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### *He Arose*

"He is risen," said the angel to the women,  
When they came to see him sleeping in the cave;  
Jesus burst the mighty bars of death asunder,  
And arose to reign triumphant from the grave.

He is risen, surely death is now abolished:  
Grave, where is thy victory? Death, where is thy sting?

Jesus flashes light into the darkened valley,  
Swell the mighty chorus, men and angels sing.

He is risen, let the nations hear the music,  
Let the gospel truth reach every distant plain;  
Let the tidings roll, that every guilty captive  
May be fully free, and help to praise his name.

He is risen, hence, the fear of that grim monster  
Is forever banished to the shades of night;  
And the grave and death have lost their wretched terror,  
While we live on earth or take our upward flight.  
—B. E. Warren

### **Jesus—The Resurrection**

"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?" John 11:25, 26.

These words of hope, cheer, and comfort were spoken to Martha, the sister of Lazarus, by Jesus when he had returned to Bethany after learning of the illness and subsequent death of her brother Lazarus. Many of the Jews had come to the home of Martha and her sister Mary to comfort them concerning their brother. As soon as Martha knew that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him with an aching heart, filled with grief and sorrow. No doubt that the very sentiment of her soul could be expressed in the words of the song: "Other friends may bless and

comfort, Speak a kind and cheering word, But the balm to heal the heartache, Only Jesus can afford." It appears that the first thing she said when she met Jesus was, "Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died." Hope, a smoking flax that was almost ready to burst into a burning flame, was beneath the sighs and burden of her heart, as she continued to speak. "But I know that even now whatsoever thou ask of God, God will give it thee." Faith and hope, no doubt, were moving in her very being, for out of the abundance of her heart her mouth had spoken.

Jesus saith unto her: "Thy brother shall rise again." Martha saith unto him, "I know that he shall rise again." No doubt about that, with hope and expectation she believed that her brother would rise again, but not so soon, not now, but away sometime in the future. "I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day." Then Jesus spoke unto her and said, "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me though he were dead, yet shall he live."

Jesus is the resurrection. He is our hope. He says in John 5:21, "For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will." In John 5:39, 40, we find him saying, "And this is the Father's will which sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day." What a glorious anticipation, that some sweet day we shall rise in triumph from the dusty grave at the call of the trump of God with glorified immortal bodies to meet our blessed Saviour and Redeemer! We shall see him face to face.

Believers and unbelievers, righteous and wicked shall rise. "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." John 5:28, 29. In Acts 24:15 Paul says, "And have hope

toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust."

The world is full of skeptics, doubters, scoffers, and unbelievers today just as it was in the days of Christ and the apostles. They do not believe in a resurrection or the second coming of Christ; but that does not change the Word of God or make void the promise of Christ. Jesus said, "I will come again." The angels said, "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." Acts 1:15b.

Thank God for that hope that anchors into that within the veil. In 1 Cor. 15:19 it reads thus, "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable." I have heard a few people testify of how sweet and happy their life is since they have embraced the love of God, and have been saved from sin; and not looking deep enough into the plan of salvation, they went on to say something to this effect: "If there were no hereafter and no heaven to go to, I would live this life," speaking of the Christian life. I am satisfied that earth knows no greater joy than the joy that one receives when he or she is made to know by the witness of the Spirit that their sins are gone and they have been made the recipients of God's salvation, and their hearts have been filled with divine love. David found himself lacking at one time; and he cried to God: "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation." But now consider: salvation comes through Christ. Christ died for our sins, and rose again for our justification. 1 Cor. 15:13 says, "But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen." The 17th verse says, "And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins." And people who are yet in their sins cannot live a Christian life.

Christ preached unto the Gentiles, was believed on in the world, and was received up into glory. Where is Jesus now? Luke 24:51 says, "And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven." "Stephen, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up steadfastly into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God." See Acts 7:55. "We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens" Heb. 8:1b. Amen.

Christ is our hope; our hope is in Christ. "For we are saved by hope; but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it." Rom 8: 24, 25. Yes, Praise the Lord! We hope for, we look for, we are in expectation of, and we are looking and waiting for the return of that same Jesus that ascended up from Mt. Olivet, coming back, praise God, and all the holy angels with him. The trump of God shall sound, the sea shall give up its dead; the tombs shall burst asunder, the graves shall yield up their prey in that great Resurrection Day. The dead in Christ shall rise, and we which are alive and remain shall be

caught up together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord." "Unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation." Heb. 9:28b.

Yes, Christ is coming again; there will be a hereafter. There is going to be a resurrection of the just and the unjust. We shall all come forth—yes, even from righteous Abel to the last child that shall be born, the rich and the poor, the high and the low, the learned and the unlearned, the people of every nation, kindred, and tongue. What a gathering that will be in that great getting-up morning, in the resurrection, at the last day! "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. Rev. 20:12. Job asked the question: "If a man die, shall he live again?" Job 14:14a. He later declared, "And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God." Job 19:26.

"But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept." 1 Cor. 15:20. There will be a resurrection. —Ulysses Phillips

## Are You Ready?

Are you ready for the mansions of glory? Are you ready for God's Son? For He is surely coming again. Not as He came before, but as our Judge. Are you ready?

A Christian man in London wanted to arouse a page boy as to the salvation of his soul. One night he explained how "the Lord Himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout" (1 Thess. 4:16), and concluded, "When the Lord comes you may have my house, John." The boy looked surprised. "And my carriages" — more surprise — "and furniture and money." "Thanks," gasped the boy. Alone in bed he began to think, "If he goes to Heaven, what will I do with his house, his carriages, etc? Where will I be?" He aroused his master, explained his desire, was pointed to Christ, and ere morning was also ready.

Are you ready? How can I get ready, do you ask? You must first be washed. For sin has made you unclean, but God has provided a cleansing for your sin. Come to Him with the words of this chorus:

Cleanse me from my sin, Lord,  
Put Thy power within, Lord,  
Take me as I am, Lord, and make me all  
Thine own.  
Keep me day by day, Lord,  
Underneath Thy sway, Lord,  
Make my heart Thy palace and Thy  
royal throne.

One day a gentleman visiting a certain school, gave out that he would give a prize to the pupil whose desk he found in the best order when he returned. "But when will you return?" some of them asked.

"That I cannot tell," was the answer. A little girl who had been noted for her disorderly habits, an-

nounced that she meant to win the prize.

"You!" her schoolmates jeered. "Why, your desk is always untidy."

"Oh, but I mean to clean it the first day of every week." "But suppose he should come at the end of the week?" somebody asked. "But he may come at the end of the day." For a moment the little girl was silent. "I know what I'll do," she said decidedly; "I'll just keep it clean."

Yes, that's it, we must just be ready every day and watch for the Lord Jesus to come back.

Dear ones, do be ready for the great coming of our Lord and Saviour! May He find you clean and ready when He returns. What joy and happiness that will be for you if you are! —E. G. Clarke.

### Divorce and Remarriage?

Today we are faced with the growing menace of the easy divorce. This prompts concern on the part of ministers and laymen alike. There is tossed into their laps the question, "Is it all right to divorce and remarry?" No surer answer is found anywhere than in the Bible. The New Testament has some very definite statements made by Jesus and the Apostle Paul. Mark 10:2-5 reads, "And the Pharisees came to him, and asked him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife? tempting him. And he answered and said unto them, What did Moses command you? And they said, Moses suffered to write a bill of DIVORCEMENT, and to put her away. And Jesus answered and said unto them, For the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept." Read verses 5-12. We further cite Matthew's account of the said discussion, as recorded in chapter 19: 3-12, "But from the beginning it was not so." From the beginning of creation God made them male and female. "For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh." (V. 5). Then "they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder." (V. 6). And in the house his disciples asked him again of the same matter. And he saith unto them, "Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, committeth adultery against her. And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she committeth adultery" (Mark 10:11, 12). Continuing through the New Testament, we find many more scriptures that agree with the above. The Apostle Paul discusses the question posed above. Galatians 5:19 reads, "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness." Here we find adultery and fornication heading the list of works of the flesh, which list is concluded with the statement: "They which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." Ephesians 5:3 further declares, "But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints." 1 Corinthians 7:10-11 states with clarity, the responsibility of the marriage partnership. "And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the

Lord, Let not the wife depart from her husband; But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband; and let not the husband put away his wife." The writer agrees with many others that there is no scriptural ground for divorce and remarriage.

Evangelist John R. Rice, writing in his book titled "Divorce," cites five weighty human reasons that back up God's command to avoid divorce. We quote them, but the lack of space does not permit the detailed explanation of each of the five reasons that he gives:

"I. If there are children in the family, consider their welfare and happiness. God's plan is that each child should have one mother and one father.

"II. Economic disaster often follows divorce.

"III. Consider the public disgrace of divorce. There is a sense of tragedy and shame that hangs over the person who has been divorced. I beg you in the name of Jesus and for your own happiness, to be reconciled to your companion and avoid divorce.

"IV. Consider the shameful reproach on Christianity which the divorce of professors involves.

"V. Divorce is the wrecker of your own love and happiness."

Some say, "What are you going to do about it; there are almost as many divorces as marriages?" I would have to answer in this manner, "I know the Law made it easy to get a divorce, but it didn't make it right!" Jesus said it was not so from the beginning. I feel the cause for the above attitude lies with the Church and the Ministers. If I were a minister, and a divorced party came asking me to perform the marriage ceremony, I would tell them the Bible taught against such a marriage, "from the beginning," and Church of God ministers have always preached against divorce and remarriage, so they would have to get someone else to perform the ceremony. I pray God that all who claim to be ministers will soon become aware of the danger to our society involved in this practice of divorce and remarriage, and refuse to marry divorced parties.

I am sorry to say it, but I understand there are ministers who are in darkness here in Carthage, Mo. who express the sentiment that they had just as well perform the marriage of divorced couples, for they are going to get married anyway. Now ministers, do you think this attitude is going to help stop divorce and remarriage? Individual members of congregations do not condone the above attitude of their pastors, so it is beginning to look like the LAYMEN are holding the standard higher than some of the ministers.

Oh, that ministers would perform their duty according to the WORD OF GOD, and not according to the adulterous desires of men and women!

Now a word of advice to the youth of today, marriage is a life-time contract, and as such should never be broken. In order to help you avoid the pitfalls of divorce and an ensuing wrecked marriage, I would like to remind you that marriage is binding

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**E. E. Byrum's Vision**

In about 1932, Brother Byrum told me a vision he had. He said he was in his home one afternoon resting. (Many know its location on the Anderson, Ind. campgrounds.) He said, "I know I was not asleep. A vision appeared to me. As I looked across the deep draw, which was between my home and the school dormitory, I saw in my vision, buildings where the dormitory stood, and a ladder extending from the ground and leading up to an entrance into this building. But the ladder was not directly connected to the building, but was hooked into D. O. Teasley's vest pockets. There was a goodly number of people ascending this ladder to the entrance of this building. There was a rather short man from the West, just inside this building with a machine, which he said would lead to greater success in getting people into the Church of God. And there were guides leading the people through the building. I went over and went up to see and to hear what the man with the machine had to say. But when I went in, they told me to pass on; so I went out and went to the old tabernacle and it was full of people. A man with this machine was explaining its wonders to the audience. I heard moaning and groaning under the rostrum; I looked and the old ministers were under there praying. A sudden crash sounded and this machine had fallen to the floor so twisted and wrecked that it never could be repaired." —Given by Bro. D. E. Nelson.

**EDITORIALS**

From 1881 to 1917—36 years—the Gospel Trumpet Company did not operate under the direct legal control of the Church. Then, in 1917 the company was placed under the control of the General Ministerial Assembly with authority to ratify the election of the editor and general manager. In this way the so-called church, through this Board, assumed all ownership, control, and the final management of the Company. That same year D. O. Teasley was chosen general manager, "and the whole system of operation was changed from consecrated labor to paid salaries based on wages in the commercial world. This opened the door for human organization in spiritual matters, in which the man mentioned above, seemed to be the key man in its promotion. This machine was soon set up in the General Assemblies over in the old auditorium, and has been running in full force ever since. Man has taken over, and divine rule is no longer on Christ's shoulder. This is just as much a part of Babylon as any other sect or movement. It originated from the same source, is operated in the same way, and by the same spirit.

"Brother Byrum saw it fall and it was wrecked beyond repair. Some preachers are staying in there

trying to repair that old twisted, warped machine. Brother, it cannot be done! It is beyond repair. God has a system as old as the Church of God itself—a divinely organized machine, always new and workable, and needs no repair—why not use it?

"This machine which Bro. Byrum saw is both political and commercial in its design. It furnishes offices to be sought, and salaries to be desired. This machine is not the true brand; it is of Babylonian construction. It is being exposed by the Word of God. Twisted beyond repair, it is doomed to go down with the rest of Babylon to rise no more."

In Rev. 1:20 is revealed what the candlesticks and stars represent in symbolic language. The stars are angels or ministers of the churches, and the candlesticks represent the churches where they minister. Jude, in speaking or writing of fallen ministers, says they are "wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever."

With reference to the above vision of E. E. Byrum it appears that the Trumpet movement fell and was wrecked beyond repair when, in 1917, the publishing work was placed under direct (so-called) church control by a Board, and the general manager, D. O. Teasley, set up the Trumpet printing work on a commercial basis patterned after worldly institutions. Other worldly things were allowed to creep in until God was crowded out. One who was working in the printing plant in 1917 told me that was the year when the use of adornments on the person was completely turned loose there.

It is also significant to note that it was in the year of 1917 when my heart became so burdened for the welfare of God's work that I went into fasting and prayer. I did not know of the events taking place at Anderson, but the Lord gave me a vision of its downfall. In the vision I was standing at the edge of a swift flooding river. Out in the middle of the stream I saw a horse and buggy with a man and a boy in it, and they were traveling up the stream. I saw that the river was rising and the horse and buggy were getting into deeper water. I began to shout at the man to get out of the river, that it was rising, but with all my crying and shouting, they would pay no attention to me. Presently I noticed that the water was up to my ankles, and the Lord spoke and said, "You had better get out of it." I got out immediately. As I looked at the man and boy with the horse and buggy, the water gradually rose higher on them until they were swallowed up and drowned, disappearing beneath the waters. The Trumpet movement that was once led, governed and upheld by the Holy Spirit had disappeared and was swallowed up by the waters of worldliness and sectarianism. Truly, with them the "little foxes" had spoiled the vine and the real heavenly fruit had ceased to be borne. The fallen stars led the people on deeper into worldliness and sectism, and the congregations had their candlesticks removed. Spiritual darkness has enveloped them, and how great is that darkness! Jesus said, "If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!"

In looking to the Lord for the interpretation of the vision, He made me to know that the man in the buggy represented the "Trumpet" movement and the boy represented the "Herald of Truth" publishing work at Carthage, Mo. which had separated from the former movement. A few years after 1917 the work at Carthage came to naught.

God took us out of the Trumpet movement and showed us a hard, stony, rough road to travel, with many persecutions and grievous things to be borne, but at the end was a smooth beautiful highway, as smooth and nice as some of the river beds which we beheld in New Mexico where we lived at that time.

In spite of all that the devil has done in blinding the souls of men, God has a few compared to the many who have not bowed down to the gods of this world, nor have they taken on sectish ways and become lukewarm to be spewed out of God's mouth. The Lord is doing all that He can to show the "wandering stars" the light and truth which they have despised and trampled under their feet.

The real saints of God still hold up the truth taught and practiced by Bro. D. S. Warner and his early associates. God has designed this truth in the "evening time" to be a light from heaven to men. The truth taught by the early brethren in the Church of God is loved by all really saved souls, and they know the sound of His voice and will follow Him. Christ is being lifted up and the Holy Spirit is given freedom to work and to govern His Church, and to place the individual members in the Body as it pleases Him and not some human board which may or may not be backslidden in heart. The only safe place for any soul is to do as the Bible teaches us to do in the latter part of the 6th chapter of 2 Cor. In doing that, we become His sons and daughters, and He promises to be a Father unto us. Bless His name! Blessed are they that do His commandments, hearkening unto His Word. Great peace have they that love His law and nothing shall offend them.

The time has come when men should not say that they are merely in a reformation, but they should say that they are gathered unto Christ and will be led of His Spirit that they may be His sons and daughters. In Genesis 49:10 we read, "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be. Binding his foal [born again ones] unto the vine, and his ass's colt unto the choice vine; he washed his garments in wine and his clothes in the blood of grapes."

Jesus tells us in the 15th chapter of John that He is the true vine, and we should attach ourselves unto Him and Him only, for there is a multitude of false vines in the world who work hard to get you and me to join them. They make a big show of fleshly worldly religion, but be ye not deceived, for God is not mocked. If a man sows unto the flesh, he shall of the flesh reap corruption or eternal death, but if he sows unto the Spirit he shall reap life everlasting. If we are abiding in the true vine we will bear the fruits of the Spirit and will keep ourselves

unspotted from this world, which is the enemy of God. If we are faithful unto death, He will give us a crown of life which, Peter says, will never fade away.

Bless the name of the Lord who has purchased us with His own blood and made us a peculiar people zealous of good works. He says that we are a "chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people that we should shew forth the praises of him who hath called us out of darkness into his marvelous light." Brother and sister, abide in Christ and let the light of heaven shine out to this dark, sin-cursed world of people who are crying for Barabbas to live and let Christ be crucified. Barabbas represents the carnal nature which causes men to hate, murder, rob, love worldliness and conform to its ways. Let Christ destroy that sin nature out of your heart and you will not conform to the world, nor love its ways. "Hear the conclusion of the whole matter: fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." Eccl. 12:13, 14.

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The Lord led us into the printing of the gospel here in Guthrie in 1918. In March, 1923, the first issue of the "Faith and Victory" appeared. It is now in its 39th year of publication. Those who may want to know more about the Lord's printing work placed in our hands by His Spirit, send for the book entitled, "GOD'S GRACIOUS DEALINGS"—a new edition of 240 pages (16 pages more than the last edition) just off the press. It tells how God saved us, led us into the ministry, and later into the printing of the gospel, and how He has protected, supplied and kept the work going year after year. Just let us know you want the book and we will send it to you free of cost, post paid to you. Some folks have gotten saved through reading this book.

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I have just received word from Bro. Etuk, the minister in Nigeria, West Africa, and he had received the hundred dollars which the saints had sent him to purchase a typewriter. He greatly appreciates the prospect of having a typewriter to use in the work of the Lord. He asked me to thank the Church of God members of America for this donation.

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The work on the addition to the Faith Pub. House printing plant is progressing very nicely, and we are expecting to have it near completion, Lord willing, by the end of this month of March. Keep praying for us, as we expect to move on in the work as He leads the way. There is an urgent need of getting the gospel to men by the printed page. "The night cometh when no man can work." All who will, can be a helper in carrying on this work for God and in behalf of precious souls.

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"When a person is under a false impression for a length of time, he is often surprised and shocked when the actual facts of the matter are revealed."

## DIVORCE AND REMARRIAGE?

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until death. We find the authority for this statement in 1 Corinthians 7:27 and 39. Verse 27 states in part, "Art thou bound unto a wife? seek not to be loosed." Verse 39 reads, "The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will; only in the Lord." Let us not take lightly the vow, "Till death do us part," but be very careful in selecting our companion for life. Do not trust to reforming anyone after marriage, it seldom works that way. Both partners in the marriage should be Christian, for Christians establish a good home.

To the couple who is already married, let both husband and wife be determined that the home shall be kept inviolate, that they will maintain love and keep their marriage vows and ties at any cost in the world. This is a MUST, for marriage is a sacred Christian obligation. No sacrifice should be too great to keep it intact.

The writer trusts and prays that this writing will help minister and layman alike to see their responsibility and take a determined stand against the evils of divorce. Further, that it will be instrumental in preventing the wreck of any more marriages.

Now dear ministers and fellow Christians, take these above thoughts and Scriptures to heart and please help prevent this Number One evil—DIVORCE—from further engulfing our land. —Ralph Hill

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## Obituaries

August George Wittenborn was born July 12, 1888 at Chester, Illinois, and departed this life February 12, 1962 at Compton, California. at the age of 73 years and 7 months.

In 1910 he was united in marriage with Edith Stover. To this union 8 children were born—4 sons and 4 daughters. One daughter preceded him in death a number of years ago.

He has lived in San Fernando, Calif., since 1927 and was foreman in the San Fernando Canning Co. for 20 years. He retired several years ago due to failing health.

He is survived by his wife, Edith, four sons—Chester of Stockton, Calif.; Byron of Montclair, Calif.; Melvin of Merced, Calif.; and Eldred of Pomona, Calif.; and 3 daughters, Mrs. Evelyn Lynch of Santa Monica, Calif.; Mrs. Ethel House of San Fernando, and Mrs. Alberta Wyckoff of Carmichael, Calif.; 7 brothers and 1 sister, all living in Illinois except one who lives in Nebraska. Also 24 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren and a number of other relatives survive.

Bro. Wittenborn was converted to Christ in 1915 and lived for Christ the remainder of his life. He was a member of the Church of God congregation which now worships at 12312 Osborne Place, Pacoima, for 25 years or more. He was very regular in attendance at the church services as long as his health permitted and was always ready to cooperate and do his share and even more than his share, financially and otherwise, in any project or undertaking of the church. If the church were only full of men like him it could do greater things.

Gus Wittenborn was a man who loved God, loved the service and work of God, loved his fellowman and loved and cherished his family. He was a man of courage and patience, and in all the 15 years of lost health and illness, when he was not able to do the things he loved to do and go places he wanted to go, he was never heard to complain or make such expressions as, "Why did this have to happen to me?" etc. like we sometimes hear from others. God bless the memory of such men as this.

Funeral services were conducted at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, February 16th at Nobel Funeral Chapel in San Fernando, Calif. by A. E. Harmon, I. D. Stover and O. B. Wilson. Interment was in Oakwood Memorial Park at Chatsworth, Calif. Text: Isaiah 28:29 with Job 1:21, Rom. 8:21 and other scriptures.

Hallie B. Fancher was born November 29, 1894, in Fall County, Marlin, Texas, and departed this life February 12, 1962, at the age of 67 years, two months and thirteen days, at Oklahoma City, Okla. On October 28, 1916 she was married to Albert Sanifer at Mark, Texas. To this union one son was born, Charles Sanifer. Mr. Sanifer preceded her in death. Moving to Waco, Texas later, she met and married Mr. Mark Jackson. In 1928 she moved to Oklahoma City where she first met the saints. She accepted the truth of the Church of God and remained until her home-going.

Sister Jackson was a strong, devoted Christian, faithful in her duties to the saints, always looking after the welfare and care of visiting saints, as well as the saints at home. For many years she prepared and served dinner in her home to the visiting saints who attended the annual Spring Meeting.

Survivors are: One son, Charles; five sisters, Mrs. Eugenia Sayles, Mrs. Ezella Gant, Okla. City; Mrs. Mary L. Collins, Mrs. Rethola Carter of Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. Edna Sandles, Houston, Texas; one brother, Horace Fancher, McAlester, Okla., and many other relatives, saints and friends.

Funeral services were conducted at the Church of God chapel, Oklahoma City, by the pastor, Bro. Herman D. Kelly, assisted by Bros. U. Phillips and E. Sanders. Text: 2 Tim. 4:7-8. Interment was in Pilgrim Rest Cemetery.

Sarah Effie Tomlinson, 78 years old, of Carthage, Mo., passed away February 9, 1962, at her home after an extended illness. She was born September 1, 1883, in Mountain Grove, Mo. Her husband, Homer Tomlinson, preceded her in death. She was a member of the Church of God.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Hazel Rich; a son, Raymond E. Tomlinson, Columbus, Ohio; two sisters, Mrs. Lola Stapleton, Denver Colo., and Mrs. Ethel Canady, Kansas City; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Sister Ersu Carrick.

#### IN MEMORY

In memory of my cousin, William Cornelius, who departed this life March 7, 1962, one month and 10 days after his mother's death. Before her (Ophelia Cornelius) passing, she carried a great burden for her unsaved children and left that request with the saints.

We appreciate the saints praying for those children. God had mercy on William and saved him 7 days before He called him to his reward. The Lord placed a heavy burden on my heart for him during his affliction and I wept and prayed for God to have mercy on him. I thought

perhaps God would spare him to us, but He saw fit to take him home.

After his departure, in my meditation, I said, "We sure were praying for mercy." The Lord said to me, "I had mercy when I saved him this close to death and eternity—that was great mercy." Those words brought a comfort to my soul. Thank God for delivering him from sin, and thank the saints for their prayers.

While I sat and looked on his body at the funeral home, the Lord impressed me with the first verse of this poem.

There lies the body cold and still;  
Soul where is thy abode?  
Thou has escaped hell's awful doom  
And found a place in God.

Through God's great mercy thou escaped  
The awful burning flames.  
Will others come before too late,  
Be saved in Jesus' name?

—Annie Bell Allen

#### Meeting Notices

##### ALL-DAY MEETING AT GUTHRIE ON EASTER

Lord willing, Bro. Curtis Williams of Ohio will begin meeting here at Guthrie, Okla. on April 15th to continue over Easter Sunday or as long as the Lord leads. There will be all-day meeting on Easter with basket dinner on the grounds. Come and worship the Lord with us. We pray that the Lord will give us a special blessing at this time. Your Bro. and Sister in Christ,

—Ira and Ruby Stover, Pastors

##### ANNUAL BOLEY, OKLA. MEETING

The annual Church of God meeting at Boley, Okla. will convene April 6th to 15th, 1962, Lord willing.

We are looking to the Lord to send ministers of His own choosing. We desire the prayers of all the saints for the success of the meeting. —Sister Ora Spears

##### SPECIAL SERVICES AT COFFEYVILLE, KANS.

Dear Saints: We expect to observe the ordinances of the Church on our all-day meeting day the 2nd Sunday of April instead of Easter Sunday as in previous years. Everybody welcome. —Sis. Margaret Eck

##### SPRING REVIVAL IN LOS ANGELES

The Spring Revival of the Los Angeles Church of God will convene, the Lord willing, on April 13th and continue through April 22, at the chapel at 1381 Walnut Street, Los Angeles, Calif. Everyone is welcome. Pray for the meeting.

For further information phone or write Bro. I. C. Chandler, Ph. TEmples 1-2166, Rt. 6, Box 37, Bakersfield, Calif.; or Bro. T. R. Summers, Ph. PLeasant 8-8319, 207 E. 76 pl., Los Angeles 3, Calif.

##### ALL-DAY MEETING ON TOMBLESON'S FARM

There will be an all-day meeting April 29th, at the chapel on Bro. Edd Tombleson's farm, 15 miles north of Mansfield, Mo. We extend a hearty welcome to all to come and be with us. For further information write, D. A. Gibson, Seymour, Mo.; Edd Tombleson, Mansfield, Mo. or Murphy Allen, Mansfield, Mo.

In Christian love, —Bro. & Sis. Murphy Allen



## MEETING REPORT AND NOTICE

The 2nd Sunday services of three Louisiana congregations, Midway (Jena, La.), West Monroe and Shreveport, were held at the Shreveport chapel Sunday March 11. (The Church of God in Shreveport is located at 7106 Southern Ave.) We at Shreveport were delighted to have Bro. Merrill Williamson, pastor at Midway, La., with a considerable part of his congregation, and Bro. Ben Goldsberry, pastor at West Monroe, La., and most of his congregation, with us. We also had some from Loranger, Natchitoches, Alexandria, La., Texarkana, Ark. and Marshall, Texas. Lunch was served in the basement.

We three congregations are to meet at W. Monroe on the second Sunday in April for morning and afternoon services. On the second Sunday in May the same three congregations are to meet for morning and afternoon services at Midway. We earnestly invite saints and friends to meet with us on these second Sundays. Pray for God's blessings to be upon us all.

C. C. Carver, Pastor of Shreveport, La.

## WORK DAY AT MONARK SPRINGS CAMPGROUND

The trustees of the Monark Springs, Mo. National campground met at Monark Springs on Saturday, March 10th, to attend to some business concerning the grounds.

It was decided to set Saturday, April 7th, as a work day for all brethren that can be there. We wish to work on the tabernacle, also to get the new fence erected around the camp; possibly some roofing done also, if there is enough help. So all that can come, please bring tools to work with. Chainfalls or similar equipment, and chains, will be needed to work on the tabernacle. There is plenty of work to be done, so please come. We need you.

Your brother in Christ, —Ralph M. Beisly

## NOTICE

We are in need of an able-bodied lady, preferably one of the saints, to care for my mother, Sister Pearl Porter. We would appreciate hearing from anyone who is interested. The lady we now have feels she must go back to her home about the first of April. I will give details to anyone who will write. We would appreciate references.

—Mrs. Ole O. Lowe, 728 N. Kansas, Springfield, Mo.

## SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST

Will the saints pray for one who is addicted to the tobacco habit? And pray also for other weaknesses.

—A Friend

## MISSIONARY REPORT FROM OLD MEXICO

Feb. 12, 1962—Dear Saints of God: My heart is full of praise to God for His manifold blessings to me and to all His little ones. I am happy to report victory in my soul through the Lord Jesus Christ. Truly the way shines brighter and brighter each day as we walk with Him. It is His grace that holds us up. We are kept by the power of God through faith! Hallelujah!

The Lord continues to bless the work in Old Mexico. We are so encouraged, inspired and blessed to see God work. The interest is high, the Spirit is convicting hearts of their need of salvation. The gospel surely is "the power of God unto salvation." We are conscious of His anointing and blessing upon the Word as it goes forth. Surely the saints are praying much for this endeavor. The fields are white unto harvest, and the reapers are so few! Will

you please pray the Lord of the harvest that He will send forth laborers into the fields to work.

This past week-end Brother James Huskey and I stopped at a new little settlement on the desert, and were welcomed to have a service with the people there. The wind was blowing, so we all crowded into the kitchen of one of the stick houses (tree branches tied close together with adobe plaster on them) and we sang, prayed and preached and were richly favored with God's presence. The people asked when we were coming back—seemed to thoroughly enjoy the service. From there we went to El Rodeo, a Mexican village where we have had regular services for over three years. Again about thirty people crowded into a house with some not able to get inside the door. Many of these people testify to being saved and some really manifest a Christ-like spirit and faith in God. I told them after the service that "I get blessed every time I come here." They said, "Egualmente," that is, "So do we." Praise the Lord! I remarked to Bro. Huskey that some folk just don't understand why anyone would drive 600 miles round trip each week to preach. Brethren, when God is in it and blessing, it is more than rewarding. Our burden and desire is to do God's bidding. Personally, we would like to be able to live there on the field where we could spend more time with the people, but God knows best. We are looking to Him to send a pastor to that area so we can move on to establish new congregations as the Lord directs.

On Sunday morning we had services in the chapel in El Alamo with about 40 or more in attendance in spite of the rain, wind and mud. Ordinarily someone takes the truck and goes out to the ranches and brings several families who have no way of getting to service, but because of the rain we didn't attempt it. Again the Lord blessed in the singing and preaching. Bro. and Sister Hite were unable to go this week so we didn't divide the group for Sunday school. (Sister Hite teaches the children.) We just had a general service. The Word went forth on, "A friend of the world, an enemy of God." It is surprising in a way to see people so very poor and needy, yet tempted and lured to the fads and fashions of the world—only to find out later that those things are all "vanity and vexation of spirit." And, sad to say, many never recover to repent of their sins and find pardon and salvation. We do thank God, however, for everyone that does wake up and get saved.

Again we take this opportunity to thank each congregation, Sunday school class and individual for your prayers and offerings for the mission work in Old Mexico. We love the Lord, the straight and narrow way, the saints in light, and the poor lost sinners, too. Pray for us that we remain faithful to the very end. God bless you richly.

Your saved brother in behalf of the workers,

—Harland Smith,

317 E. Cucamonga Ave., Claremont, Calif.

## TESTIMONIES

Texas—Dearly Beloved: I write unto you to report the work that has been going forth out here in Texas. The Lord has given us much to do. Surely the field is white and laborers few.

We have a building in Dumas, Texas in which we held services last Sunday. The interest seems to be greater there than it is here. There are two families that have taken a staunch stand for the truth. There are several families that are trying to make up their minds which way to go. We drive up there from Borger. The folks up at Dumas are real workers for Christ. We have



quite a few young teenagers there for morning services, but mostly grown ups in the evening.

I never cease to be amazed at how Christ works things out. I feel that I have done so little. It seems that I never expected the Spirit to work so fast. We tried for awhile to drive back and forth from Dumas to Pampa but we finally knew that we must hold meetings in Pampa and Dumas. Brother Tom Johnson is holding services at Pampa every Sunday night while my wife, Bonnie and I stay at Dumas.

The folks at Dumas want us to move up there, but we want the mind of the Lord. Please pray for God to help us to know His will. We need divine guidance. The building has living quarters in the back.

We truly enjoy living for God. This way is wonderful. It causes me to tremble to think of the way I once lived. Surely God is merciful unto me.

I'll close with a grateful feeling toward all of the saints for help through Christ.

Christian Love, —Elbert and Bonnie Johnson

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Calif.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and saints scattered abroad: I am saved and very much encouraged to live for the dear Lord. I read the Faith and Victory paper and receive much encouragement from other testimonies how the Lord has been so good to them. I feel the Lord would have me make known his goodness to us.

The Saturday before Christmas my boy got shot in the head through an accident. He was taken to the hospital. When we got there they were taking an X-ray. It showed where the bullet went through his skull and brains and rested inside the skull in the back part of his head. When I think how God spared his life I know it was a miracle from God. Through all of this he never lost consciousness although he was paralyzed from his waist down when the doctor examined him. I soon called Brother Hattley, he prayed for him and the Lord touched him instantly. When we left the hospital he was able to crawl from one bed to another. The next morning he got up and walked down the hall. I do thank God for his goodness to us and for the prayers of all the dear saints. Brother Hattley surely was faithful in praying and assisting us in every way he could.

I don't know in words how to say how much encouragement the saints were to us in our trouble. Bro. Chandler and some other saints came from the Christmas meeting at Pacoima to be with us and pray for our boy. I want to thank all the saints for their prayers. Truly the Lord answered prayer. Our boy is well and normal in every respect, can take regular gym in school.

I thank God for his goodness to us. He is surely able to do more than we can ask or think. I mean to give Him all the praises.

I desire your prayers that I live faithful to God, and worthy of his many blessings. Please remember my family in prayer. Pray for me that I live faithful to God.

Your sister in Christ, —Ola B. Breckenridge

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Mo.—Dear Saints and lovers of the Truth, greetings: This is the sixth day of March and finds me much improved in my body. I am so thankful and so glad I can give the Lord all praise and glory, for I've fully trusted Him. Even though I've faced death it seems several times, my decision was made. And though at times we have surely passed through some dark scenes, it seemed the dear Lord would hide his sweet face from us to try us, but we kept holding on to his unchanging hand, telling him we loved him and meant to trust him through it all.

Darius took the flu last week end and by Saturday night he was very bad with a high fever. We had requested prayer for him and just held a rebuke against it and the Lord healed him. Praise the Lord!

Again we want to thank all for their love to us and their earnest prayers for us in this testing time. He said he would have a tried people. Daniel 12:10, Psa. 11:5, and I Thess. 2:4. We still desire your earnest prayers.

In Christian love, —Darius and Evelyn Gibson

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Okla.—Dear Saints scattered abroad, greetings in Jesus' sweet and precious name. Tonight finds me saved, sanctified and on my way to heaven. The Lord is so good to me and I love him with all my heart. I have given myself forever to Him. I want the Lord to have full control in my heart and life at all times.

I thank God for the many wonderful things He has done for me and my loved ones since I have been saved, and years before I was saved, how he talked to my heart and spared my life when I was at death's door. I told the Lord if he would spare my life I would give it to him, from that hour I began to mend. It was months before I was well or saved but God did both for me, gave me a strong well body to work for him, saved my soul and gave me work to do for him. Praise his dear name! The many wonderful things he has done for me and those I love, I could never tell them all, they are so many.

If we will obey and yield to God as his word teaches us to, there is no limit to what God will do for his trusting children. There is not any thing too hard for the Lord but all things are possible with God. "And all things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer believing, ye shall receive." Matt. 21:22. We can't expect God to work over sin in our life. We must be pure and holy for God to bless and answer our prayers.

A few weeks ago the Lord was good to me. I lost an important paper that was needed at this present time. I thought I had it but when I went to get it it was gone. I looked and looked for it but failed to find it. I feared that I had thrown it away with some waste paper. God's word tells us he is a present help in trouble. I went before the Lord in earnest prayer telling him with a thankful heart the many times He had showed me where I lost things were. I thanked him for how he had blessed and supplied my many needs. So often I had desired to write my testimony in the little paper but was always hindered. This time I felt so impressed to tell the Lord that if he would show me where the lost paper was that I would testify to it through the paper. I believed God would do it for me and in just a short time the Lord showed me where it was. Oh, I surely praise God for his love to me and all who will trust him. He will never forsake us but will be with us all the way.

Pray for me dear saints that I will be faithful and always do those things that please the Lord.

Your Sister in Christ, —Lillian Meek

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Ore.—Dear Bro. Pruitt, workers and saints scattered abroad, Greetings in Jesus' dear name: I can report victory in soul and body.

Last October I had something wrong with the side of my head and neck and left ear. It broke out and was so painful that I was sick all over. I went to prayer meeting on a Friday night, and when they asked for requests, I asked for prayer. As prayer was being offered it felt like a hand was laid on the afflicted part and all pain left, and hasn't hurt me since. I went to bed and slept all night, which I hadn't been able to do for some time. Oh, I do thank the dear Lord!

But the enemy wasn't satisfied, so he put an affliction in my hip and back. I just couldn't stand to be on my feet any length of time until it would hurt so bad. At our Assembly meeting in November I was anointed and prayed for, and the Lord healed it instantly. All praise to His dear name!

Still the enemy wasn't satisfied, so in that same leg about Thanksgiving time he put that sciatic nerve trouble on me. Now anyone that never had it just doesn't know what suffering it is. I was sick all over. Then at an all-day meeting I was anointed and prayed for. The Lord touched my body and gave some relief to my leg, but not complete healing. I have been prayed for several times and the Lord would give relief, but I kept suffering with it. Last night at Prayer meeting I asked for prayer and the Lord helped. During the meeting Bro. Kroker said, when he was testifying, "Let's pray tomorrow at 10 o'clock for Sister Busch's complete healing," so all were agreed to it. At 10 a. m. I prayed in agreement with them and the Lord touched my leg. All praise to His dear name! About 2 1/2 hours later I walked to the mail box, maybe 200 yards, something I hadn't done in nearly three months. Oh, I do thank the dear Lord; he is so good to me. Oh, I love Him and mean by His grace to live for Him as long as He spares me here. I, like Job, mean to trust Him though He slay me.

The Lord is blessing His few saints here. All are on the forward move, and such sweet love and fellowship among us! Pray for us and the Lord's work, as we are having services twice a month on Sunday afternoons in Eugene, Oregon. A few saints are there and a few others are interested. Our pastor, Sister Spaur, is a worker for the Lord. May the Lord bless everyone of His saints.

Your Sister in Christ, —Emma Busch

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S. C.—Dear Bro. Pruitt, Greetings in Jesus' dear name: I am glad to say that I am saved and enjoying salvation that keeps me from sin. I am determined to stand true to the end, by the grace of God.

I have been very sick with the flu. The dear Lord healed me and also of many other diseases. Thank His name. My wife was suffering with ulcers. Brother Curtis Williams prayed for her and the Lord healed her instantly. Thank His dear name. She is still trusting God and living for him. I trust more will come to God.

I have another request. I have a daughter eight years old. She is hard of hearing. I'm asking all the saints to pray for her that God will heal if it be his will.

Your Brother in Christ, —Joe Platt

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Okla.—Dear Sister Marie: I greet you all this morning in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I'm saved and trusting the Lord for soul and body.

Last September I had the flu for some time. Sister Lee sent in my request. I was very sick and the Lord healed me. I surely thank you all for your prayers. I'm going to California to see my children. I'll be gone two months. Please pray for me that the Lord will protect me all the way.

—Lizzie Randles

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Mo.—Greetings of love to the saints everywhere: May the love of God which passeth all understanding be with you all, and that he would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man. Eph. 3:16. I take this privilege through the Faith and Victory to "shout from the house top," as it were, the praises to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named. I ask an interest in the pray-

ers of all God's people everywhere, that I might grow in grace and knowledge and to walk in the light as God gives it to me. "For the grace of God, which bringeth salvation, hath appeared to all men." (Titus 2:11) If we fail to walk in the light, as it shines on our pathway, it becomes darkness, and "how great is that darkness."

I praise God for a people who love God and one another, "The household of faith." "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal 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 marvelous light." I Peter 2:9. I thank God that he sought me out and brought me into this marvelous light. I, like Moses of old, "would rather suffer the afflictions with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season." We are looked upon, by the world as a reproach and an offscouring. Lam. 3:45; I Cor. 4:13. "Therefore call to remembrance the former days, in which after ye were illuminated, ye endured a great fight of afflictions. Partly whilst ye were made a gazing stock, both by reproaches and afflictions and partly whilst ye became companions of them that were so used." Heb. 10:32, 33. I thank the Lord, that I can be a companion of them that are so used.

We must "cry aloud and spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgressions and the house of Jacob their sins." Isa. 58:1. "Yet will I gather others to him, besides those that are gathered unto him." Isa. 56:8

Dear saints and fellow travelers, we must lift up Christ before a wicked and perverse generation who are lost in the darkness of sectism. The God of Heaven once brought his children out of bondage, when he led them out of Egypt, which is a type of sin. Now in this "evening" of time He is calling them out the second time. "And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time, to recover the remnant of his people." Isa. 11:11.

If only the professing Christians of today could see the light and heed the call, and "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins and ye receive not of her plagues." Rev. 18:4. I ask the prayers of all saints, for grace to walk in the light, as God reveals it unto me.

Your Bro. in the One way,, —Irving Clements

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Tenn.—I send greetings to the dear saints in our dear Saviour's name, Jesus Christ, who gave freely his life blood for mankind, so all could be saved from all sins and be kept pure in heart while here in this present world: "Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world." I'm thankful to report victory in my soul. The dear Lord keeps me encouraged to press on the upward way in this wicked world. We see the wicked spreading like a green bay tree as spoken of in Ps. 37:35.

I feel like I have much to be thankful for. I couldn't count all of my blessings. I want to tell one thing that the dear Lord did for us. One evening there had been a lot of coal put in the stove and my (unsaved) husband was watching his T.V. I was in the back bedroom reading some tracts and the door was closed. I began to smell heat. My husband went in and cut off the stove all he could. He then came in where I was and said he believed the house was on fire. I went in the room and oh, how hot the stove was. It seemed it was ready to burst or blow up. The walls would nearly burn your hand. You could just feel the steam. I just began to call upon our great God to help. The dear Lord just

calmed me and I got the broom and began to sweep the floor. The stove began to cool off. I believe my husband was about to faint.

It's good to have a friend who is a present help in every time of need. Many times I have to have his help quickly. I always want to do those things that please him, so he will be pleased with my life and answer when I call. I want to be ready when the Son of man comes.

A blood washed sister,

—Edith Gregg

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Mo.—Dear Saints: The dear Lord has kept me through another year and I feel I should write my testimony and praise him for his loving kindness and tender mercy. March 30, is my eighty fourth birthday. It is more than fifty years since God saved my soul. I have trusted Jesus as my Saviour, keeper and healer. He has never failed me. He has brought me through hard places with victory in my soul. He maketh a way when there seemeth no way.

My eyesight is very dim, but my spiritual sight is bright. I can say that though the outer man is perishing the inner man is renewed day by day. I live alone with the Lord. I can care for myself in the home. The dear saints take me to meeting, to the store and where I need to go.

I carry a burden for souls and pray continually for the sick. Pray for my loved ones that they may be saved. Pray for me that I may be faithful until death so that I can receive that crown of life. —Sister Minnie Noakes

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Okla.—Dear saints scattered abroad, greetings in Jesus' dear name: Today finds us still working on our own salvation in fear and trembling, God being our Judge.

We have been thinking of sending in our testimony for some time, but because of sickness we delayed. However, our God healed and we are so thankful to our dear Lord for all He is to us.

No doubt you are wondering about Carol Ann Barton, our granddaughter. Thank God, she is healed and the doctor dismissed her. He wanted to operate on her hip but God never let that happen. Praise His name! Carol Ann can walk and run now.

In May last year God entrusted another baby to the family. She didn't seem to want to stand on her feet, so she was X-rayed and her hip wasn't developing like it should. So the doctor put her in a pillow cast; he said the hip was in place but by using this, he hoped to prevent it getting out of place. You can imagine how the dear mother and father have suffered with these children with the inherited condition. There is to be another X-ray made, so help us pray God has done a perfect work in her case. The baby can crawl, stand up and walk around things as any normal child could do at this age.

I have been wanting to tell all the saints for more than a year that we are no longer in charge of the gospel work in Tulsa. The ministry held us much longer than we felt we could work in our place. Bro. Barton has lost apparently three-quarters of his hearing and isn't well, neither am I. We have one dear sister here, Sister Eva Hardman, that has been a real help in the work, so all the responsibility falls on her. So do pray for her. She is having her teeth extracted at this time and has to work, besides the responsibility of the church and her family. She also has an afflicted child which brings her much grief. Please do remember this child in your prayers.

The Tulsa saints are marching on. We had a profitable meeting here which just closed. We have worshipped in this place for 35 years. Pray on, saints.

—Bro. and Sister Sam Barton

Okla.—Dear readers: I wrote last November how God had been blessing me. This climate has so much humidity. My house has only a floor furnace and does not heat the house properly. I took the flu. It caused my eyes to run much water and my ears gathered. Sister Leola White, my neighbor, said I should be anointed. Our pastor and most all the ministers were away at that time. When they returned, Bro. Pruitt and his daughter, and Bro. Curtis Williams came and anointed me according to James 5:14. All the soreness left my throat and I knew God had answered prayer but my ears still felt full. A few days later I drove to Sister Holdcraft's place to take her a pie and suddenly my eyes failed to focus right, and I feared I would never get there safely. Then on returning home I began to see things double and began to stagger in walking. Bro. and Sister Pruitt came and anointed me. Next morning, awaking early on two occasions, I could see normally and walk straight, and was thanking God for it, but when I arose two hours later I was seeing double again and staggering when I walked. I said that I knew God had healed me and this was the devil trying to bring back the trouble. This was Sunday morning, Sister Geneva Ray came by and, holding my arm, she took me to meeting, but I couldn't read the lesson or the songs, and couldn't see the speaker plainly. Prayer was offered for me. I came home and rested. In the evening Bro. and Sister Pruitt came and I accompanied them to meeting that night walking normally and being able to see. God continued to bless me as I walked by faith. After a few days my eyes were normal again and I could walk straight. Some of the sisters said that they could see that my eyes were not focusing properly and they were praying for me. I had business that I needed to attend to and God in His great mercy and compassion again made me able to do the necessary things, but my ear is yet infected and my blood pressure high and I need your prayers. I am expecting God to make me well. I have been drawn closer to God and my life and sight have been given me to spend for Him. —E. Coral Johnson

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Okla.—Dear saints, greetings in Jesus' dear name: This morning finds me still saved and greatly encouraged to press on in Jesus' name. As the song says, "I mean to go right on until the crown is won, I mean to fight the fight of faith 'till life on earth is done."

I want to tell how wonderfully God healed me of the flu. I was very weak in body for quite a while. It seemed that I didn't have any energy at all. At first I was taken with an awful headache. I said that if the Lord would heal my head I would go to Bro. Henderson's funeral. So the Lord healed my head of the headache and I went to the funeral. After I came home from the funeral I became very weak in body, so I cried to God and He touched and healed me of that awful weakness, so now I am nearly as strong as ever. Oh, how I do thank God for His healing power. Oh, it means so much to have our perfect trust in the Lord. He said He would show Himself strong to those that fully trust in Him. God said that He would not leave us, nor forsake us. Praise His name forever!

While going through tests, trials and afflictions of life I read what God says in Psalms 27, "For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock." The Lord wants us also to have patience to wait on His coming. In Psalms 27:14 we read, "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord." Some times we have to shed tears along life's journey. When we get under the burden for the dear lost ones, then we cry to God. Psalms 34:17 says, "The righteous cry, and the

Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of their troubles." I am so glad that the Lord's ears are open to our cries. Psalms 34:15, "The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry." Praise His name forever for His goodness and kindness unto us from time to time!

Pray for me that I will be all that God would have me to be. Your sister in Christ, —Josephine Taylor

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Mo.—Dear ones at the Print Shop, greetings in the name of our dear Savior: This morning finds us still much encouraged to go all the way with the Lord. We find Him sweeter and dearer to our hearts as the days go by. He has proven to us over and over that He never fails. He tells us in His Word (Luke 16:17): "And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass than one tittle of the law to fail." Also in Matt. 5:18, "For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law till all be fulfilled." We are thankful we can stand on the Word of God, knowing it is firm and sure. His promises will not fail. If we don't get an answer right away, just keep holding on to His precious promises. The answer will come. Praise His holy name!

The Lord has done so much for us. He wonderfully healed my body of a gall bladder attack a few weeks ago. I was suffering so much pain. Husband called some of the saints for prayer. Then after that, the Lord reached down and removed the pain. We thank and praise Him for it.

Then our youngest daughter had something wrong with her stomach. For some time she would awake of mornings with her stomach paining. We had her anointed and prayed for. The Lord healed her of that. Then in a few days another ailment set in which gave her much pain. We looked earnestly to the Lord and He wonderfully healed that, too. Then last Sunday night she awoke me about 2:30 a.m. She couldn't breathe lying down with this bronchial trouble. I called Bro. D. A. Gibson for prayer. She rested some, but could not lie down. Bro. Gibson and Bro. Leslie Busbee came that morning and anointed her. The Lord touched her then. Her voice cleared, and she lay down and slept a long while that day. She slept good again that night and went back to school the next day. What a mighty God we serve! It pays to serve Jesus every step of the way.

Pray for us. We desire grace to go all the way with our Lord.

Your in His service, —Sister Murphy Allen

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Mo.—Dear Saints: Greetings in Jesus' name. May the dear Lord bless you all at the print shop. We are encouraged in the Lord today realizing he is the same Lord that has cared for us over thirty-three years, carried us through many afflictions, sorrows and a few persecutions with our trust completely in him.

We heard a good message yesterday at the Neosho chapel by Bro. Murphy Allen on Marriage. A beautiful picture was given us through the word of a home life lived in God's order. Now my heart is stirred deeply to warn our young people or any eligible for marriage how very necessary it is to marry in God's order. This is the first step in order to have a home life pleasing to God. Dear ones, the general worldly course of courtship is not for God's saints. The looseness of courtship and marriage in the world is appalling. There is very little or no sacredness in the marriage vow today. The general attitude is, if I don't like this one I can get another. This is true as far as the laws of our land allow but not so in God's

word. "What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder." (Matt. 19:1-10) No one is eligible for marriage if he has a living companion. Romans 7:2 says, "For the woman which hath a husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband. There are no ifs or excepts in this scripture. It is plain and to the point.

God's word teaches us not to be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. Even though this does not specify marriage at that particular time, I cannot think of any yoke more important than two bound together for life. Saints should not even keep company with the unsaved of the opposite sex. How can two walk together except they be agreed? Because two people are saints does not mean God is in their marriage every time. What better could the devil ask than for a chance to discourage or even to cause one to lose out completely with the Lord than two saints get out of God's order, not even suited to each other, bound together for life and closed the chances of ever marrying the one God had for you. Oh dear ones, be careful. If there ever was anything in your life needing careful, prayerful consideration it is in choosing your life's companion. By making a mistake you can close the door of your usefulness to God's cause and your own happiness. Admiration and infatuation are two tools the enemy uses to snare souls. Wait on God. This is one place haste can cause disaster. Take time to pray. Give God a chance to commune with you about this all important step in your life. Pray earnestly if possible more earnestly than you have ever prayed before, but even prayer without the needful submission in your heart would fail. You dear young people are the future church of God. God bless you and keep you in his divine love.

—Sister Ersa Carrick

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N. Carolina—Dear Bro. Pruitt: We felt that we should write and tell of the goodness of God to us. He has been very near to us since we found Him. It seems that our love for Him grows more each day. Oh, the peace and love we have in our souls! We just can't express it so the world can understand, but I know that every child of God knows what it means.

When we are sick we just do everything that His Word says for us to do. For 2 weeks I had a very bad infected finger. God was so close to us in all the suffering that it caused us. Bro. Curtis Williams came by on his way from S. Car. He anointed and prayed for us. God has wonderfully healed my finger. He was so much encouragement to us; God knows just when the saints can be a help to one another. Of all the people we have ever known, the saints are the dearest people we have ever met. We are so glad that God has brought us out into the true Church of God. There is so much confusion in the professed churches. It makes us know that God has been good to us, to lead us out into the true church. We first met the saints about two years ago. We didn't know that there were any people in the world like them. There is no confusion in the Church of God. It is everything that the Bible says it is. They are all one. The Bible says they all believe the same thing and teach the same thing. How sad it is that there are different teachings in the professed church that claim to be the Church of God. Honest souls, if you are in there, you had better obey the Word of God and come out of confusion (Babylon). God just has one people and they are not confused. We hear people say just where can we find a people that are together? The saints of God are together.

We attended the Myrtle, Mo. camp meeting last year and felt the fellowship of God. The people were so sweet and it seemed that they had so much love for one another. They go for hundreds of miles to help one another. We would just like to thank each one of the saints that have come by our place. It has meant so much to each one of us here. There is always a welcome awaiting any time the saints come by. Each one of God's people has a place. They all just fit in together. There are no big I's and little you's. They are all just one in the family of God. We are just like the little dove that Noah turned out of the ark that found the green vine and never returned. When we found the saints we found a resting place and have no desire to ever go back. Our desire is to live true to the Lord and to walk in the light as it shines upon our pathway.

Our oldest girl is sick and has been suffering very much. The last day she went to school, the teacher took her to the doctor but she refused to take any medicine. We were so thankful to God for the testimony she left with the doctor and teachers. We would like for you to remember her in prayer. We have five children that we are trusting in the hands of God. We have not given them any medicine for 4 or 5 years. God has wonderfully cared for them and we are looking to Him to go on with us.

Your humble Bro. and Sister, —E. J. & Violet Biddix

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Ore.—To the dear saints everywhere, Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. I'm thanking and praising him this morning for this wonderful salvation and that he saves to the utmost all who will come unto him. This is not a part or a half way but a full salvation. He saves through and through. Praise his name! This salvation is something we can rejoice in. We are alive. Jesus said that we are lively stones in the building. There is not a dead stone in his building. He places every member in the body as it pleases him, and we all have something to do.

As Christ was raised from the dead so are we raised to newness of life. Rom. 6:4 Oh! how his blessings flow like a river. I'm so thankful to be dipped in his precious blood that was shed on the cross for me. Just to know my sins are under the blood. Oh, such love God has for his trusting children. What a great Father that is over us all.

Oh dear ones, press on for God with courage. If God be for us who can be against us? With God on our side the victory is ours through his name. The world is waxing worse day after day but it need not hinder us. We have God and in him we need not fear. He is our shield and buckler. He is fighting our battles when we let him have his great arms about us to protect us. Why should we fear? God is all in all to his trusting children. We love to obey him. He is our help in every time of need. He said he would never leave nor forsake us. Dear ones, we can stand on his promises. They will never fail.

I want to be like David of old. I want to hide his word more and more in my heart that I fail him not.

I'm glad that Jesus is our healer as well as our Saviour. I had an affliction on my body. I don't know what it was but the Lord knew. It just seemed to sap strength from me. I seemed to have the will or desire to get things done but not much strength or zeal to go with it. I think it must have lasted for more than two years. One day recently I got up one morning and all at once I felt so good in my body. I felt new strength and energy. Oh, how I praised the Lord. I thought, someone was praying for me somewhere and God answered prayer. It's so sweet to trust in Jesus. I can do my work

with more energy and strength. Thanks and praise go up from my heart to God for this blessing, who made me, saved my soul and healed my body.

The Lord is blessing the little congregation in Jefferson and we are holding services in Eugene, Oregon on Sunday afternoon several Sundays a month. The Lord is blessing there also. There are some coming out. We hold services in a dear aged sister's home there. Pray for us. We surely need one another's prayers as we pray much for the saints everywhere.

Yours in his service,

—Loretta Miles

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Mo.—Greetings to the Saints and readers of the Faith and Victory paper: We are thankful for the many blessings that the dear Lord sends our way from time to time. We want to thank all the saints who prayed for our two little girls, Portia and Verna. We give God the praise for answering prayer and all He has done for them.

On Dec. 3rd we started to Myrtle, Mo. to services. The children usually get car sick on the way over there and Portia became ill, but seemed to get better. She was lying in the back seat with her older sister, Louella. I noticed Portia was sick again or something serious was wrong. I asked my husband to stop the car. He said that we were just about to the creek (a little creek not far from the church house, where we always stop and wash the children's faces and let them get some fresh air before going on to church). When we stopped I started to help Portia out of the car but saw that she couldn't stand up. I thought she might be choked. I tried to put my finger in her mouth and noticed that her jaws were locked and she seemed to be gone. We laid her on the ground and washed her face. I began to pray for the Lord to come to our rescue. I told my husband to go to the chapel and get some of the saints. Several people passing by, stopped to help us. They were very nice to us. Someone said we should take her to the doctor. Someone else said there was no use for she was already gone. My husband was back in a short time with Bro. Murphy Allen. He prayed for Portia; then he told us to pick her up and take her over to the chapel. She was still in this condition when we got to the chapel. The saints were all agreed in prayer. I put my finger between Portia's teeth. Her jaws were a little looser. The saints prayed again. Portia cried a little and life just came back into her little body. Praise the good Lord! What a mighty God we serve! We stayed for the all day services and when we left in the evening Portia was smiling. She had never had a spell like this before and hasn't had one since.

Verna wasn't well at this time. She had a spell with her arms and legs. At times she couldn't move them because of the pain. After she was able to move them, they were sore for several days. What had happened to Portia was such a shock to Verna. After we came home Verna got worse and lost weight. We thought she might be having a polio attack so we sent in requests for prayer for her and also Portia. The Lord answered prayer. Verna is much better now. She is gaining weight. She and Portia are going to school and doing fine. Thank the good Lord. Again we thank the saints for their cards, letters and prayers; also thank all the people who stopped at the little creek (with Portia) and showed their love and kindness to us. Whether Portia was dead or not, God saw best to raise her up again. We surely thank Him for it. To God be all the praise.

We went back to Myrtle to church on February 4th and took the children. They made it better than they ever have as far as getting car sick. Portia was the only one that got sick going and none of them got sick on the way back home. Thank the Lord. He is so good

to all who will trust Him. Please pray for us that we may raise our children right. I also have an unspoken request.

—Edith Robinson

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### "WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN PROVIDED FOR"

"Good wife, what are you singing for?  
You know we've lost the hay,  
And what we'll do with horse and cow  
Is more than I can say;

While like as not, with storm and rain,  
We'll lose both corn and wheat."  
She looked up with a pleasant face,  
And answered low and sweet:

"There is a heart, there is a hand  
We feel, but cannot see;  
We've always been provided for,  
And we shall always be."

"That's like a woman's reasoning—  
We must because we must."  
She softly said: "I reason not;  
I only work and trust;

The harvest may redeem the day—  
Keep heart whate'er betide;  
When one door shuts, I've always  
Seen another open wide.

There is a heart, there is a hand  
We feel, but cannot see;  
We've always been provided for  
And we shall always be."

Days come and go— 'twas Christmas tide,  
And the great fire burned clear.  
The farmer said: "Dear wife, it's been  
A good and happy year;

The fruit was gain, the surplus corn  
Has bought the hay, you know."  
She lifted up her smiling face,  
And said, "I told you so!

For there's a heart and there's a hand  
We feel but cannot see;  
We've always been provided for  
And we shall always be."

—Author Unknown

### BIBLE STUDY

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#### CHRIST—CENTER OF OUR FAITH

Printed Portion ..... 1 Timothy 1:12-17; 2:3-6; 6:11-12

1 Tim. 1:12. And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry;

13. Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.

14. And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

15. This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

16. Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all long suffering, for

a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting.

17. Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

3. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;

4. Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

5. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

6. Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

11. But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

12. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

Memory Verse: There is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus. 1 Timothy 2:5.

Practical Truth: Jesus came to restore the soul of man to the spiritual state from which he had fallen.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

This quarter our lessons will be parts of the letters in the New Testament that are of faith, counsel and courage. We trust the Lord will make them a blessing to you.

Our lesson was written to the young minister, Timothy by Paul. He was lifting up Jesus. He recognized the mighty power of Jesus in His own behalf. He ignorantly fought against Jesus and the Truth but the grace of God reached down to him and changed his life. He felt what God had done for him would be an encouragement to others to know that God could do the same for them. He offered his praise and thanksgiving unto the Lord with deep feeling in the seventeenth verse.

Jesus gave His life for us. His blood was shed on the cross. When we come to Jesus confessing our sins and accepting the blood of Jesus, then God from heaven looks down upon us and sees the precious, innocent blood of Jesus covering our sins, then we are acceptable in His sight. Jesus is the mediator between man and God.

Notice the instructions that are in the last two verses of our lesson. He has said, "flee, follow, fight, and lay hold." Flee pride, moral temptations, etc; follow after that which is good, fight with faith and then just lay hold or just take eternal life. This will keep us busy. Let us remember and put this in practice.

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April 8, 1962

#### TOWARD A MATURE FAITH

Printed Portion ..... 2 Timothy 1:3-7; 3:10-17

2 Tim. 1:3. I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day;

4. Greatly desiring to see thee, being mindful of thy tears, that I may be filled with joy;

5. When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.

6. Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.



7. For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

10. But thou hast fully known of my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, long suffering, charity, patience,

11. Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me.

12. Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

13. But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

14. But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;

15. And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

16. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17. That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Memory Verse: But grow in the grace, and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 3:18.

Practical Truth: Seeking God's will daily will develop our faith.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Everything around us is growing. It is passing through a cycle from birth to death. Occasionally we see a child or a plant that does not grow and we feel sad. Salvation is a gift of God and it is precious. But there is much to know and understand about what God requires of us. By reading His word and through prayer we can grow into a greater knowledge of Him, therefore we can live it out in our lives in a better way. As we seek the Lord, he will help us to "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." (Jude 3) It seems Paul was stirring Timothy up along these lines, and had prayed earnestly for him. He reminded him that his godly mother and grandmother had "unfeigned faith." Their influence, as all mothers, was great upon Timothy.

Paul's life was an open book. He stood for the faith through much opposition. He gladly and willingly endured hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. He did not make Timothy believe that times would get better. He encouraged him to hold fast to the things he had learned from a godly source. The scriptures would make him "wise unto salvation through faith."

Today we are facing the atheistic system known as communism. We need to be strong in the Lord and boldly declare the faith we have in God.

April 15, 1962

#### LIVING IN THE LIGHT OF THE CROSS

Printed Portion ..... Titus 2:11-15—3:1-8

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

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

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

14. Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us

from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

15. These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.

1. Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work,

2. To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men.

3. For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.

4. But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,

5. Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

6. Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;

7. That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

8. This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.

Memory Verse: I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Gal. 2:20.

Practical Truth: The cross is love in action.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The cross is not an end but it is a beginning. The "grace of God that bringeth salvation has appeared unto all men, teaching us." The cross has come to you and me. Jesus taught us, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." (Matt. 16:24) Taking the cross is the beginning of eternal life to our soul.

Jesus lived in the light of the cross throughout the 33 years of his life. Once he spoke of "His decease which He should accomplish at Jerusalem." He was the "Lamb, slain from the foundation of the world." God formulated a plan and no one could carry it out, but only the Son of God could accomplish it. The cross was an incentive to Him. He came to redeem and the suffering and shame were incidentals to eternal honor. The cross is a gift to us.

Our lesson bears out the fact that when we take up the cross our lives are changed. We do not merit salvation but it is a gift of God. We should value it. We are made heirs and joint-heirs with Christ. Be willing to face hard things because you have your eyes on "the glorious appearing of . . . our Saviour Jesus Christ," and not on the cross.

April 22, 1962

#### CHRIST REIGNS (EASTER)

Printed Portion ..... Hebrews 1:1-12

Heb. 1:1. God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,

2. Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

3. Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged



our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

4. Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

5. For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?

6. And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.

7. And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.

8. But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

9. Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

10. And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:

11. They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment;

12. And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.

**Memory Verse:** Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing! Revelation 5:12.

**Practical Truth:** All the righteous will also arise through the power of Christ's resurrection.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Today as we think of our blessed Saviour and the power of His resurrection it brings joy to our hearts. The grave could not hold Him. The governor's seal could not stop the power of God. The soldiers' might did not keep Jesus in the grave. When God speaks, man has to stand back. The stone rolled away and Jesus arose, triumphant from the grave. He arose with power. His resurrection brought life to Him and because He lives we can have eternal life in our souls today. Our Christ is stronger than death. He took away the sting of death to the one who has the same hope of the resurrection in his soul.

Christ is the central figure today in our Christian faith. Our lesson brings out how in times past God spoke to man in various ways but today he is speaking to us through His Son. Today Jesus is reigning in glory, on the right hand of God. He was sent into this world and took on the flesh of man, but through the resurrection he was exalted above all others. Every knee shall bow and every tongue will confess his name. To him is due all glory, honor and praise. He is alive forevermore and when this world folds up like a vesture His Word will still stand. He is alive. You ask me how I know He lives? He lives, today and evermore, within my heart.

April 29, 1962

#### A DISCIPLINED FAITH

Printed Portion ..... Hebrews 10:23-25; 12:1-7, 11-14

Heb. 10:23. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

24. And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

25. Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

1. Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

2. Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

3. For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

4. Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.

5. And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My Son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:

6. For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

7. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

11. Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

12. Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees;

13. And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.

14. Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

**Memory Verse:** For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. Hebrews 10:36.

**Practical Truth:** God will give us courage to face hard tests if we keep our faith in Him.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Making a decision to live for God and having a determination to stand by that decision means victory to the child of God. Our decision will be tested again and again. Not only does God know about our decision but also the devil knows. The devil will try to destroy it, but as we look to God that thing the devil uses to try to destroy our decision God will use to strengthen us. Don't look to the left or the right, but look unto Jesus who is the "author and finisher of our faith." Keep your eyes upon Him, trust Him, knowing that "he is faithful that promised." He will never leave us nor forsake us. Not many today have been killed for righteousness' sake, so we need to take courage and not faint, for we do not know when that time might come.

God loves all of His "born again" children. Just as a parent has to correct his child because he loves him and does not want to see him go astray, so God corrects His child. We should be glad that He loves us that much. The chastening might not at the time be joyous, but when we look past it and see the "peaceable fruit of righteousness" it yields, then we can rejoice. Of course we want to be willing to let the chastening work for our good. It is how we respond to it and the attitude we have through it that determines whether we will receive good.

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