally stepped out again, leaving the children and me in hard circumstances. At times we would be without food and fire to keep warm. We would burn paper and old rags or whatever we could to keep warm. Through it all I kept digging to go through with Jesus. I had the fear of God in my heart, and did not give up nor go back to doing wrong things. After the Lord saw I did not give up He began to open up the way and doing great things for me. I have been a widow for twenty-one years. Thank the Lord for keeping me out of double marriage before I was saved and after I was saved too. Now I have my hands in God's hand—not only my hands, but also soul and body. When the Lord sees fit to call me, some day I'll go home in the arms of Jesus. Praise the Lord. The Word of God is hid in my heart that I might not sin against Him. (Psa. 119:11). Pray for me. Lizzie Jordan

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Mich.—Dear Brother and Sister Key,—We send greetings of love in the sweet and precious name of Jesus. We were glad to see your testimony and report in the "Faith and Victory."

I have thought of you many times and prayed for

you when you were sick; was glad when I heard you were better. How I would love to see you again and hear you preach. You two were the first ones I met in this movement. I was so glad to find the saints who had not compromised.

I was with the Gospel Trumpet people for years before I met you, read literature and was convinced of the true church several years before I had opportunity to associate with you saints. I found them quite different to what I had read about plain dressing. They were wearing short sleeves and low necks just about like the world.

I think it was about the year '41 when I received a "Faith and Victory" paper. I never knew who sent it, but I saw the teachings of the church of God and subscribed for it. I think it was the same year my son Vada and I went to Hammond to the campmeeting and you and Bro. Key met us at the bus station. You took us out to your place and we met the saints there.

I was happy to meet the true saints. I wandered in sectism in my youthful days, and tried to serve the Lord from my childhood days. My father and mother taught me about God and His Word and to read the Bible. They were zealous for truth, but never had the light on the church. I joined three sects (Mormon, sect Holiness, and Christian or Campbellite) before I found the true church. I remember well when I discerned what the church was (that it was all of God's people and not any sect or just a part). I was reading the book that Bro. C. E. Orr wrote, "The Gospel Day, or Light of Christianity." I was so interested in that book that I was loath to lay it down. When I was twenty-one years old I corresponded with R. W. McMillian who had a vision of the church. Later I married him.

I have never doubted about the true church, and find a great pleasure and satisfaction in meeting the true saints. I have a great desire to do what little I can to advance God's work. I truly believe we are drawing near to the end when time will be no more.

God bless you and all. With much Christian love,

Cora Brant

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Okl.—Greetings of love to all the dear saints,—Tonight finds me still saved and encouraged in the dear Lord. Truly He means much to me. I feel like the Lord wants me to send my testimony, telling of His great healing power. I had a bad case of the flu several days, but the Lord came to my rescue when we called the saints at Guthrie, Shawnee, and here for prayer. I had a high fever and it hurt me so bad to cough. And I could not keep any food on my stomach. Thank the Lord for coming to my rescue and removing all the fever, then I started eating and keeping food down. I was staying alone one day, and while lying there thinking how good the Lord had been to me, I began to sing these songs, "He Is Just the Same Today" (No. 307) and "Be Still" (No. 144). Praise God for what He has done for me. I thank the Lord, too, for Sister Minnie Penner, a good Christian girl, my roommate. She was very patient and kind to me during my illness. I need your prayers that I might press the battle on for the dear Lord and not faint by the way. A sister in Christ,

Fay Smith

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Ore.—Dear Saints,—I am thanking God for salvation, and desire to send a testimony. Recently I had the flu and such a sore and swollen throat that I could hardly talk or swallow. It seemed as though it was going to

break on the inside. I was praying the Lord for healing and the Lord impressed me, "Will you send in your testimony to 'Faith and Victory' if I heal you?" I said, "Yes." We had prayer, and the Lord healed me of the sore throat and cough. It was an encouragement, both to have the Lord talk to me and also to be healed.

It is my desire to live for the Lord and to do His will. Pray for me that I will continue faithful and continue to be able to get the mind of the Lord and faith for needs as they arise. May the Lord bless the readers and encourage each one and bless in the spread of the gospel and salvation of souls.

A sister in Christ, Margaret Kliever

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Oklahoma.—To all the dear saints of God, Greetings in the precious name of Jesus.—I am saved, sanctified and much encouraged to live a pure clean life for God. I mean to go on at any cost and never turn back. I have been saved about eight months. Before I got saved I would smoke two packages of cigarettes a day. I also drank. For about three days after I got saved the enemy tried to tempt and get me to smoke and drink. He really came against me hard, but by the power of God I resisted him. In about three days the Lord gave me the victory over all habits, to God be the glory. Praise the Lord! The Lord surely is good to His people.

About five weeks ago I was working on a job laying water pipes, and one of the truck drivers backed over me, knocking me down. He ran over me with a three-ton truck. The truck ran directly over my right leg and left foot. God protected me and I did not even get any broken bones. The pain was very severe at times, but each time we would pray the Lord would relieve the pain. I want to thank the dear saints for their prayers in my behalf. I am now able to walk without a limp, to God be the glory. I desire the prayers of the saints that God will help me to be everything in this life He would have me be. Also I have a request before the Lord. I desire the Lord will work it out for us.

Your brother with much Christian love, Allen Harris.

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Kansas.—To all the dear Saints of God, Greetings of holy love in Jesus' name.—We are so thankful for this wonderful salvation, and for the dear saints of God. How wonderful it is to be included in this great family of the redeemed. Praise our God!

We wish to thank the dear saints as far as words can go for all the great love shown to us at the time of our great loss—the many prayers, the beautiful cards, the many beautiful flowers, also offerings of love, surely the body of Christ suffered with us. How wonderful! Thank the dear Lord for His great love.

It seemed that when our wife and mother passed away, the grief was more than we could bear; but, thanks be to God, when the word began to reach the saints of our loss and their prayers were ascending to Father's throne, praise God, so much of the grief was lifted. Oh, how we had to rest on His precious promises, as many came flooding to our mind. When it seemed the waters would overwhelm us, the dear Lord was present to help. One day while at work I started reading from my Testament, I turned to Hebrews 4:16, altho I had read this Scripture many times, this time as I read and meditated upon this verse it had a greater meaning than ever before. "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." The dear Lord in His wisdom knew we were soon going to need mercy, and grace.

Many times we have thanked the Lord for our dear companion. She was so precious, bore her suffering so patiently. Thank the dear Lord, her suffering is over. I was thinking of the dear saints that wife knew here in life who also have gone to their reward. Now they are together, praise our God. Their faith has been lost in sight. My dear wife had told me in one of our conversations in the past, that if anything would ever happen to her so that she would not be conscious of what was going on, she wanted to trust the Lord to the end. Praise God, she did. She passed away so easy, as if going to sleep.

We have such a great challenge left us to live to, it will certainly take holy living. Pray for us that we can so live.

Dear saints, press the battle on, be faithful unto death. Just a short while and we can go to join our loved ones, if we are faithful. It seems that we have so much to be thankful for that we could continue on and on. Again we thank the dear Lord and His saints for all that has been done for us. Continue to remember us in your prayers.

With Christian love, Bro. Ralph Beisly and Children

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Oklahoma.—Dear Saints, Greetings in Jesus' dear name.—I am still saved and much encouraged to press on for the dear Lord. I thank and praise the Lord for His goodness. He has been so good to me, I can not thank and praise Him enough.

I was so ill after the death of my father, Bro. Andrew Ligon, that it just seemed I was living in another world. That was in December and in February of this year my nephew was killed, which made me nervous. I was so nervous I could hardly sleep at night. The Lord came to my aid and wonderfully blessed me.

In July my baby girl was born. She was a fine baby, but the Lord just let me keep her a few hours. I was very sad and the thought came to me, that the Lord giveth and the Lord takes, blessed be the name of the Lord. We loved our baby but we knew that God loved her too and wanted her with Him.

One of my little girls became ill last week, I promised the Lord if He healed her I would tell about it through the "Faith and Victory." I want to say God wonderfully healed her body. Praise his name!

I am seeking a close walk with the Lord. Pray for me that I keep true to Him and be found doing His will at all times. I have some unspoken requests.

Your sister in Christ, Lorene Payne

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Ill.—Dear Bro. Pruitt,—I have thought of writing for the "Faith and Victory" for some time, but have never done so. I am saved and sanctified. Praise the name of our dear Saviour, He has done so much for me. I was reared in the Missionary Baptist denomination and my people were strong Baptists, teaching us that if we were once in grace it was impossible to be lost. I was converted when I was eleven years old (in 1895) and of course joined the Baptist sect. I thought it was right because they baptized by immersion. I was young and knew very little about the Bible.

When I was fourteen my father built on another place, which put us in another school district. Close to the new school house was a church house—Methodist. They taught we could be saved and backslide and be lost. My mother would make remarks about such a doctrine. Before this I had not given any doctrine serious thought, excepting I felt sure immersion was right. I began to

think seriously about the subject of whether or not one could be lost after being saved. One day I was ironing and studying deeply on that subject. Praise God, my Saviour knew I was honest, and used the little that I knew about the Bible to reveal light to me. The parable of the Ten Virgins came to my mind. They all had their light burning at once but five of them did not do their duty and did not get in. It appeared to me that they had all been saved, for their lamps were all burning, but five lamps went out and they were lost. From that day on that subject was settled with me. Many other Scriptures in the Bible plainly show that we have to live true to God after we are saved or we will be lost. "He that endureth to the end shall be saved." My mother was very much disturbed when she learned what the Lord had taught me on that. In a few years a minister came to the Methodist church and held a revival. He preached two works of grace, which the Baptists did not teach. They had a good revival and a number were saved and others sanctified, including my father and uncle, S. J. and J. T. Fortner (Some who read this know J. T. for he was a preacher for many years). After this, Father, Mother, and Uncle Tom Fortner and wife joined this Methodist denomination. In about a year I joined it.

In a few years we received light on the oneness of God's people and the true name of the church being "the Church of God." In 1909 I heard the first sermon on the Church of God. It was very dear to our hearts, and we accepted it. I had heard it talked before I heard the sermon on it. Bros. Thomas Carter and Walter Rimmer came to Richlieu, Ky. and held a revival under a brush arbor. I did not get to go until the Sunday afternoon the revival closed. Bro. Rimmer preached on the Biblical 'Trace of the Church. There I accepted the truth, and it has been so dear to me through life.

Later I saw a change coming in the people who once taught the truth so straight. The world was coming in and faith was going down. It continued to get worse but I knew nothing to do about it. I attended the Anderson Campmeeting every summer, and one fall I was there for a long time with some of my children who lived there. I heard one preacher preach as they formerly did, and oh, how I rejoiced. It had been a long time since I had heard such preaching. From that day on I talked it, but not many wanted to hear it. One preacher who had left the Anderson movement said that the movement had compromised and joined with the world in many things until it is a union with demoninationalism instead of unity as the Bible teaches.

The dear Lord knew I wanted the truth, and He brought it to me. I got in touch with Bro. and Sis. D. A. Gibson through Bro. Pruitt, and we corresponded for awhile. Later I met them and his sermons were all Bible. He helped me to understand things I did not understand, and I accepted the whole Word of God with all my heart. He is teaching the Church of God doctrine which I accepted in 1909. I am so rejoiced and am at home to stay—I mean in the church. I have the truth and will keep it, by the grace of God—glory, glory!

After I met and heard Bro. Gibson preach I felt led to get the saints to hold a revival in our little town. I found a place, and Bro. and Sis. Gibson and Bro. and Sis. Murphy Allen came. Not many attended. My husband got saved and is still holding true. There is a great change in my home. Before he was saved he was bitter against the saints. Following this revival the Lord has opened up the way for the saints to have services in different homes—every Sunday in some home with

all-day services in the minister's home every second Sunday. The revival is bearing fruits for the Lord. You who read this pray earnestly for this work, that God will send more laborers into the vineyard. Let us do all we can to get this truth to the world and to the professed Christians.

One way that I have been spreading the Gospel is by passing out tracts and loaning good books to anyone who will read them. Yours in Christ, Sis Lettie West

#### NOTICE

Would the person who handed me fifteen dollars at the Sapulpa all-day meeting contact me at this address please. Thanking you, W. C. McMakin, 638 N. Hobson, Shawnee, Oklahoma.

#### A NOTE OF THANKS

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#### THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

January 5, 1958

Printed Portion ..... Matthew 16:13-19; Eph. 2:19-22

Matt. 16:13. When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?

14. And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.

15. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?

16. And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

17. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

18. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

19. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shalt be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shalt be loosed in heaven.

Ephesians 2:19. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

20. And are built upon the foundation of the apostles, and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

21. In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

22. In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

Memory Verse: He is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. Colossians 1:18.

Practical Truth: The basis of the existence of Christians as a distinct group is their acceptance of Jesus of Nazareth as the Messiah and Son of God.

## COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Our lessons this quarter will be on the New Testament teachings about the church.

God, through the Spirit, revealed to Peter a precious truth that was contrary to the popular belief of that day. The church of God was built upon that truth which he uttered—and thank God, the gates of hell cannot prevail against God's church. It is founded upon a foundation, Jesus Christ. Paul teaches us, "other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 3:11).

It is sad to know that many in the world think the church is built on Peter. They do not understand that in the Aramic language, in which this was written, "Peter" and "rock" mean exactly the same. Jesus gave Peter this name (John 1:42) and he used an earthly thing to bring out a heavenly truth, which was his custom.

The keys of the kingdom of heaven are the authority God gave to the apostles to bind (forbid) or loose (allow) mankind on earth. Those keys are written in the Bible. Here Jesus gave that authority to Peter and to all the apostles in Matt. 18:18. We should obey God's Word given to us through His apostles or we will be bound on earth and in heaven.

The whole body of believers are fitly framed into the building of God which is the dwelling place of God through the Spirit.

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## THE SOURCE OF THE CHURCH'S POWER

January 12, 1958

Printed Portion .....Acts 1:4-8; 2:1-11.

Acts 1:4. And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

5. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

6. When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

7. And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the time or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

8. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

2:1. And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

4. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

5. And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.

6. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.

7. And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans?

8. And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?

9. Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Capadocia, in Pontus, and Asia,

10. Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,

11. Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

Memory Verse: But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judaea, and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. Acts 1:8.

Practical Truth: The source of the church's power always has been and still is the Spirit of God.

## COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The day of Pentecost was a feast that was kept in commemoration of the law that was given on Mt. Siani. Then the law was written on the tables of stone; but, praise the Lord, since the Holy Spirit came it is written on the fleshly tables of our hearts.

Acts 1:3 reads that Jesus was seen forty days of the disciples. He was in the tomb three days, therefore the disciples of Jesus waited in the upper room seven days, since there were fifty days between the Pass-over feast and Pentecost.

While Jesus was here on earth, he gathered together those who would constitute His church. He told them to tarry in Jerusalem until they were baptized with the Holy Ghost who would give them power to be witnesses for Him. This was prophesied by Malachi in the third chapter, first verse: "The Lord whom ye seek shall suddenly come to his temple."

On the day of Pentecost the Church of God was set in motion; and, thank God, it has been going since that time. The government is upon His shoulders and the Holy Spirit is placing each "lively stone" in the building as it pleases God. If we will work in our places and move as the Holy Spirit moves upon us, God's Word will reach many souls and be profitable to them.

We notice that there were seventeen nations represented. God wanted all the world to hear of the coming of the Holy Spirit. God, in a miraculous way, caused all to understand the message in their own language.

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## FELLOWSHIP IN THE CHURCH

January 19, 1958

Printed Portion: .....Acts 2:42-47; Rom. 15:1-9a.

Acts 2:42. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

43. And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

44. And all that believed were together, and had all things common;

45. And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.

46. And they continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

47. Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.



Rom. 15:1. We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

2. Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification.

3. For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me.

4. For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

5. Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus:

6. That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

7. Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God.

8. Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers:

9. And that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.

Memory Verse: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. Eph. 4:32.

Practical Truth: Real fellowship should always characterize the children of God and be especially prominent in every local church.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

What a large happy family of believers that were meeting together glorifying God! The love of God that knit their hearts together, was flowing in fellowship from one to the other. What a concern was wrought in their hearts for each others' temporal necessities. Those who had plenty were anxious that their brother in need was supplied. They were fulfilling the Scripture which says, "Do good to all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." (Gal. 6:10.)

We see manifested here that "first love." How important it is that we keep that "first love" in our hearts and lives. This great congregation showed it in their deeds and lives. There is a contrast in another congregation mentioned in Rev. 2:1-7. God said of them: "I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love."

The latter part of the lesson brings out the thought of working together harmoniously. We are to "bear the infirmities of the weak." We are to bear with their failings. We are to please our neighbor only in those things that are good for his edification or to the upbuilding of the work of God in the world. We are not to be guilty of being "men pleasers" which Paul condemns in Gal. 1:10. We are to "with one mind and one mouth glorify God."

#### HOLY SPIRIT ORGANIZATION

January 26, 1958

Printed Portion: .....Romans 12:3-8; 1 Tim. 3:1-10.

Rom. 12:3. For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

4. For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:

5. So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

6. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophecy according to the proportion of faith;

7. Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching;

8. Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy with cheerfulness.

1 Tim. 3:1. This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.

2. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;

3. Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;

4. One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;

5. (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)

6. Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.

7. Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

8. Likewise must the deacons be grave, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre;

9. Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.

10. And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless.

Memory Verse: Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. Acts 20:28.

Practical Truth: Every congregation of the church should be Biblically organized by the Holy Spirit to meet its practical needs.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

We are glad that in the Church of God the Holy Spirit places each one in the body as it pleases Him. Our lesson compares the body of Christ to the human body, showing us that as each one works in the place God puts him, all will function properly. I am glad that the "government is on His shoulders." (Isa. 9:6). Man does not have any part in this. As we make room for the gifts of others, all will be well. In our lesson a number of the gifts are enumerated. It is precious to find our place in the body of Christ and work there. Great joy and peace will fill our souls as we stay in the center of God's will. Do not be troubled that others do not share your burden with you in the work God has called you to do. God has given them a burden for another phase of His work, and not yours; yet we must all encourage one another.

An elder, or leader, in a congregation has a big responsibility, and he (or she) should not take it lightly. It is a delicate work and he must know how to work with others. This requires much humility and being willing to be a servant of all. The elder must be an example, not violent nor contentious, managing his own household well with children under subjection. He must not be a new convert, but a tested person and established in doctrine. He must have a good report of outsiders, so they can be won for Christ.

—Mrs. Marie Miles