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### *If You Positively Knew*

If you had positive knowledge that in 1962  
Your Savior would return to get His faithful few,  
Would you think you are ready just as you are today?  
Or would you make some changes in what you do  
and say?

Would you get out your Bible and study while you  
can,  
And ask the Lord to help you to find His holy plan?  
The way is strait and narrow, and humble you must  
be;  
You must love God with all your heart, and from all  
sin be set free.

You must help clothe the naked, the hungry you  
must feed,  
And spread God's Word around the world to hungry  
souls in need.  
God does resist the proud ones, for so the Bible states.  
God never will forgive the one who still his brother  
hates.

You must have love and mercy and justice in your  
heart.  
You need the Holy Spirit, and also do your part.  
The first step is repentance, then restitution make,  
Then Holy Spirit baptism, God gives for Jesus' sake.  
You must resist the devil, and from you he will flee;  
Then you will have the victory for all eternity.

—Elsie Nell Landgraf

### **Love Can Forgive All Wrongs and Hurts**

Jesus said, "Ye have heard that it hath been said:  
Thou shalt love thy neighbor and hate thine enemy."  
—Matt. 5:43.

It was the Jewish rabbis who said that. They  
thought they had a right to say so because of what  
was written in Lev. 19:17-18, namely, "Thou shalt not  
hate thy brother in thine heart; thou shalt not bear  
any grudge against the children of thy people, but  
thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." From this

saying the rabbis reasoned that it was only the chil-  
dren of their own people (nationality) whom they  
might not hate. Hence, to them, it was quite proper  
to hate their enemies. For this reason the lawyer  
asked Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" In answer Jesus  
told him the story of the good Samaritan. The whole  
matter is summed up in His simple saying: "Love  
your enemies. Bless them that curse you."

How often professors follow in the steps of  
old Jewish rabbis! We love those who are good to  
us. We pat them and bless them. But them that  
do us wrong we do not love. And oftentimes we seek  
to do them harm in return. We break the command-  
ment of Jesus our Lord. For this cause we become  
powerless in the promotion of His kingdom of love  
on earth amongst men. We require much grace in  
this matter. For the only way we can be rid of our  
enemy is to turn him into our friend! This is God's  
way of doing things. And this is how God through  
conversion makes friends and saints of God out of  
enemies and sinners. These are the same folk, but  
of another spirit. The spirit is that of love.

There is only one way to love our enemies, which  
is, by the love of Christ in us, which love is sought  
and found in sincere prayers.

God says, "I will forgive their iniquity, and I will  
remember their sin no more." — Jer. 31:34. What  
God forgets we remember. What miserable creatures  
we must be! God forgives and forgets. We wrestle  
much with our own selves before we can get grace  
enough to forgive; but we so very often fail to wres-  
tle again in order to forget. Forgiveness without  
forgetfulness is lovelessness all the same. For "love  
has no memory for injuries." Injuries do not register  
with love. But we in our stubborn hearts mutter on:  
Forgive — yes, but forget — never!" What a the-  
ology! I was almost to write "demonology" in place  
of "theology". Beloved friends, men, and brethren!  
Let us be careful, for we may find ourselves some  
day in the clutches of hatred and thereby lose our  
crown.

What silly excuses we often offer, saying, "I  
wouldn't mind to forgive that fellow if it were not  
for that awfully mean thing he did unto me." My

dear brother, the mean things are the very things that can be and ought to be forgiven! No one ever thought of trying to forgive the good things. When others do good unto us we never forgive them. We thank and bless them! It is only when mean things are done unto us that we forgive. Brethren, let us not be children in understanding! Let us be men! Men of love and forgiveness. Let us both forgive and forget!!

Listen to what the great apostle has to tell us: "Forgiving one another even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye." Col. 3:13. What do you think would happen if our Lord remembered what He has forgiven? Would salvation be possible in that case? To forgive and then to remember is not to forgive at all. It is but deceit. We are to forgive "even as Christ forgave us."

Beloved! Do we not yet know? Can't we realize that the very essence of Christianity is—forgiveness? And that the very essence of forgiveness is love? Why halt between two opinions? If we can't forgive, we have no love of God in us! And if we have no love of God in us, we are not of God!! Say what we will, pray as we may, the truth is: "we are not of God!" And that is His verdict, too. But "if we say we have no sin [in this matter], we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins [in this matter], He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned [in this matter], we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us." Read 1 John 1:8-10.

"Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love." 1 John 4:7-8.

The forgiveness of sins is the marvelous all-embracing gift of God. In His mercy God through this gift sets the sinners free and receives them into His love and favor. The forgiveness of our sins is the source of our salvation. There could be no use in repentance if there were no forgiveness. Hence, there could be no salvation at all. The forgiving Heart of God is the Heart of Love. Love forgives! Love saves! Love redeems even to the uttermost!

We as Christians walk with God in the assurance of sins forgiven. And we can only prove our sincerity by forgiving those who offend us as freely as God has forgiven us! It is not by chance that immediately after the Lord's Prayer we find Jesus' comments on same: "For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." Matt. 6:14-15. Then again He says, after that wonder of a promise in Mark 11:24, "And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any, that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses." Mark 11:25.

Mark 11:25 throws so much light on Mark 11:24. We all love and embrace the Great Promise of verse 24, but are not willing to pay the price spoken of in

verse 25. In verse 24, Jesus says, "Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." But, we, beloved, have so many times prayed and believed on this wise, and yet have received nothing. Why? Simply because in verse 25 Jesus tells us, "And when ye stand praying, forgive . . ." "Forgive" is the Key! If we forgive not, we can not have the things we pray for. We might as well quit praying. Praying without forgiving is an awful illusion; nay, I was about to write "delusion"! For delusion it certainly is! Beloved, let us not deceive ourselves. He that loveth not, is not of God! And such a one can not forgive either, as it takes love to forgive. Lovelessness never forgives! Lovelessness is as dead as the devil! Brethren! do not deceive yourselves. "When ye stand praying, forgive." Lord Jesus, help us all!!

Saint Peter of old asked this question: "Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him?" The Lord bless Peter! He surely hit the nail on the head! We all remember our Lord's answer "Until seventy times seven," the Lord said.

Beloved! I have never counted the times. But, if all of us were to agree, and to sit down to figure things, we should be more than surprised to find most of us far—far down below zero mark!! We have preached so long on "dwelling in the Lord and have Him dwell in us." But the final count would show, to our regret that we were dwelling beyond the cold Arctic Circle. Near the North Pole! No wonder Jesus foretold of our day: "The love of many shall wax cold." How sad! The love should wax hot! And hotter every day, if we are to meet the challenge of cold, satanic lovelessness and hate!!

Right after Jesus told Peter how many times he was to forgive, He spoke this matchless parable to our terror:—Matt. 18:23-35. The parable begins with "Therefore" and ends with "So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye . . ."

"Unto you" includes you and me, brethren. In short, the said parable is the parable of the servant whose Lord forgave him his debt, but who would not show compassion on his fellow-servant. The Lord questioned him, "Shouldest not thou also have had mercy on thy fellow-servant, even as I had mercy on thee?" So this once-forgiven servant found himself delivered to his tormentors! Simply because he would not forgive the other fellow AS HIS LORD HAD FORGIVEN HIM in the first place.

Thereupon our Lord speaks to me and to you, brethren; and it is a solemn Warning TO US today: "So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses." Note well, brethren: we are to forgive from our hearts, not merely from our mouths. Our hearts are the seat of love. It is from and in love that we ought to forgive! Tongues and mouths will not do! These may be left to hypocrites for consideration, "if", etc.

Let us pray: "Lord Jesus, grant us grace to forgive. Amen."

This short prayer can be sufficient if our hearts are in it. It was this sort of prayer that a sinful publican prayed once upon a time. That publican was sincere. His prayer of few words was sincere. The Lord forgave him. If we "Christians" can't be Christians, let us at least be "sincere publicans." In that case the Lord will forgive us and make us Christians.

"And now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love."

Intercessory Writings

## The Work of the Church

The work of the Church of God is twofold: 1. To care for and perpetuate itself; 2. To evangelize the world. It can prosper only as it keeps this twofold mission in view. A congregation that becomes self-centered, that cares for nothing but local prosperity, is almost sure to decline spiritually, and misses its mission of assisting in carrying the gospel to a lost world. Missionary work was prominent in the apostolic church, and was steadfastly pursued in obedience to Christ's command: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16: 15). But the accomplishing of this great work required the sacrifice of men and women who "loved not their lives unto the death," who went forth to struggle against the powers infernal and win the triumphs of the cross. The churches of God poured out their money in order to meet the demand of the hour, even going so far in some cases, as at Jerusalem, to sell all their property and devote it to the interests of the cause of God.

The same thing is needed today. The work of God needs men and women who are consecrated to evangelize the world, even at the cost of personal comforts and advantages; and the Church of God must awaken to the fact that giving of means for the support of God's work is both their privilege and their duty, and that it must be done. "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel" (1 Cor. 9:14). Those who minister to the people in "spiritual things" must receive the benefit of the people's "carnal things" (v. 11). The work demands this; God demands it; and all the pure and holy in heart will say amen to the will of God.

—Sel.

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You unkind parents go here and there with ease. From dawn to dusk your evil ways don't cease. What is the delinquent problem, tell me please?

Juvenile delinquency is increasing, sad to say. You negligent parents lead your children astray. Why don't you both change now, answer me I pray?

Parents are responsible to rear their children right. Why wait so long, until they are all out of sight? Repent now, could I make a better invite?

Children bring heartaches in the county and town. Oh, you thoughtless parents, who in hatred abound. Will you cling to sin, then miss your priceless crown?

Fathers and mothers, hear this urgent request: Read to all your children precious Bible texts. Why wait longer, hurry, answer me at last?

Their little hearts are very tender you see. They need Christian guidance from parents who agree. Change immediately, why wait? is my plea.

Be a good example to your children this date. Prove that parental love, pray, and don't wait. Oh, ye parents, it's getting late, yes too late!

HEAR ALL YE PARENTS, awake to your great need now. Repent of your many sins, in humbleness bow. Promise to forever quit it, and hold to your vow.

—Minnie Penner

## A Mother's Prayer and Desire

"O Lord, how easy it would be to become neglectful and careless of the precious lambs that thou hast entrusted to my care. How easy it would be for me to fall asleep and not see the enemy when he comes to creep into my fold. Help me, Lord, to keep awake and ever to be ready to protect my flock collectively and individually until they become old enough to realize the dangers that await them in this world. Help me to be patient and listen attentively when they come to me to tell me of things that do not seem important so they will feel free to tell me about the things that are important, that I can instruct and guide their feet in the paths of righteousness. Help me to be able to guide the longings of my children that when they leave the simple ways of childhood for the broader ones of adulthood, they will not fall into the traps of the devil. Help me to understand them when they do not understand themselves. Help me to protect them from being put into places where they will be tempted beyond their ability to resist. Help me to hold firm even if they do not understand. Help me to lead them unto a personal knowledge of their Saviour. Amen."

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## Editorials

The campmeetings of the summer have now become history. We are assured that great good has been accomplished, and many souls can date their salvation from one of the campmeetings. Thank God for those whom He used in making these campmeetings possible. Campmeetings are wonderful places for sinners to go and hear the Word of God expounded, and where the Holy Spirit does his office work of working godly sorrow into hearts so they can repent and have peace with God through the Lord Jesus Christ. The sick and afflicted can also hear the truth preached on the doctrine of divine healing and have faith created in their souls for the healing of their bodies when they realize that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. The saints can get better acquainted with one another and be edified in conversation, fellowship and love. At the campmeetings they can find gospel tracts, papers, and booklets provided freely which they can take home with them and continue to feed upon heavenly food to the building up of their faith in God—a source of comfort to them in quiet meditations on the truths of God's sacred Word. Yes, dear brethren, campmeetings are of great value to all the saints, and to the upbuilding and the gathering together in oneness of all saved people who compose the living Church of God, which is the pillar and ground of all the truth.

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In the Lord's prayer to His Father and our Father in the 17th chapter of St. John, He was burdened that His disciples and all that followed them should be sanctified. He did not pray that His Father would take them out of the world, but He did pray that He would keep them from the evil. In order for them to be kept from the evil it was necessary that they be sanctified. He further said that they were not of the world even as He was not of the world and stated, "I sanctify myself that they also might be sanctified." He didn't pray for them alone, but for all those who would believe on Him through their word, "That they all may be one; as thou, Father art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me." St. John 17:21-23. He was burdened that they should be sanctified in order to be made perfect in one even as He and the Father were one, that the world may know that God had sent Him.

Brethren, we ought to heed this prayer and be not of the world, even as He was not of the world, get sanctified and continue in that state, loving and serv-

ing God with one heart and one soul, showing forth the love of God by loving one another even as He loved us; ceasing from all envy, jealousy, backbiting, evil thoughts, or giving way to imaginations which would disturb and hinder oneness, that we may prove our sanctification to be of God. The Bible tells us that we should "endeavor to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace" and in doing this we should never think or imagine evil of one another.

Those ministers whom God has used in holding up the truth for years, have stood like a rock in the billows when enemies were raging against the Church of God and are yet firm in the truth, should be honored in their places lest one be found sowing discord, breaking up the oneness and making division, all of which would greatly please Satan.

Several years ago when that anti-cleansing doctrine was being advocated among the saints and some were getting under its influence, if it had not been for some of the established ministers standing firm, backed up by the Biblical truth, against that heresy, no doubt some would have been swept under it with its "angel-of-light" influence. When I think of Satan's clever working in the world, I think of the verse of scripture in the 11th chapter of 2nd Cor. which reads thus: "And no marvel: for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light." Brethren, when the enemy comes in like a flood with his angel-like appearance, we can take comfort in the words of the song, No. 51 in the "Evening Light Songs." The first two verses read like this: "My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace: In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil."

Jude, in writing to the sanctified saints, exhorted them to "earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." This faith was, no doubt, the faith given them on the day of Pentecost for the reception of the Holy Ghost—the work of sanctification. (That faith had never been given them before, as the Holy Ghost had never been promised or shed forth on men in this manner before that time.) They also received gifts of the Spirit at that time which they used in their ministry, as recorded in Acts 4:33, which reads thus: "And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ: and great grace was upon them all."

Jude was burdened that the doctrine of sanctification be kept before all saved people. No doubt, the reason he addressed his letter to those who were sanctified was because some were ceasing to preach and teach the truth on this subject which was so vital in keeping the oneness of God's children in the bond of peace, for which Jesus prayed. Sanctifying grace in the soul will give one power to bear and forbear with loving kindness toward all men, not ready to make division, sow discord, or make any rend in the Body of Christ, which is the Church of the living God. (Editorials continued on Page 14)

## OBITUARIES

Sister Janice Hamilton, the daughter of Sidney and Rebecca Guinn, was born in Anderson County, South Carolina, April 11, 1872, and departed this life Sunday August 26, 1962 at the age of 90 years, 3 months and 15 days.

She was united in marriage to Benjamin Hamilton. To this union eight children were born, six girls and two boys. Two girls and one boy preceded her in death. Bro. Hamilton passed away July 28, 1931.

At Porter, Oklahoma, Sister Hamilton met the saints and was saved in the Church of God. She moved to Tulsa in 1943. She lived a faithful, consistent life, and was truly a mother in Israel. She always had a word of encouragement for everyone. Even in her affliction, she was steadfast in faith and proved true unto the end. Sister Hamilton showed forth much patience. She made her decision that if God saw fit to leave her awhile longer, she would be thankful, but if He wanted to take her Home, she was ready to go.

She leaves behind: one son, four daughters, 10 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, one sister, a host of nieces and nephews and the saints.

Funeral services were conducted by Brother Lewis Williams, assisted by Bro. U. Phillips, Bro. Warren and Bro. Barton.

Mrs. J. N. Pugh of Louin, Miss. passed away at her home on June 21, 1962 at the age of 83 years. The funeral service was conducted at the Zion Hill Holiness Church with Austin Watson and Geo. Jackson officiating. Interment was in the Zion Hill Cemetery.

She leaves to mourn their loss, three daughters, Mrs. Forest Smith, Mrs. Oscar Brady, Miss Flora Ruth Pugh; two sons, Clarence and Obie, all of Louin, Miss., 11 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren; two brothers, B. C. Bankston and M. S. Bankston.

Lula F. Smith, daughter of James and Christine Westfall, was born Jan. 11, 1894, and departed this life July 25, 1962 at Seattle, Washington at the age of 68 years, 6 months and 14 days.

On December 31, 1916 she was married to Orville L. Smith. To this union were born seven children—one daughter and six sons. The oldest son, Leon, preceded her in death a few years ago.

She is survived by her husband, one daughter, Onalee Roberts; five sons, Joseph, Edward, Leslie, Elmo and William, all of Seattle, Wash., and five grandchildren.

She was a faithful, loving, and devoted wife and mother and will be greatly missed in her home and by her family.

I had the privilege of being with Lue, as we called her, the last three months God left her with us, and those were days of seeing her tested and tried for eternity, watching and praying with her. How sweetly she committed her life to God! She had been sweetly saved in her younger days, but during the years she neglected her salvation. When we came to Seattle in 1959, she began to feel her need of God and it was precious to see her soul bud and bloom out for God and heaven. When she put all medicine aside, it was precious how God eased the pain and she would sleep and rest.

Yes, we prayed for God to heal her. We thought it would be such a testimony for her family and friends. After she was gone, the dear Lord spoke to me of how Samson slew more at his death than while he was living, so I feel through Lue's death, going with such sweet

victory, it will do more for her loved ones than if she had lived. Truly, God does all things well.

The family and I appreciated Bro. O. B. Wilson being here and taking care of the funeral service.

Elmo and I also wish to thank all the dear saints for their cards and sympathy expressed. May God bless one and all.

—Bea Spaur

Eliza Jane Fields, daughter of Peter Jacob and Francis Ruth (Steed) Miller, was born in Winamac, Ind. August 2, 1879, died at Pomona, Calif. Aug. 19, 1962, age 83 years and 17 days.

She was united in marriage with William Edward Davission on March 12, 1900 in Covington, Ind. To this union eight children were born.

She united with the Methodist Church early in life, but when she heard the full gospel truth as taught by the Church of God ministers, she accepted it and was one of the congregation of the church at 8th and Eleanor St., Pomona, Calif. She was faithful in attendance until her health failed.

Her husband preceded her in death August 27, 1915. She married Brother Joe Fields of Kinmundy, Illinois in 1927. He died six years later.

She leaves to mourn their loss: five daughters, Mrs. Lucinda Doty, Swan Iowa; Mrs. Gladys Ewbank, Pomona, Calif.; Mrs. Viola Perry, Decatur, Ill.; Mrs. Jane Briscoe, Rich Hill, Mo.; Mrs. Thelma Rieneking, Metropolis, Ill.; two sons, Edward D. Davission, Pomona, Calif.; and Raymond Davission of Portland, Oregon; two brothers, Dan W. Miller, Effingham, Ill.; Samuel J. Miller, Kinmundy, Ill., 41 grandchildren, and 67 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Todd Memorial Chapel with Bro. Ira Stover and Bro. Harlan Smith in charge. The last service was held at Miller chapel in Effingham County, Ill. in the old country church where she had attended many years. Many friends and relatives were there to pay their last respects and as a testimony to her lasting influence in their lives. As the minister remarked at the last service, "Her life was a living sermon to all she lived among".

She passed on, testifying that she was going to a brighter, better world, and for those left behind not to mourn, but live to meet her there.

She was faithful over the the years in attending the National campmeeting at Monark Springs, Mo., and the California State campmeeting at Pacoima.

The workers here at the office express appreciation for Sister Field's faithfulness in supporting the publication of the gospel.

Sister Jennie Brooks was born in Virginia, June 20, 1867, and departed this life August 21, 1962 at the ripe age of 95 years, 2 months and 1 day.

She heard the Truth preached many years ago; in fact she is one of the last of the old pioneers of this Reformation. She sat many times and heard Bro. D. S. Warner expound the truth. She said she counted the cost when she got saved and wasn't a bit tired of the way and meant to go all the way with the Lord. We are glad to say that she did just that. She is and will be greatly missed from our number here in Shawnee. She was a faithful attendant of the congregation here. Many will remember her as being the sister of Sister Artie Bowers, who pastored the work at Neosho, Mo., until her death.

She leaves to mourn her passing one brother, Dave V. Hutchens, Wyandotte, Okla., a number of nieces and nephews, including Mr. and Mrs. George Dilliner, with whom she made her home the last several years of her

life. Besides a host of other relatives and friends mourn her passing.

Funeral services were conducted by Charles R. Smith here in Shawnee, Okla. and then graveside rites were also held at Sand Springs, Okla. —Charles R. Smith

### Prayer Requests

Miss.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: The Lord laid it on my heart to write you. I want all of you to pray for me. I surely need your prayers. I lost my mother the 21st of June and seven years ago my father died. I surely do miss them.

The third Sunday in June, when mother was sick, Bro. Carver was preaching up at the chapel. At that time my mother could hardly get her breath. We called for Bro. Carver to come and pray for her. He came down and after prayer, she got better, but then Thursday night she passed away. She surely did believe in prayer.

I can't use my right side at all and I have to see after my sister who has been in bad shape. I want all of you to pray for her and me. I would like to see the Lord heal her. I also have falling-out spells and I know the Lord can heal me. —Miss Flora Ruth Pugh

Please pray for me, spiritually and physically. My husband passed away two months ago today, and I need health so I can make my own living.

—Mrs. Lillie Keener, Texas

My sister is partially mentally retarded. She has much trouble in and out of school. Please remember her in your prayers. I am looking to the Lord to heal and protect her.

—Janice Smith

Dear saints and readers of Faith and Victory paper: Greetings to each of you in the name of Jesus who forgiveth all our iniquities, who healeth all our diseases. I am sending in an urgent request for prayer for a dear sister who has a huge cancer on her face—it covers all the right side of her face, is about as large as a hand and three times as thick. Ten years ago this sister threw away all her medicine and took God as her healer. She is a faithful sister and worthy of our prayers. Dear ones, let us set aside the 9th day of October for fasting and prayer for Aunt Zibby Corley. Let us all as the Church of the living God, get under the burden of this thing and pray as if it were ourselves in this condition, and I believe God will be moved on His throne to perform a miracle on this dear sister. God is not slack concerning His promises, if we, as His people, will do our part by denying the flesh, fasting and praying and the prayer of faith shall save the sick and the Lord shall raise them up. Amen.

—Sister Goldsberry

### A BOY IN AFRICA SEEKING SALVATION

Ghana, West Africa.—Dear Friends: As I lay on my sick bed, I glanced at a bunch of tracts on the table near me. I took up the lot and scattered them on my bed and chose those which I thought best to read. I chose "7 Men Went Singing Into Heaven," "Marvelously Healed," "Cripple Tom," "Tom Never Left The Bars Down again", and "The Persistent Partner and the Cursing Woman". When I finished reading them, I thought it best to pray for my sins to be forgiven. I prayed to the Lord to forgive me of my sins. After praying, I took my pen and wrote this letter. Please, pray for my sins to be forgiven. I have done things that I should not have done—

theft, disobedience, and moreover, as the Scripture says, "I have gone astray." I have lost the love that Jesus has for me. I need your prayers very much. I have to change. Oh, how beautiful it will be to be in Heaven, the only suitable place for human beings.

As a boy of 13 years of age, my sins are too much for me. I need your prayers. I remain a sinner, hoping to be forgiven through prayer. —Seth Blasu

### "BEAR YE ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS"

Our brother minister, Bro. Richard Madden, pastor of the church at Sapulpa, Okla., recently had an auto accident involving another car. However, Bro. and Sister Madden and their baby boy were not hurt seriously, for which we thank the Lord. Since Bro. Madden did not have insurance and the blame was placed on him, he will have the cost of fixing the other person's car in an amount over \$500.00. In addition, he will have the expense of repairing his own car which was badly damaged.

If anyone feels led of the Lord to help our brother bear this burden in this time of adversity, please send your free-will offering to Bro. Richard Madden, R. 13, Box 303, Tulsa, Okla., and it will be "twice blessed—the one who gives and the one who receives." Bro. Madden has proved himself to be a true minister of the gospel and worthy of your support and earnest prayers.

—Bro. Sam Barton

### Meeting Reports

#### MYRTLE, MO. CAMPMEETING REPORT

The Church of God campmeeting at Myrtle, Mo., has come and gone down in history, but trust and pray the effects of this meeting will live on and on in the hearts and lives of everyone who attended.

It was a precious meeting with eleven ministers of God's choosing bringing forth the messages under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Unity and humility was manifested by the saints throughout the meeting and the presence of the Lord was felt strongly. Praise our dear Lord!

Many signified by uplifted hand that this was their first time being at the Myrtle campmeeting, and we thank the Lord for their presence, trusting they will return next year, Lord willing.

There were 13 states represented during the meeting, some coming a distance of over one thousand miles. A number of souls came to the altar for help in various ways from beginning to the ending. An aged gentleman of 87 years came to the altar and received salvation early in the meeting and was still rejoicing much in the Lord at its close. Another aged saint, past 90 years, came for healing of a cancer. After anointing and prayer was offered, there was outstanding improvement in her condition, which caused much rejoicing among the saints.

After several days of earnest praying, the Lord sent a much-needed rain which broke the drought that had prevailed for several weeks.

There were three buried in water baptism and rose to walk in newness of life. Forty-eight took part in the ordinance services.

The Lord wonderfully supplied for the meeting. There wasn't an offering taken—all expenses of the meeting were met and an indebtedness of \$1,200 was taken care of (lacking approximately \$100). We surely do thank the Lord for this. He is a God who will do more than we can ask or think.



We desire an interest in the prayers of all the saints. May the dear Lord bless every child of God and keep each one encouraged and help us to make Heaven our home at any cost.

With Christian love,

—Effie Miller

### BOLEY, OKLA. CAMPMEETING REPORT

The Church of God campmeeting at Boley, Okla. has come and gone. We are very thankful to the Lord for His blessings upon it. The meeting was well supplied in every way. We wish to thank each one for their liberality.

The last Sunday of the meeting, a goodly number of souls were at the altar for different needs. Some souls were saved, for which we thank God.

May the Lord keep us humble, for we know that God gives grace to the humble but resists the proud.

—Anna Mae Thompson

### DOVER, OKLA. CAMPMEETING REPORT

Greetings to the saints and friends abroad: We are praising God for victory, and His mercy and love to us.

The Dover, Okla. Campmeeting is numbered with the events of the past. The meeting was well attended. The Word of God was preached under the power and anointing of the Holy Spirit. The Lord was present to heal, to save, and to sanctify. There were about nineteen ministers present at the meeting, going and coming, some from near and from far, from Guthrie, Okla. to the State of California.

We would have been glad if more of the saints could have been present to hear and receive the good wholesome messages that were delivered that they might be better representatives of the Church of God, a light to shine in the darkness. Thanks to all who helped make the meeting a success by labor, means, prayers and contributions. May God bless each one.

We are exhorted to be faithful unto the end. Remember us in your prayers.

—Ulysses Phillips and Henry Caldwell

## Meeting Notices

### JEFFERSON, OREGON ASSEMBLY MEETING

The Church of God at Jefferson, Oregon will hold its annual assembly meeting on November 9th through the 18th, 1962, the Lord willing.

We expect spirit-filled ministers of the Lord's choosing. Come to bless and be blessed. The meeting will be supported by free-will offerings and meals will be served at the dining hall on the grounds. Places will be furnished for you to sleep.

For further information, write N. C. White, Rt. 1, or Bea Spaur, (pastor) P. O. Box 254, both of Jefferson, Oregon, or Emma Busch, Rt. 2, Box 218, Scio, Oregon.

### ALL DAY MEETING AT SAPULPA, OKLAHOMA

The saints of the Church of God at the chapel on Sapulpa Road (Okla.) cordially invite you to meet with them in an all-day meeting on the 5th Sunday, Sept. 30, 1962. Lunch will be served at noon.

—Bro. Richard Madden, Pastor

### SERVICES AT NEW LOCATION

The Britton, Okla. congregation has moved its services to a dwelling house located on the grounds where

a new building for worship services is under construction at 1626 N. E. 50th, Oklahoma City, Okla. on the free-will offering plan. Contact us if you would like to donate labor on the building. This place is located three blocks west of the City zoo at Lincoln park. All are welcome to come and worship with us.

—Bro. Archie Souders, Pastor  
230 S. McKinley, Shawnee, Okla.

## TESTIMONIES

Oklahoma—Dear Saints of God: We have so much to thank and praise God for, that we feel like telling of some of the wonderful blessings and dealings of the Lord in our lives.

First of all, we are encouraged in our souls to press closer to God and learn more how to trust Him better.

During the early years of our marriage, it was a great disappointment to me when the Lord didn't bless us with children of our own. Before I was saved, I prayed often for a child and we went to several physicians to learn the cause and spent quite a sum of money on tests, operations, treatments, etc. Nothing helped. When I was saved five years ago, we decided to leave it all in the hands of the Lord. I still continued to pray for God to have His own way concerning this. A year ago in June the Lord answered our prayers in His own way. A call came one morning about a baby boy whose parents could not care for him and we were asked if we would be interested in adopting him. He was only five days old when we took him home. Oh, how we did thank God for blessing our home with such a precious little baby! Our baby's name is Jeffrey, which means "God's Peace". He has brought us much joy and happiness and is a great part of our lives now. God is so good. We dedicated our baby to the Lord and have him promised to be reared for God and His service.

This summer God answered prayer again. My husband was saved during the Monark Springs, Mo. campmeeting. That had been a standing request I had kept before the Lord. Oh! Saints, don't get discouraged when God doesn't answer prayer immediately. He has a purpose in all things, so look to Him and "He will give thee the desires of thine heart." How happy our home is now and our family worships are so precious.

For seven months now we have been seeking the Lord for a job for my husband. It seems that the trial has been long and hard, for he would almost get a job then some unforeseen obstacle would loom up in the way. Time and again this happened. We kept looking to the Lord, and about a couple of weeks ago it looked like God had surely answered prayer. My husband got a job, but later found the pay was too small and the expenses too great for us to make a living.

We know that God has a purpose in all His dealings with us. A few days ago we were made to know that God really has His hand over us. My husband's job was driving a gasoline transport truck. He had a full load, and was leaving the freeway to go onto an off ramp when he discovered he had no air brakes. Traveling downhill with the heavy load, the truck kept going faster and faster, gaining momentum as it went. A car pulled out in front of him, so to avoid hitting it, he tried to turn onto a side road. He couldn't make the curve, so jumped the curb and hit a power pole, knocking it down and breaking the lines. Observers say that sparks from the high line danced all over the truck. The gasoline caught fire and my husband tried to get out of the truck but the door was jammed. He managed to get out of the win-



dow and away from the truck safely. The truck carried 12,000 volts and firemen said that had he been able to have opened the door, he would have been electrocuted. The fire was put out without exploding the gasoline. Firemen, policemen, T. V. cameramen, and reporters shook their heads in wonderment at his escape. We know God's hand had to be over him. He wasn't even injured, so God surely has the praise for it all.

Since we started this testimony the Lord has blessed us with suitable employment. This is such an encouragement to us. It surely pays to trust the Lord. We waited before the Lord and He didn't fail us. We had been under such a strain, spending every available day looking and searching for a job. When the Lord answered prayer, it worked out so simply and easily. We read an ad in the paper and my husband practically got the job over the telephone. Oh, thank the Lord!

We want always to submit to the will of God and are willing to go or do what He has purposed for us. Remember us when you pray.

Your Brother and Sister in the Lord who has saved us from our sins,  
—Lloyd and Mary Dunavan

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Virginia—Dear Friends: Thanks for sending me the "Faith and Victory" paper again. I enjoy it so very much. I know you teach the Truth, and I thank the dear Lord for all of His true children who are not affected by the trend of the times, and are not trying to modernize or compromise the precious Word of God to fit the age in which we live.

I have been amazed and hurt many times in recent years by hearing supposed-to-be ministers of the church of God say, "If I preached today as I preached thirty years ago, there wouldn't be any one left to preach to very long. Times have changed. People will not accept radical teaching any more!" May Heaven have mercy on men who once preached, taught, labored, and prospered when they obeyed God's word, and preached "Come out from among them". They were undaunted and unafraid to sound radical and to be called a "fanatic". But now, only thirty or more years later, they have changed their methods of reaching people. These are cold, hard facts which have made the so-called "Church of God" movement in so many places look and seem the same as any other sect. What a shame!

What about our youth? Certainly the world won't get any better, and our youth of today are not getting sound doctrine, only in a few places. (Thank the Lord for the "Remnant".) This must surely grieve the dear Saviour who shed His precious blood that every individual may have the privilege of being born into the Kingdom and living a separated life—separated from sin and the world and having the privileges of walking with God in sweet fellowship and communion, as only the redeemed can do.

Dear ones, remember me in your prayers! And please pray for my husband and children who are not saved. My heart is heavy with burdens for them, and for the church. Yet I know that God is my refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Praise His holy name!

May our Heavenly Father continue to bless every one there in Guthrie who is laboring so faithfully for Him in getting the truth and light over to people through the press. You are doing a great work for the Lord!

I will close with this testimony:—"I know not how that Calvary's cross a world from sin could free; I only know its matchless love has brought God's love to me."

A sister in Christ,

—Lucy Mills Lowe

Georgia—Dear Brother Pruitt and the saints of God everywhere: Greetings in the dear name of our loving Lord. I am happy to be able to report victory over sin and Satan. Bless the name of Jesus! I want you all to know that the Lord is with me. He is abiding in my soul. Floods of joy come over my soul when I think that I am with the people of God who are taking a stand fully against television and all other sins. Thank God for the true saints of God.

I surely will be glad when some of the brothers or sisters come to visit me. I want to see some of you and talk and learn more about the Lord. I am hungering and thirsting for spiritual food. I'm here with my mother who is confined, so you see, I don't get out to church services very much. My mother can use her hands better, but otherwise she is the same. She is 87 years old. My grandchild is much better. Please continue to remember her to the Lord. I know He will heal her when He sees fit.

The Lord has wonderfully touched my body and I am giving to Him all the praise. Bless His holy name! Ever keep me before the Lord. I hope to see you some day if it the Lord's will.

Your sister in the Lord, —Mrs. P. R. Bowers

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Okla.—Dear Saints, Holy greetings in Jesus' dear name. Today I am still saved and happy in the dear Lord. God is so good to me, and I just love the Lord with all my heart.

I had a small growth on the right side of my jaw, and it would itch, burn and sting, and often it was real sore and caused discomfort. So I desired that the dear Lord would have mercy upon me. I have been praying God to remove the growth, so I would like to say today that God has moved it and I am thankful for His goodness to me. I also promised the Lord that I would testify through the paper if He would heal my little girl's leg which she hurt riding a bicycle. It made a very bad sore, but God was with us through it all.

Saints, pray for me. I have settled it to go all the way, so pray God to keep me in the center of His will at all times.

Your blood-washed sister, —Clara Barnett

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La.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and Christian people, May God ever bless you and help you in the good work for the dear Lord.

I want to say I am still serving our dear Lord and mean to do so as long as I live. I surely don't have anything to turn back for. I really do enjoy living for the Lord. We have many things to meet in this old world, but God is still on His throne and still hears and answers prayer.

I need your prayers very much. I fell and hurt my limb. It is giving me a lot of trouble. My blood pressure is also high. I know God is able to heal me. He has done so much for us. My husband is also sick and needs to be a Christian. I also have an unspoken request for which I do need your prayers so much. I know God knows all things and does all things well. Sometimes we are made to wonder when things are like they are, but God knows what is best for us. He always does what is best. He said His grace was sufficient if we serve and trust Him.

God bless you is my prayer. —Beulah Johnson

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Kansas—Dear Sister Marie and all at the print shop: I greet you in the name of the Lord and pray that He will keep me under His protective wing while I walk humbly before Him.

This summer the Lord has surely blessed and helped me. He has given me the faith and grace to go on and live each day for Him. I am going into my first year of high school this year, and I have prayed and begged the Lord to help me to be a blessing to my school mates. I am looking to Him for all my needs.

I am so thankful that I am saved, and had the chance to be around the saints. They are the dearest and kindest people I know. I have found that the Lord is the only one to whom we can take all of our problems and burdens, and then leave them in His hands to work out.

Please remember my unsaved family in prayer. Also please pray for me, for I need all of your prayers.

Your sister in Christ —Janice Smith

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Okla.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and readers, Greetings in Jesus' dear name: Truly the Lord has done great things for me, whereof I am glad. I praise God for His wonderful plan of salvation and for the peace and joy there is in serving Him. We are living in perilous times with terrible sin on every hand. The power of Satan is so strong, but the power of God is stronger. Praise His name.

Here is a dollar for another year's subscription for the paper.

—Sarah Hoffman

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Okla.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt and all the workers in the Print Shop, greetings of love in Jesus' sweet name. Today finds us both encouraged in the Lord, for He has done so much for us.

I was very sick for several days with high fever. Every time prayer was offered, I would feel better for awhile. Someone phoned Bro. Smith who was in Illinois in a tent meeting at that time. On Sunday Bro. Young came to fill Bro. Smith's place here in Shawnee. They prayed for me at meeting, yet I had a very high fever. Bro. Young and Bro. Jones came in. Bro. Young anointed me. They prayed, and God really touched my body. The fever left and did not return. The next Wednesday we got a card from Bro. Smith and family, saying they had prayed for me and God gave him the witness of my healing. That all happened when God's children prayed as one man's prayer. Thank God, He hears and answers His children when they get under the burden! Oh, how sweet are the saints—such love for each other! It is the love that Jesus gives us as He commanded us to love one another as He loved us, and oh, how great is His love to each one of His dear children! He also loves the sinners and wants to see them all saved. He will save every one who comes to Him with an humble heart. Bless His dear name forever!

My husband got sick and could hardly eat or stay up, but God healed us both. Thank God, I am able to do all my work, and was able to clean the chapel the last two weeks.

Pray for us that we will prove faithful in the Lord. With love,

—Roy and Syndia Cade

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Calif.—Dear Ones at the Print Shop and Abroad, Greetings of love in the precious name of Jesus:

It has been a long time since I sent my testimony to the Faith and Victory paper, so thought I would like to tell one and all how wonderful our God has been to us. I can't thank and praise Him enough for all the many blessings He bestows upon us.

I am glad to say I find His grace sufficient for every need. Bless the Lord! He saves my soul, He sanctifies my nature, He heals my body and keeps me by His power. Praise His dear name.

The latter part of August, 1961, I had a heart attack, and a little later, I had another. I was trusting God, and if He was through with me here I was ready to go. I don't remember the dates, but later on in the fall my husband was down at the Social Security office, and told of my condition. The man thought I should put in for disability social security. So in a course of time we decided to do that. I had to go to a doctor for examinations, and he sent me to another doctor for a cardiograph. In fact, I had to go back in a week for another. I paid out \$26.00, besides the time I lost. They filled out papers on my condition and sent them to the Social Security office. But I was sorry I had done it soon after, as I saw it hindered my faith. I didn't know how to pray. If I prayed for complete healing, and God healed me, I had wasted my time and money with the doctor. So I just prayed for God to have His way, and heal me if it could be to His glory. As time went on, I had another lighter attack, and the following day I got a letter from the Social Security office saying I did not qualify for disability Social Security. That was in January or February, 1962. It was a relief to get that letter. It turned my faith loose, so I could pray for complete healing. Husband wanted me to take more tests and examinations, and go through all that again, but I said, no, never again, and looked steadfast to the Lord, and He healed me. Praise God forever, I am healed. This is in August, 1962. I feel I have so much to thank and praise the dear Lord for. He is so good to His trusting children. We serve a mighty God, One who knows and cares for all.

I would like to add, in case some might think I doctored just because I took the tests and examinations, that I did not take one drop of medicine, nor shots of any kind. I trusted God completely through it all. But never again, by the grace of God, do I want to go to a doctor for anything, as I know I didn't have the faith I needed for my healing. Yet I thank God for every lesson I learned during that time. I praise God for His goodness and mercy shown me. The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin, and with His stripes I'm healed. Praise His dear name forever.

I would like to add that the dear Lord worked it out so I could attend the Pacoima, Calif. campmeeting this year. I went on the first Sunday and stayed all week, coming home the last Sunday. It surely was a blessing to my soul. Where we are at present we are rather isolated from the saints. But I'm thanking God for everything. We are told in the Bible that every good and perfect gift comes from God. Praise His dear name!

I love the Lord, and as long as He gives me breath to live on the earth, I surely want to please Him in every little thing. I want to walk humbly before Him and let Him lead the way, for I know He knows what is best in everything for us. Praise God who is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble!

I am so thankful to be one of His little ones. Pray for us as we pray for you.

Your sister in Christ,

—Emma Dilley

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Wash.—Dear Saints of God, Greetings in Jesus' name. This finds me still trying to serve the Lord.

I feel it would please the Lord for me to tell what He has done for my little girl. As we were coming to Washington on the 31st day of July, Audrey, my little girl, got sick with a hot fever. She lay for 2 or 3 days without food. It seemed her fever wouldn't cool and she ate very little for five or six days. I believe it was on Sunday night that I prayed for God to cool her fever before morning and help her to feel better. I woke up

in the night and felt to see if the fever was cooled or not. She had a hot fever, so I prayed again, saying "Lord, she is yours. I want you to have your way with her. If it can be your will, cool her fever and help her mouth and throat to get better. If not, let Your will be done, not mine." The next time I awoke I felt to see if her fever was gone. She was as cool as normal and I give God all the praise and thank Him for it. From that night her tongue began to get better. Her fever didn't come up very much after that, though the fever blisters would bleed a little. Then they began to peel off. They are a lot better now. I believe she will be all right in a few days, and I do thank my blessed Jesus for what He has done for her.

Saints, still remember her in prayer, and pray for me to get closer to God so I can trust Him more fully. Pray for my family. May God bless each and every one is my prayer.

Your sister,

—Eathel Hill

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Mo.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and workers: The good Lord has healed me of sciatica rheumatism. I am not bothered any at all, for which I do praise the good Lord and thank the saints' for their prayers for me. I am doing very well for which I do thank the good Lord. I do enjoy the little paper, all of it. I did enjoy the National campmeeting this summer.

May the good Lord bless you all and still remember me when you have prayer.

—Loran V. Shimp

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Oregon—Dear Sister Marie: I greet you in Jesus' precious name, who is so good to me. I want to tell you how God answered my request for prayer. I got relief from pain as soon as you prayed. I could walk without any pain for a day or so. Before, I could hardly walk with a cane and then such pain. My limb would draw and cramp. I had the victory for a day or so, then it came back. I believe the devil is just trying to defeat me. The day the Lord touched me, I read the verse on the scripture calendar, "I shall not die, but live and declare the works of God." It was such encouragement to me. I also had such a tingling sensation in my left arm and hand. I thought it might be a stroke but I knew God could heal whatever it was. My son told me to go to a doctor, so I sent word for prayer and the Lord heard. I told him the Lord had touched me and the pain was all gone. My son could see that I could walk all right. Oh, how I did praise the Lord. So many precious scriptures came to me to encourage me. You know I am here all alone, no one to pray with me. But God has promised a little one shall chase a thousand. I have a motto in my room, "He careth for you". I know He does and I am trusting Him to bring me through with victory, so keep praying for me.

I do love the Lord and want to draw closer to Him. He has brought me through so many trials of sickness and I know He knows and cares just the same.

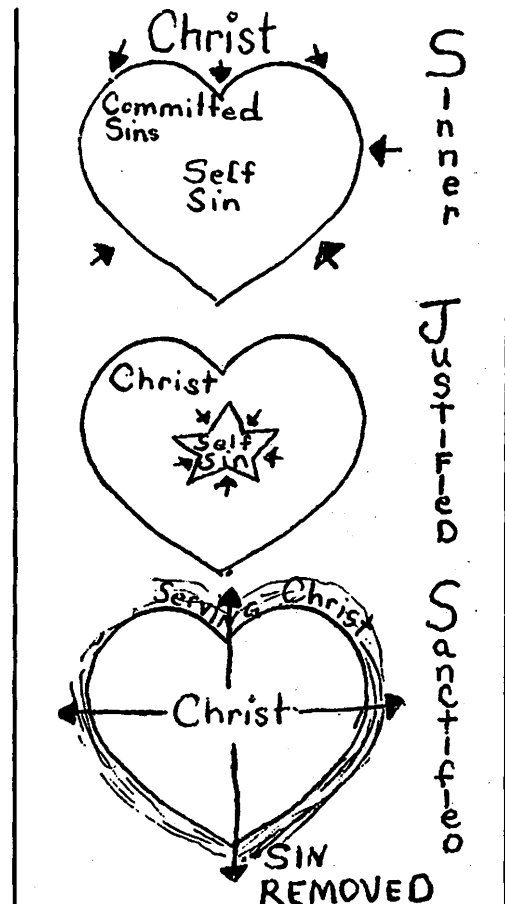
Christian love to all, —Sister O. K. Myers

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Mo.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and Co-workers: On August 26, Howard slipped and fell down three steps and fractured a rib. About 4 days later he sneezed hard and broke the rib. He managed to get home from work with the Lord's help. He was in severe pain. We called for Sister Carrick and Sister Taylor to come over for prayer. We put our whole trust in the Lord and with much prayer the Lord came to our rescue. As we prayed, the Lord would ease the severe pain. By the next morning we

could see improvement and he has been steadily improving since. All the saints at Webb City were so comforting during this time and prayed much for us. Howard only missed about five days work. I'm sure he would have missed more without the help of the Lord. Praise the Lord! Such a wonderful healing power!

We would appreciate an interest in your prayers.  
Yours in Christ, —Bro. and Sister Howard Hill



### The Two Works of Grace

By the three hearts pictured above we wish to Biblically show forth the two works of grace which every soul needs in order to be fully equipped to fight the good fight of faith and win the crown which, Peter says, will never fade away.

The first heart represents an unsaved man having his heart filled with selfishness and sin. He has no room for Christ. Therefore, the enemy rules over him and causes him to do evil and think evil, as Paul stated in the 7th chapter of Rom. where he was telling of his condition when he lived in sin and said, "When I would do good, evil is present with me." In the 20th verse he says, "Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me." In the 24th verse he says, "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death." A sinner who really desires to please the Lord and live free from sin but has no power within

himself to keep from committing sin becomes a wretched man.

Thank God, Paul found deliverance through Christ and he tells us about it in the 8th chapter of Romans. Bless God, there is hope for every sinner to be made free from sin and wretchedness through Christ.

Let us show you by the Word of God how a sinner can be freed from sin and condemnation. In 2nd. Cor. 7:10 we read that godly sorrow worketh repentance. When one really becomes sorry because he is doing wrong in the sight of God, he is in a good condition to repent, to confess his sins to God and ask Him to forgive him. God says in His Word (1 John 1:9) that "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and [something else to be done] to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Again we read in Rom. 10:9-10 "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." When this is done and God forgives him of all his sinful acts of unrighteousness, then he has peace with God through Christ's blood sacrifice, for we quote Eph. 1:7 which reads thus, "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace." Again we read in Col. 1:14, "In whom [Christ] we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins."

In Romans 5:1 we read, "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." When your actual transgressions have been forgiven, then you will have peace with God. And as you walk in His ways and prove your love for Him by keeping His commandments as far as you know, He will be with you. In the 2nd verse He has something more for you, for it reads this way, "By whom [Christ] also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand and rejoice in the hope of the glory of God." He wants you to have standing grace by going on to perfection, and not laying again the foundation for repentance.

In looking at the second heart, which represents the heart of a justified man, you will see a small place in the center of the heart where self, the old man or the sin nature remains according to the 12th verse of the 5th chapter of Romans. Let us read it: "Wherefore, as by one man [Adam] sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." This sin nature, which passed upon all men because of Adam's transgression, will be more or less held in restraint while you are in a justified state because of the presence and power of God being with you. One will not live in a justified state very long until he will begin to realize that there is something in his heart that needs to be cleansed away by the power of God. That unrighteous thing in the heart is the effect of the fall of Adam. You did not commit it; therefore, you cannot remove it by repentance. But you must by

consecrating yourself and all that you possess unto God, call upon Him to have mercy and to sanctify you—cleanse this thing from your being. The word "sanctification" has two meanings according to the dictionary. One is to set apart for God's sacred use, and the other is to purge or cleanse from sin; make holy. You are to sanctify yourself by setting yourself apart to be the Lord's or presenting your body to Him as a living sacrifice. His part will be to send the Holy Spirit into your soul, cleansing the sin nature away, purifying your soul and giving you the Divine nature or life to rule your body and soul for Him. In John 15:2 we read, "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit he purgeth [cleanseth] it, that it may bring forth more fruit." In Acts the 15th chapter the Apostle Peter makes it very plain that those of Cornelius' house, the Gentiles were purified when they received the Holy Ghost just the same as those who received cleansing when they received the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost. Let us read it: "And God, which knoweth the hearts, bear them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us; and put no difference between us and them, purifying [cleansing] their hearts by faith."

The third heart shows a sanctified heart with all unrighteousness, the sin nature, removed and Christ living supreme in the heart, which will enable one to stand against all the wiles of the devil. Self, the "old man" is crucified according to Romans 6:6 which reads, "Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him [Christ], that the body of sin [that sin nature] might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin." In Galatians 2:20 Paul testifies and says, "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 the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." This should be the testimony of every truly sanctified soul. When John the Baptist saw Jesus coming, he said, "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." That sin that passed upon all men through Adam's transgression is the very thing that Jesus came to cleanse us from, because that sin principle in the heart caused men to commit sin who really did not want to sin. At the door of Cain's heart was that sin nature—the root causing him to murder his brother Abel.

That sin in the heart is what causes religious people to fall out with one another, having envy and jealousy, which will have to be confessed and repented of before they can be filled with the Holy Ghost and fire. When one is really sanctified, he will be careful how he thinks evil of others. He will bear and forbear long, and be patient when the Holy Ghost is given. Read Romans 5:3-5 and see what the Comforter will do for you. In the fifth verse it says that "the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." This love will cause us to love our enemies, will cause us to bear and forbear, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

O brother ministers, let us teach and practice this doctrine of truth to the people, for Jude, in writing to the sanctified ministers, told them to "earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints." That faith was the faith given them on the day of Pentecost for the reception of the Holy Ghost. They had never had that faith before, for the Holy Ghost had not been given before that time. Let us keep contending for this faith with a life backing it up, bearing the fruits of the Spirit.

—Fred Pruitt

## THE CHURCH

The New Testament clearly states the establishing of a church that is divine and has its origin and building by God. Jesus said in Jno. 10:30, "I and my Father are one." And verse 37, "If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. But if I do, though ye believe me not, believe the works: that ye may know and believe that the Father IS IN ME AND I IN HIM." This teaches us that when Jesus said, "I will build my church" (Matt. 16:13-18), He was doing the works of the Father. He was building the only church of God. It is the church that is entered by Christ's blood. It is a spiritual structure. Man must be cleansed by the blood to have any part or membership in it. "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body" (1 Cor. 12:13). This church will stand forever. The gates of hell shall not prevail against it. It is the body of Christ. Eph. 1:22, 23, "And hath put all things under his feet and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all." Man cannot take the place of Christ and be the head. It is declared that the government shall be upon his shoulders. Man cannot have the pre-eminence. The task of man is to preach the gospel, the word of God. Col. 1:18 reads, "And he is the head of the body, the church who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead that in all things he might have the pre-eminence."

Everything for man's salvation is found in the blessed Christ. Col. 1:19, "For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell." Man must have a reconciliation with Christ in order to reap a crown of life. Col. 1:20, "And having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself: by him I say, whether they be things in earth or things in heaven." The contention for more than one body or church is not substantiated by the gospel. Christ has but one body (church). Eph. 4:4-6 "There is one body and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling: one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in you all." Everyone regenerated by the new birth has been baptized by the Spirit into the church of God. Sects or divisions form no part of the holy church of God which Jesus said "I will build". "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing and that there be

no divisions among you: But that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." 1 Cor. 1:10. The unity of the spirit cannot exist when people are divided. "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body." 1 Cor. 12:13.

Dear reader, it is God who places the members in His church. "And God has set some in the church." 1 Cor. 12:28. Salvation makes us members of the church that Jesus built. Jesus told his disciples to rejoice that their names were written in heaven. "Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you I am the door of the sheep. All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door: by me if any man enter in he shall be saved." John 10:7-9. If a man is saved from SIN and has his name in the book of life, he has done more than just join a church. He has been inducted into the church Jesus built. Acts 2:47 "Praising God and having favor with all the people and the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." The gospel is clear that it is the Lord who places the members in the church by His Spirit. "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body [church], whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether bond or free: and have been all made to drink into one Spirit" 1 Cor. 12:13. "He is the head of the body, the church. . . . that in all things he might have the pre-eminence" (Col. 1:18-19). "For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell." It is the property of Jesus. He bought it with his blood. Acts 20:28, "Which he has purchased with his own blood." "Paul called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God . . . unto the CHURCH OF GOD which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints" 1 Cor. 1:2. In the church that Christ said, "I will build," every member is recorded in the book of life. A class book is not a BOOK OF LIFE. Phil. 4:3 reads like this: "whose names are in the book of life." Most all humanly organized so called churches have written by-laws not found in the Bible. Paul's instruction is that the word of God is a perfect law of government. Paul warns Timothy, "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. All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be PERFECT, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." (2 Tim. 3:15-17). You and I will be judged by the word of God in the last day. Jesus said we would. Read John 12:47-50. In the church of God, no joining is needed. The love of God knits us together. Col. 2:3. The children of God need nothing else. Col. 2:10. "And ye are complete in HIM which is the head of all principality and power." —Thomas J. Powers

Someone has said: "The inconsistent record of the Church's attitude toward war is severely criticized by thinking men of the world."

## Later Editorial Notes . . . . .

The supply of the booklet entitled, "From the Rockies to Egypt," has been exhausted and it is now out of stock. We still have some of the books entitled, "True Stories for Children", and will fill orders for them as long as they last.

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In this issue of the "Faith and Victory" paper you will find an order blank with lines for ten names and addresses for the paper to be sent to your friends for 3 months for \$1.00. Write or print the names very clearly or better still, with a typewriter. On page four of this October issue, you will find a list of premiums. Select one premium for your effort, enclose one dollar with the names and mail to us, and thereby do missionary work for the Lord. Give God a chance to talk to souls and bring conviction on them so they can repent with godly sorrow. Get interested in the spiritual welfare of your neighbors and friends. This "three-months-for-dollar" offer will close the 8th of December and the three month subscriptions will begin with January, 1963. People read more in the winter months, so please take advantage of this liberal offer.

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The Lord has supplied new workers for His print shop. We are thankful for these workers, as we can now do more printing and send a greater amount of gospel literature to all parts of the world. The tracts, papers, and books are going out in every direction in a steady stream day by day. Souls are getting saved and the saints everywhere are greatly blessed and built up in God. Proud people are so dull of hearing that the gospel in its clearness and simplicity does not appeal to them, but the Bible says that "the humble shall hear thereof and be glad." Psalms 34:2.

Sister Malinda Penner, who had faithfully worked here in the office for some time, felt led to engage in personal work. After she left in June, Sister Camille Melot came to fill the vacancy. She keeps her home for her husband and herself and works here during the day. She was led of the Lord and is filling her place well, taking care of the subscription and stencil department. She also takes dictation in short hand, which involves much typing.

Brother and Sister Clifford Wilson and family recently moved here from Iowa so that their children could be with the saints and in the meetings. Since both have worked here before and are acquainted with the printing work, they are able to help out part time here in the Lord's work.

Sister Sharon Watkins felt led of the Lord to come here from Jefferson, Oregon, to work for the Lord in His print shop. She is assisting with the subscriptions to the "Faith and Victory" and the "Beautiful Way" papers. She also does the wrapping of tracts, papers, and books for mailing and does a lot of typing work. She is fitting into the office work very nicely. We certainly do appreciate the goodness of God in supplying workers to keep this gospel truth going forth to mankind by the printed

page. We give God all the praise. The Faith Publishing House family is a happy group of consecrated workers for God and in behalf of precious souls. We solicit the prayers of all the saints to hold us up to God in prayer, as we meet up with many problems in a faith work like this. His "big hand" of love is often known and seen, as the enemy is met and conquered by the power and spirit of God. Bless His dear name!

## Do You Need Strength?

On the wall in the chapel at Pomona, Calif., there hangs a motto which says, "In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength." (Isa. 30:15). It has been hanging there for a number of years, and has been an inspiration to many. Think upon those precious words for a while. What does quietness mean? It means for the body to cease its moving, and for the mind to be cleared of all the push and pull of the stress and strain of the cares of life, becoming still before the Lord. Then let the mind soar up to the heavenly realm. Think of the greatness of God. Think of His love and how He has proved it to all by sending His precious Son to live, die and arise for salvation. Think of how unworthy one is of any blessings, since at one time all had sinned against the precious heavenly Father, yet He bestows blessings upon blessings upon all. Think of what He has done in the past and know that He will do the same now and in the future. He has promised to be "a rewarder of them that diligently seek him". Since you have diligently sought Him for the things you have need of, you can expect them to come. You can rest in His precious Word and know that He will take care of all those things that you have brought to Him in prayer. Can't you just feel new courage, new strength for the trying scenes of life surge up in your very being? Now go forth and count the victory yours.

—Sister Marie Miles

## WHY AM I HERE?

To bring honor and pleasure to the Creator. Rev. 4:11  
To respond to His offered salvation. Matt. 11:20.  
To carry out His Great Commission. Mark 16:15.  
To pay our debt to lost souls. Romans 1:14.

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October 7, 1962

## WHY DO BELIEFS MATTER?

Printed Portion ..... John 3:17-18; 2 Thes. 2:13-16;  
2 Peter 3:14-18

John 3:17. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

18. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he

hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

2 Thes. 2:13. But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:

14. Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

15. Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word or our epistle.

16. Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace,

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

15. And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you;

16. As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

17 Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness.

18. But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen

Memory Verse: Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you. 1 Pet. 3:15.

Practical Truth: What a person believes affects him.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

It does matter what you believe, because what you believe affects you. Not only does it affect you, but generally someone else also. Hitler believed in the supremacy of his race. Others began to accept his theory. The world gave little heed to what he believed. It didn't matter then. But later what Hitler believed brought on World War II.

What Paul believed turned the pagan world upside down.

If a person says he believes a certain thing is right and then acts differently, one knows he has not stated his true belief. A person will act according to his belief. To be a Christian is to be Christ-like. No longer will the Christian sin. He is righteous. "With the heart man believes unto righteousness." A change has taken place. He is striving to obey the Lord and follow the example of Jesus. There is no condemnation to those who believe from the heart that Jesus died on the cross for their sins and has forgiven them.

We want to have a firm foundation on which to base our beliefs. Our lesson tells us to hold fast firmly to the things that we have been taught through the word of God. Peter tells us that Paul wrote some things that were hard to understand and those who were unlearned twist those things as well as the other scriptures. By so doing they lead others with them down to destruction. We are to beware of false prophets. It matters eternally what we believe.

October 14, 1962

### WHAT IS GOD LIKE?

Printed Portion ..... Acts 17:22-29; Psalms 145:8-13

Acts 17:22. Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious.

23. For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you.

24. God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands;

25. Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;

26. And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;

27. That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:

28. For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

29. Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.

Psa. 145:8. The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.

9. The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.

10. All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord; and thy saints shall bless thee.

11. They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power;

12. To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom.

13. Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.

Memory Verse: Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons. Acts 10:34.

Central Thought: God is all powerful, wise, righteous and all-love.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Just as the pagan people did not know the true God at Athens, many today do not have a vision of what God is like. Isaiah had a vision of the true God in all his glory in the 6th chapter and he cried out, "Woe is me!" People need a revelation of God. He is a God who hates sin, but loves righteousness. He has revealed to mankind through the Bible what is right and what is wrong. He will reward the righteous and punish the wicked. He is a God to be feared, loved, worshipped and obeyed.

God is omnipresent (everywhere present), omniscient, (all-knowing) omnipotent, (all-powerful), immutable, (unchanging) invisible, (cannot be seen) and eternal. Some of His moral attributes are goodness, holiness, justice, mercy and truth. He is a God of love.

Our lesson tells us that He is close to us. Paul tried to tell the pagans at Athens that since we are His offspring they should not think He was like material things or made after "man's devices." God is a Spirit and we must worship Him in spirit and truth, (John 4:24) not with "men's hands". Only that worship that comes from the heart, prompted by the Spirit of God is acceptable to God.



October 21, 1962

## THE SON OF GOD

Printed Portion ..... John 6:35-40; Philippians 2:5-11

John 6:35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

36. But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not.

37. All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

38. For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

39. And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

40. 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.

Phil. 2:5. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

6. Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

7. But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

8. And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

9. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

10. That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

11. And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Memory Verse: For the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister and to give his life a ransom for many. Mark 10:45

Practical Truth: Through Jesus we find perfect peace to our soul.

## COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Sin had separated man from a merciful, unknown and unknowable God. A great gulf was between them. How could an infinite God, who was a Spirit, make Himself known and loved by finite man? Only God in His great wisdom and power knew how to bridge the great gulf. Jesus, the Son of God was the answer. John writes that "in him [Jesus] was life; and the life was the light of men." (John 1:4) Jesus was with the Father in the creation of the world. "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." (John 1:1). But our lesson tells us that He took upon himself the likeness of man, humbled himself and came here in the flesh. Jesus "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." (Heb. 1:3). Jesus tasted "death for every man," (Heb. 2:9) "that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; and deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage." (Heb. 2:14, 15)

Jesus is the "bread of life" and will satisfy every hungry heart. All that will come to Him will be accepted. Those who will not bow before him today will bow in that Judgment Day.

October 28, 1962

## THE HOLY SPIRIT

Printed Portion ..... John 16:4b-15

John 16:4. And these things I said not unto you at the beginning, because I was with you.

5. But now I go my way to him that sent me; and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou?

6. But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart.

7. Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

8. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

9. Of sin, because they believe not on me;

10. Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;

11. Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

12. I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.

13. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth; for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

14. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

15. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

Memory Verse Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Acts 2:38.

Practical Truth: The Holy Spirit is Christ's gift to the church.

## COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

"For this is the will of God, even your sanctification" (1 Thess. 4:3). Our salvation is not complete unless we have been sanctified or filled with the Holy Spirit. There are two works of grace needed in the heart. First our committed sins are forgiven and then the inherited sin (Rom. 5:12) needs to be cleansed out or the heart purified by the Holy Spirit. God gave "them the Holy Spirit . . . purifying their hearts by faith" (Acts 15:8, 9). We cannot ask forgiveness for the inherited sin but as we consecrate ourselves to God, He sends the Holy Spirit in and he purifies us from sin.

The dictionary says, sanctify or sanctified is taken from two Latin words, "Sanctus" means "holy" and "facere" means "to make". It says "to make free from sin, purify, to set apart as holy; consecrate."

The Holy Spirit is the third person in the Godhead and has always existed. In the beginning God spoke and the Spirit moved. (Gen. 1:2, 3.)

The "blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven men." This is the last dispensation and man's last chance to get right with God. If he turns down the Holy Spirit, he is lost.

Our lesson tells us that the Holy Spirit will be our comforter, reprover, guide, teacher, revealer, and will glorify Christ. It is important that we be filled with the Holy Spirit. In Heb. 12:14 we read, "holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." Study the diagram found in this paper.

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