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The Last Trumpet

Life's little day is waning—
Now friend and foe alike
Must listen to the trumpet call:
The Judgment is in sight.

Oh, sinner friend, take warning:
This one may be your last.
Where will you be in eternity?
God's mercy soon will pass.

Accept the offer of His love,
In contrition seek His face.
His love to man was Jesus Christ,
Who died to take your place.

Will you break anew that loving heart
That pleads yet once again?
Will you cry out to Him, "Depart!"
I will not have you reign?"

Today, if you will hear His voice,
Go to Him with all speed.
If the Son shall make you free,
You shall be free indeed!

The sons of men who serve Him here,
Whom He doth call His own;
Will be upheld by His right hand
Until we're gathered Home.

Brother, if you are weary,
Pray to your God on high,
Hold—just a little longer:
Your redemption draweth nigh.

—Irene Kinnear

George Muller said: "God judges our giving by what we keep." When Jesus sat by the treasury in the temple he observed that the poor widow "cast in more than they all." For herself she had reserved nothing. Love finds its fullest expression in giving to that which it loves. Sacrifice is the first law of love in the Christian's life.

The Plan of Salvation

Part 1

Man's Original State and Fall

Mankind, in his unregenerate state, is two degrees or steps below the state of moral purity and holiness in which he was created.

Originally, at his creation, man was in the image and after the likeness of God. Gen. 1:26, 27. In this state he was possessed of "righteousness and true holiness." In Col. 3:10 we read, "And have put on the new man which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him." In Eph. 4:24 it says, "And that ye put on the new man which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness." These two texts make it clear that the image of God is righteousness and true holiness. This is what man possessed in his original state.

Transgression of the commandment of God by the original pair changed all of this. Sin entered into this world by the wilful choice of our foreparents and by this means they apostatized from God. Gen. 3:1.

Sin brought about a change in man's moral nature. Now instead of the righteousness and true holiness that he originally possessed, he becomes depraved and corrupt in his moral nature. In Eph. 4:22 it says, "... that ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts." Eph. 4:25-31 describes the corrupt deeds of the old man: lying, vs. 25; stealing, vs. 27; corrupt communication out of your mouth, vs. 29; bitterness, wrath, anger, clamour, and evil speaking, vs. 31.

The fact that the moral likeness and image of God was effaced from the human soul by this means is evidenced by the fact that when we obtain the salvation of the Lord Jesus Christ we are said to be renewed in that image, Col. 3:10. In other words, it is a restoration to the image of God—hence we conclude it had been lost.

As a result of this, the moral nature of all mankind was affected in this way, became depraved and corrupt. Sin has become universal as a result of the sin of this first pair. Rom. 5:12 says, "As by one

man sin entered the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." Rom. 5:15, "... For if by the offense of one, many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many." Rom. 5:16, "For if by one man's offense, death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ." Rom. 5:18, "Therefore as by the offense of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation." Rom. 5:19, "For as by one man's disobedience, many were made sinners."

Rom. 5:13, 14 says, "For until the law sin was in the world; but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression." From Adam to Moses there was no commandment in existence, hence people could not sin after the similitude of Adam's transgression by breaking a specific commandment, but, at the same time, they were in sin and death reigned over them. The only law they had during this time was the law of their conscience. Concerning this we read in Rom. 2:13-15, "For not the hearers of the law are just before God but the doers of the law shall be justified. For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these having not the law, are a law unto themselves: Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another." Some have supposed from this text that people could be saved by their conscience. This text does not teach salvation according to man's conscience but it does teach us that there is sufficient knowledge in every man's conscience to fix responsibility and render him a responsible being to God. Gal. 3:19 says, "... the law was added because of transgression, until the seed should come," etc. But if the law was added because of transgression, what were they transgressing? There was no actual commandment in existence between Adam and Moses when the law was given. There was nothing to transgress only the law of their conscience and these poor, fallen creatures were so under the power of sin they could not even live to their own conscience. Gal. 3:22 says, "But the scripture hath concluded all under sin." Rom. 3:23, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." Rom. 5:12, "... death passed upon all men for that all have sinned." Rom. 11:32, "For God hath concluded them all in unbelief; that He might have mercy upon all." 2 Cor. 5:14, "For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead."

If these scriptures do not prove all men to be under the dismal sway of sin, that they are thus affected because of one man and his sin, and that one man is Adam, what do they teach? Then, how could this all be true except there be something hereditary about sin? Certain diseases, defects, and deficiencies

(mental, physical, and otherwise) are said to be transmittable from parent to child and they are called hereditary. If it is carried through different members of the family or through succeeding generations, it is said that this or that runs in the family. Their father or grandfather had that, or was that way, etc. The scriptures conclude something about sin to be hereditary, a depravity of nature to be handed down through the generations of mankind from the original parent.

Adam begat children in his own likeness after his image. Gen. 5:3, "And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth." At this time Adam had lost the image and likeness of God (righteousness and true holiness). He was now possessed of a depraved, corrupt nature and could only transmit what he had to his posterity.

This fact is further evidenced by the fact that God, in order to get a pure, holy seed into the world (Christ) set the man aside and without the use of man begat by the Holy Ghost a holy seed within the woman and Christ is called the seed of the woman.

But let us notice a few more scriptures along this line. Psalm 51:5 says, "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." Gen. 8:21 says, "And the Lord smelled a sweet savour; and the Lord said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth: neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done." Gen. 6:5, 6 reads, "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart."

—Ostis B. Wilson

The foregoing article is the first of a series by this writer on the subject, "The Plan of Salvation," to appear in following issues of this paper.

The Doubting Habit

Of all the many and varied weapons which Satan uses against the people of God, surely doubting and unbelief are at the top of the list, holding God's children back from advancing His glorious cause and kingdom in the earth, keeping His church far too few in number and hindering the manifestation of His divine power among the people and nations. The menace in doubting is held in far far too little regard among God's people. If it is not recognized—resisted constantly and weeded out of their lives, they grow weaker and weaker in active faith and belief in the spiritual things of the kingdom. They find themselves filled with fear and imagination. Just the very smallest grain of doubt or unbelief is very perilous to the soul if left there without any pressure of resistance being brought against it.

If we, God's people, doubt, it is because there is a certain amount of unbelief on hand. And if we

are unable to believe God's promises, then surely we are doubting Christ, for He is the Word (John 1:1; Rev. 19:13). Not only so, but if we do not have active, living faith and belief in the words as spoken by David and all the prophets, we are simply holding off (in a measure, resisting) both active faith and active belief in the Word as spoken by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit inspired the words (every promise) as spoken by David and the prophets. (2 Pet. 1:21; Mark 12:36; Acts 1:16).

Surely this knowledge brings a very serious charge against all who have been saved for many years and yet have not attained to an active, positive belief in every promise and commandment given in the Bible. And surely they can blame no one but themselves, for God's holy Word has been visibly verified, literally thousands of times down through thousands of years, yea, even in their own lives also. God has left mankind without one valid excuse for unbelief. The one and only reason for its existence among His people is that they simply have not set their whole heart, soul, mind, and strength against it in the power of God, resisting every thought of unbelief instantly, the very moment it starts to appear in the mind (2 Cor. 10:5). This kind of resistance will place God's children a long way on the road to attaining active belief and active faith. To gain the very fullness of those vital virtues, they must also strive with all their heart, soul, mind and strength to believe, praying earnestly for it, and using every device and plan known among Christians to gain the coveted prize.

It is of the utmost importance that the seeker for these virtues must see and realize the utter, positive infallibility of his God whom he serves; the God that fills the whole vast endless universe with His Spirit; the God that sees all things at all times and places; the God that cannot lie; the God that cannot ever be mistaken, even in the slightest degree; (1 John 1:5), the God that knows the thoughts in every mind upon the earth at all times and places; the God that created everything, visible and invisible, by speaking the Word; the God that set the universe in space and holds it there by His Omnipotent, unchanging power and decree; the God that created the life in every living thing; the God with whom nothing shall be impossible; the God who has sworn a solemn oath to His trusting, obedient children, swearing by His glorious, infallible, omnipotent power and name to verify every promise given in His holy, sacred, eternal Word; not one jot or tittle of which shall pass till all of it be fulfilled. His Word is as eternal as the heaven itself, forever settled just as it is written. The very moment that Word is fully believed with the heart, and accepted in man's life with all his soul, that very portion which he believes thus and accepts, becomes active in every detail of its glorious meaning and brings it to pass just as written. (1 Kings 8:56). God need not make a move in order to bring His holy Word to pass as it reads. His part was accomplished in the giving of His Word, and man receives its benefits and blessings as and when he be-

lieves it in his heart and soul. It is eternal, forever settled in heaven just as it reads, therefore no part of it can ever be destroyed, for eternal things cannot fail or be destroyed.

Wherefore, brethren, let us consider this subject in fear and trembling, guarding our souls every moment lest a doubt creep in unawares or a spirit of unbelief take hold on our lives because we walk too much by sight and reasoning. Let us give no place to the devil in anything, for truly we must war a good warfare or lose our soul. Amen.

—Bro. J. W. Trimble

In Memoriam

Recently, the sorrow that I sustained in the loss of my father, Fred Pruitt, has come afresh since it was in June of last year he left us. Though I gave him his flowers while he was living, yet I still revere the memory of him.

Through the last year I would get so lonesome for him that I would go to the cemetery, but that didn't help because he really isn't there—just the remains of his house of clay. His soul is basking in the sunlight of Glory. He fought his battle and won. We have the battle of life to fight and by God's grace we are determined to win.

When I was a child I was very frail. Often I would be sick, but would always call for my father to come and pray for me. The Lord would touch me and I would be up and going again. This made a close bond between my father and me which lasted until his death. He was one of the best friends that I had in this world. Many times while I was in trial his words of encouragement were what I needed.

I shared with him the burden he had for the work here in getting the gospel out through the printed page during the last nine years of his life and more. Together we prayed for the problems we faced, problems of others, afflictions and needs. The Lord heard and answered in a wonderful way. Together we prayed with and talked to others about their problems. Often we talked about the precious truths of God's Word. I miss him and want to say that the memory of him is a precious memory. I am glad that I have no regrets, but showed respect to him in every way I knew how while he was here.

I had a precious mother, also, who left us over nine and a half years ago. When I was a child she kept an eye on me. We were required to play in the yard, therefore she had many neighbor children to see about also. When dark came we were in the house, or if we played out in the yard she was sitting on the porch with a watchful eye. She taught me how to act as a young lady and guided me to virtuous womanhood. I value and appreciate those things she did which were unnoticed by me or others, but took a lot of her time, which helped me to grow up to love and serve the Lord. I thank God for a wonderful mother and father that he gave me. I expect to meet them in that glory World some day.

—Anna Marie (Pruitt) Miles

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EDITORIALS

Time is swiftly flying, and the campmeeting season has arrived this month on its annual cycle. The first two begin on June 5 at Tulsa, Okla. and Holly Hill, S. C. We pray that the Holy Spirit anointing will rest on every service, that the meetings will rebound to the glory of God and the salvation of many souls, and that they will set the divine pattern of holy fellowship and worship for all the succeeding campmeetings throughout the summer.

Campmeeting bills have been printed and are ready for mailing for distribution locally on all the meetings on which we had the necessary information.

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It goes without saying that these are perilous times because of so much religious confusion and winds of doctrines. This would seem strange to the casual observer in the face of the present-day predominant theme of "Christian unity." Even the so-called Church of God groups are calling for unity and fellowship—under their banner, but they offer as many divergent views and practices as there are groups. "Is Christ divided?" The scriptural answer is "No," and neither is His spiritual Body, the Church, of which He is the Head.

In a recent letter a minister stated his position thus: "I'm not going to compromise just to gain a following. Life is too short and eternity too long to play with men's souls." If professors would really get serious about life and the judgment in the light of God's Word, the divisional barriers, which often have been built up by personal feelings, opinions and on false premises, would melt away under the sunlight of eternal truth.

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With the mailing of this issue we are forcibly reminded of our loss a year ago the 6th of June when the Lord called my dear father, Fred Pruitt, the founder and first editor of this paper, from his labors here to eternal Rest after 47 years spent in the gospel preaching and printing ministry.

One of his special burdens in late years was to see the expansion of the foreign mission work in Nigeria, West Africa where Bro. B. U. Etuk, the native minister, was endeavoring to get the gospel to his people. While many were rather reluctant or hesitant in supporting this new field without further investigation, he felt that the Lord had definitely opened this door for the gospel, that the Church should enter it wholeheartedly, and that missionaries from the Church here should go there and labor to establish the native ministers in the doctrinal truths. He felt that this was a fertile field, ripe for the true gospel of Christ, and that if the Church was ever going to reach the foreign fields, here and now was its opportunity which God had afforded. This reve-

lation to him has been verified and confirmed by the favorable report which Bro. David Madden brought upon his recent return from Nigeria.

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Just off the press is a reprint of the book, **"The Sabbath and the Lord's Day"** by H. M. Riggle, consisting of 160 pages, paperbound. This volume thoroughly covers the subject and should be in the hands of every one who is confused on this matter, and would prove a valuable aid to those who are trying to help others who are confused. It sets forth the true spiritual meaning of the Sabbath shadow for the New Testament Church. Price, 60c each, or two for \$1.00, postpaid. Order your copies today!

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The Spanish paper, **"La Luz de Esperanza"** (The Light of Hope), is being printed and mailed out each month to the missionaries who are laboring in Mexico across the border from California. They appreciate this blessing from the Lord as a means of getting the gospel invitation in printed form into the hands of the Spanish-speaking people. Pray that the gospel seed will produce bountifully.

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Manuscript was submitted to us recently at our request which was written by Bro. Ostis B. Wilson entitled, **"The Plan of Salvation."** It is very clear Bible teaching on God's redemptive provision for mankind. It covers man's original state in creation, his fall into sin, the image and nature that passed on to his posterity, the supreme Sacrifice for sin, and the steps in the restoration of man to the plane of perfect holiness. This treatise should definitely be in book form for the reading public, and we are now preparing it for printing. Consisting of about 64 pages, this paperbound book is planned to be available for distribution by June 15.

We had in mind also to print parts of this manuscript in a series of continued articles through this paper, which will certainly prove a blessing to every reader. Sincere thanks are extended to Bro. Wilson for his writing on this timely subject.

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The Evangelistic Tent Work Call

WHO WILL GO AND GIVE?

Bro. and Sister Ralph M. Beisly, treasurers of the National Missionary Fund through which the evangelistic tent work is supported, informed us by letter of May 14 that they have not yet found a suitable house trailer to purchase to go with the tent equipment though they have been searching for one at a price the Fund could afford. They located a good 22-foot trailer, but it had no bathroom facilities. They feel (and we agree) that a trailer to meet the needs of a traveling evangelistic company should have these facilities. Even a used trailer like this might run as high as \$2,500. Since there is only \$986 in the Fund for this purpose, it will mean a step of faith to secure this much-needed trailer. This is a real burden on those particularly responsible to get the equipment ready for the road, and the tent should be in use NOW, answering the many calls for the gospel. Let all the saints take this burden and pray earnestly that

the urgent need will be supplied promptly in order that the gospel work will not be hindered.

As stated before, just two or three gospel workers to do the manual and spiritual work are not sufficient for successful tent meetings. Five or six able-bodied and fully consecrated workers cooperating together as a unit under the anointing of the Holy Spirit is essential for this gospel tent work. Continue to pray fervently that these qualified workers will respond quickly. We are confident that the Lord is dealing with some, and by faith we see the prayers answered.

For further information about the evangelistic tent work or to express your burden, or to send love offerings to purchase the trailer house and support of the workers, please address your letter to Bro. Ralph M. Beisly, 407 Eldridge, Coffeyville, Kansas. —Lawrence Pruitt

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MISSIONARY REPORT ON NIGERIA, WEST AFRICA



Pictured is Bro. David Madden standing with Bro. B. U. Etuk, the native minister and superintendent of the Church of God Mission, and taken the first part of April in front of Bro. Etuk's home in Nigeria, West Africa, where Bro. Madden labored very strenuously in missionary work from March 28 to April 10.

As we write these lines, our hearts are heavy because of the loss that you and all of us—the Church of God—have sustained in the passing of our first American missionary to Nigeria, our beloved Bro. David Madden who so recently faithfully labored there under very trying circumstances. A few days after his arrival back

home at Tulsa, Okla. on April 12, he took his bed with what was posthumously described as malaria. The ministers and saints were called for prayer, some of whom remained with him to the end. Though many prayers ascended in his behalf, the Lord, in His infinite wisdom, called him Home on April 28. We may often wonder why, yet we humbly bow our heads and hearts in submission to God's will, sorrowing not as those who have no hope of seeing him again, for Bro. David is there now on that eternal blissful shore awaiting the Homecoming of all the faithful pilgrims. (His obituary appears elsewhere in this issue.)

Bro. Madden felt burdened of the Lord to make this missionary trip, which was the first personal contact from the Church here with the native Church of God Mission in Nigeria. Because of his sudden illness on returning home, he was unable to make a full report to the Church on his labors and investigation, but those close to him were informed of the highlights and sidelights of his experiences. His consuming interest was the Nigerian mission field.

May his passing create in the Church a greater vision, zeal and fervency of Spirit to meet the challenge of the great foreign mission fields! May each of us redouble our efforts, grasp and carry onward the soul-saving gospel torch which Bro. David laid down. We in turn will reap that eternal reward if we faint or fail not, and what would be a greater memorial tribute to Bro. David Madden than to make certain, under God's blessings and direction, the establishment of a permanent mission as a base for the evangelization of the 40,000,000 people of Nigeria, which is the native and original home of our American colored people?

Under date of April 15 a letter was received from Bro. B. U. Etuk in which he enclosed the picture shown herewith. Then under date of April 29 Bro. Etuk's field secretary, Bro. Friday F. Ekpo, wrote a typewritten report of their activities for the months of March and April which is too long to publish in the space available. Included in this report is an interesting record of Bro. Madden's visit to the headquarters' chapel, and the visits and services held at all the outlying stations, the farthest away from the headquarters being about 30 miles. Bro. Madden and Bro. Ekpo traveled together on these visits in the Volkswagen car which is owned by the mission. The following epilogue is written in this report by the secretary who was Bro. Madden's traveling companion and interpreter:

"We all hope Bro. David has enjoyed his short trip and 13 days' stay with us. He quickly adapted himself to local conditions, and for this I am particularly happy. He comported himself with Christian dignity and felt (could it be outwardly?) himself at home. We all will miss him, and being his closest here, I will miss him most. Let us all hope Bro. and Sister Wilson will be like Bro. David."

Another letter was received from Bro. Etuk under date of April 30, a part of which reads: "We were not unaware of Bro. David's feelings that several of our teachings were quite different from yours—and that was and still is the reason why we wanted someone from you to come and get us out from this mess . . . of irregularities. We have no doubt that Bro. and Sister Wilson's stay will be well for us. We are happy to hear that they will start from there by ship in about five weeks' time."

Bro. Etuk also writes that they have started construction of a permanent-type addition to their headquarters' chapel, which is their No. 1 project. They are appealing to the Church here in America for funds

for this building, and hope, by the blessings of the Lord, to complete it in three months.

In response to Bro. Etuk's request for more literature, we mailed him 26 lbs. of tracts and books just recently.

With regrets we mailed a letter to Bro. Etuk on May 1 informing him of Bro. David's passing. This, likewise, will be shocking news to them. Up to this date of May 24 we have had no reply, but we expect it any day.

Under date of May 16 Bro. Ostis Wilson informs us by letter that they do not yet have their visas for going to Nigeria, and as long as they do not have it in their hand they cannot make definite announcements in regard to their trip. They cannot tell when it will be forthcoming or whether there may yet be more details to be worked out. If it does not come through soon, it would seem quite certain that they could not make the schedule announced in the last issue of the paper—to leave New York City by ship on June 9.

Above all, pray fervently for the home and foreign missionary work and workers. The Lord will not be unmindful of our work of faith and labor of love in His cause.

—Lawrence Pruitt

OBITUARIES

Hillard Cates Black was born Feb. 14, 1876 in Huntsville, Texas and departed this life May 12, 1964 at Tulsa, Oklahoma.

He was united in marriage to Viola Brown on May 17, 1921. To this union four children were born.

Bro. Black was kind and tried to be a friend to everyone. He is survived by his wife, Viola Black, of the home; three sons, Robert, Frank, and James, all of Tulsa, Okla., one daughter, Thelma Anderson, of Oklahoma City, one sister, Mrs. Lela Woods of Galveston, Texas, seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Funeral sermon was by Bro. Ulysses Phillips, assisted by Bro. Woodrow Warren and Bro. Sam Barton. Texts: Heb. 9:27, 28; Eccl. 3:20. May God console and comfort the bereaved is our prayer.

Harry T. Travis was born at Porter, Pa. and died May 1, 1964 in the area of Jefferson, Oregon, at the age of 87 years, 11 months and 26 days.

He was saved in the Church of God at Fargo, Okla. in 1901. In 1903 at Fargo, Okla. he was united in marriage to Margaret M. Smith. To this union nine children were born, three having preceded him in death.

Survivors are his wife, Margaret; three daughters, Mrs. Esther Turner, Mrs. Florence R. Duvall, and Mrs. Dorothy M. Palmer, all of Salem, Ore.; three sons, Charles H., San Gabriel, Calif., Melvin S., Washington D. C., and Robert G., Milwaukie, Ore.; 11 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.

—Margaret M. Travis

David Calvin Madden, the son of Clyde and Minnie Madden, was born August 3, 1926 at Oklahoma City, Okla. and departed this life on April 28, 1964 at Tulsa, Okla. after a short illness at the home of his brother, Richard. His age was 37 years, eight months and 25 days.

A number of years ago David was saved in the Church of God and called to the gospel work, holding to the truth which he learned from his faithful sainted mother who preceded him to the glory World about 20 years ago. In his illness he stood true to God in all points to the end, trusting the Lord completely. After

his passing, the medical examiner determined that he died as a result of malaria.

He leaves to mourn his passing his father, Clyde, of Shawnee, Okla., two sisters, Mrs. Mary Lou Tison, Laticia Madden, both of Shawnee, Okla.; five brothers, Richard and Donald of Tulsa, Okla., Clyde, Jr., Wichita, Kansas, M. J., Tecumseh, Okla., John, Stilwell, Okla., many other relatives and a host of saints and friends around the world.

The funeral services were held at the Smith Funeral Home, Sapulpa, Okla., with Bros. Ira Stover, Archie Souder and Ostis Wilson officiating, and interment was in the Greenhill Memorial Gardens, Sapulpa. Texts used in the sermon: Isaiah 14:27; 57:1.

In Appreciation

The father, brothers, sisters and relatives of Bro. David Madden kindly express their heartfelt appreciation to each one for the oral and written words of sympathy, the floral and monetary offerings, and other acts of kindness to them during this time of sorrow.

AN INSPIRING EXPERIENCE

I wish to say in regard to David Madden and his sickness and death, that it was my privilege to be at his bedside during the last 36 hours of his life and it was an inspiring experience. David was a man who had the victory in the face of severe sickness and even death. He had the victory all the way and it seemed God just especially prepared him for the ordeal of death.

I, with Troy Meek, visited him first on Friday before his death the following Tuesday morning. I saw he was a very sick man and I said to him: "David, how is your faith?" He answered that he felt his faith was all right and he was not conscious of any defect in his faith. Then I said: "Well, how is your courage?" He answered that his courage was good and he was not the least bit discouraged. Then I said: "Then, how is your consecration?" He answered that it was good, real good. He said he had never been more consecrated to God in his life than he was right then. Then he added that he felt he understood more about God and man than he ever had before.

I was holding meeting in Enid, Okla. so returned there for service that night. On Sunday afternoon I was called to come again to his bedside as he had become very critical. Several other ministers were there that afternoon and I went in answer to the call and joined them in the battle. I found David with the same faith, courage and victory that he had expressed to us on Friday. I continued with him from then on until he went to live with Jesus early Tuesday morning.

On Monday morning he was feeling quite badly following a chill in the after part of the night and we had prayer with him. When we had finished praying he raised up in the bed and waved his arm and said: "It's a wonderful thing to be on victory's side. If my folks call or anyone else calls to ask about me this morning, just tell them I have the victory."

He affirmed his faith in God and said if he died he would die trusting God and that is just what he did. And I call that the greatest victory there is when one can graciously die in the triumphs of the living faith. I do not call this a lost battle at all. I just say with the poet, "Life's battles fought and the victory won; He shouts from time to eternity."

Let us all buckle on the armor a little tighter and press on a little more earnestly to gain the coveted prize.

—Ostis B. Wilson

Prayer Requests

Ohio—I am not in very good health and am threatened with a number of serious ailments and afflictions that can cause suffering and inconvenience unless the Lord intervenes. I'm trusting Him to undertake. Also I'm trusting to be delivered from my present situation in His own way. Pray that I will be more faithful and fruitful in His work, more humble and compassionate. I have several sick friends and unsaved loved ones who need prayer.
—Bro. L. Hassinger

La.—Pray for my healing.

Mo.—Pray for the healing of my husband's eyes. The Lord healed a lump in my chest but need prayer for my back and hip.

Tenn.—My eight-year-old daughter has a skin disease and shortness of breath.

Okla.—I have severe pains and can hardly get around.

Ore.—My sister-in-law has internal affliction, also pray that I will get to attend meetings more often.

Ark.—Pray for a man whose daughter died and he feels God has forsaken him.

Mo.—Seriously afflicted and need my health as I have most of the responsibility of caring for the family.

La.—I have arthritis.

La.—Son is in army and is sick.

Mo.—Wife has tonsillitis and goiter.

Tenn.—Want a victorious life.

Ga.—The sore on my grandchild is worse again. She needs salvation.

Mich.—My family and I are going through a serious battle now.

Calif.—Man and wife are on verge of separation.

These are a few of the requests sent in for prayer. Others call by phone and we go to prayer for them, also. God knows all about each one. We can only take them to the Lord and God has to do the work. Be agreed with us for each one. We want God to be glorified. A number write for prayer for their unsaved loved ones and for their own spiritual needs. Also remember the missionary work and the ministers who are laboring on the needy fields for the salvation of souls.

Campmeeting Dates for 1964

Following are the Church of God campmeeting dates for this summer. The complete notice of each will appear in this issue or the July paper.

Tulsa, Okla. Campmeeting at Pine Place and Norfolk Ave. —June 5 to 14. Sam Barton, Pastor, 2262 N. Columbia Place, Tulsa 10, Okla. Phone WE 9-8995.

Holly Hill, S. C. Campmeeting—June 5 to 14. O. Neal Pratt, Rt. 1, Box 38, Holly Hill, S. C.

Hoffman, Okla., Campmeeting — June 19 to 28. Sis. Earnestine Myles, P. O. Box 63, Hoffman, Okla.

General Southern Campmeeting at Hammond, Louisiana. —June 26 to July 5. Max F. Williamson, Pastor, P. O. Box 1084, Hammond, La. Phone 345-4566.

Oregon Campmeeting at Jefferson, Oregon. —June 26 to July 5. Sister Beatrice Spaur, Pastor, P. O. Box 254, Jefferson, Oregon. Phone 327-2855.

Fresno, Calif. Campmeeting—June 28 to July 5. E. J. Trotter, Pastor, 163 North Angus, Fresno, Cal. Phone AM 8-2336.

Green Pastures, Okla. Campmeeting — July 10 to 19. E. W. Sanders, Pastor. Contact T. M. Hinton, Rt. 1, Box 424, Spencer, Okla.

Akron, Ohio Campmeeting — July 10 to 19. For location in Akron, contact Sister Hazel Clark, 502 Euclid Ave., Akron, Ohio.

National Campmeeting at Neosho (Monark Springs), Mo. — July 24 to Aug. 2. Kenneth Probst, Business Manager, Rt. 4, Box 172, Carthage, Mo. 64836.

Oklahoma State Campmeeting at Guthrie, Oklahoma. — August 7 to 16. Ira D. Stover, Pastor, P. O. Box 210, Guthrie. Phone BUTler 2-3244.

Bakersfield, Calif., Campmeeting — Aug. 7 to 16. I. C. Chandler, Pastor, 415-11th St., Bakersfield, Cal. Phone 325-6752.

Missouri State Campmeeting at Myrtle, Mo. — Aug. 21-30. Alsie J. Sorrell, Myrtle, Mo. Phone WE 8-2482.

Boley, Okla. Campmeeting — Aug. 21 to 30. Ora Spears, Rt. 1, Box 108, Boley, Okla.

California State Campmeeting at Pacoima, California. — August 28 to Sept. 6.

Ostis B. Wilson, 12312 Osborne Place, Pacoima, Cal.

Dover, Okla. Campmeeting — Sept. 4 to 14. Ulysses Phillips, Pastor, Rt. 1, Dover, Okla.

Campmeeting Notices

SOUTH CAROLINA CAMPMEETING AT HOLLY HILL

The South Carolina Campmeeting at Holly Hill will be held June 5 to the 14th. All who come by car, come to Holly Hill, take Highway 543 east for two miles. There will be a sign pointing to the campgrounds. There will be plenty of room to park trailers and plenty of sleeping room for those coming by car. Food will be furnished as the Lord provides.

Pray for this meeting that it will be a great blessing to all.

Yours in the Lord's service, —O. Neal Pratt
Rt. 1, Box 38, Holly Hill, S. Car.

TULSA, OKLA. CAMPMEETING

The Church of God at Pine Place and Norfolk Ave. in Tulsa, Oklahoma will have a ten-day campmeeting June 5 through June 14, 1964.

The meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan and everyone is invited to attend this old-fashioned campmeeting. Come praying and expecting blessings from God's bountiful table. We are expecting ministers filled with the Holy Ghost to break the Bread of Life in each service. Bring bedding for your own beds if possible, and places will be furnished for you to sleep.

For further information concerning this meeting, you may contact the following brethren: Bro. Sam Barton, Pastor, 2262 N. Columbia Pl., Tulsa 10, Okla., Phone WE 9-8995 or Bro. Manyles D. Gaines, 2932 N. Lewis Ave., Tulsa 10, Okla., Phone FI 5-8946.

HOFFMAN, OKLA. CAMPMEETING

The Church of God Campmeeting at Hoffman, Okla. will be held, Lord willing, on June 19 through 28. All are invited to attend. Come and bring someone with you. We are looking forward to a good meeting and expecting the Lord to send the ministers of His choosing.

The meeting will be supported by free-will offerings. Those who can, bring your linens. Pray for us and the meeting.

For further information, write Bro. W. W. Crawley, Okemah, Okla., or Sister Earnestine Myles, P. O. Box 63, Hoffman, Okla. —Lorene Payne, Secretary

JEFFERSON, OREGON CAMPMEETING

The Jefferson, Oregon Campmeeting will be held this year, Lord willing, on the saints' grounds, on Hazel Street, June 26 through July 5. The Campground is one block south and a half block east of the bus depot, in Jefferson. Those coming by train would come to Albany, nine miles south of Jefferson.

All are cordially invited to attend this meeting where you can receive help in soul and body. God's ministers will be present to preach the Word. Come praying and expecting the Lord to be with us in the meeting.

Meals will be served in the dining hall. Cabins and bedding furnished. The meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan as in the past.

At this writing, May 12, Bro. A. E. Harmon is here overseeing and building five new cabins, making the upper story as a dormitory. We do thank the dear Lord for sending Bro. and Sister Harmon and Sister Dorothy Keiser. Now the dear Lord is blessing spiritually also. This past Sunday a sister drove over a hundred miles to be baptized. Surely we do praise the dear Lord for the faithful few here and all the saints abroad and their prayers at this time.

For further information, write Sister Emma Busch, Scio, Oregon, or Sister Nedra Watkins, Route 1, Box 320, Turner, Ore. —Sister Beatrice Spaur, Pastor, Box 254, Jefferson, Oregon. Phone 327-2855.

FRESNO, CALIFORNIA CAMPMEETING

The Church of God Campmeeting at Fresno, Calif. will be held June 28 to July 5, 1964 at 1830 Fruit Ave., Fresno.

New Testament ministers will be present to preach the gospel as it was taught and practiced in the early church and in the former years of the "evening light" reformation—justification for sinners, sanctification for believers, and divine healing for the sick. Come and bring your friends to a good, old-fashioned campmeeting. You are cordially invited to attend.

For further information, contact Bro. E. J. Trotter, Pastor, 163 North Angus, Fresno, Calif. Ph. AM 8-2336.

GENERAL SOUTHERN CAMPMEETING

The annual campmeeting of the Church of God will convene Friday, June 26 on the General Southern Campgrounds at Hammond, La., and will continue ten days, to July 5, inclusive. It is located in the southwest part of Hammond.

We are expecting by the blessings of God to have a wonderful meeting. Meals will be served on the grounds by free-will offerings. Sleeping quarters will be provided for those who come from afar. All are invited to attend, both saved and unsaved. Come and have a joyful time in the Lord. For further information write M. F. Williamson, P. O. Box 1084, Hammond, La. Ph. 345-4566.

CHURCH OF GOD NATIONAL CAMPMEETING

The National Campmeeting of the Church of God will be held on the campgrounds at Neosho (Monark Springs), Missouri on July 24 through August 2, 1964.

We are again approaching the time of the year when the saints of God will be gathering once more on the old campgrounds for another season of refreshing from above.

We would like to avail ourselves of this opportunity to extend a welcome of Christian love to all who desire to walk humbly with the Lord.

We are expecting ministers of God's choosing to bring the Word of God from time to time, under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, that will stir us and challenge us to put root downward that we might bear more fruit upward for God. Fellowship is extended to every blood-washed child of God, with love to all, whether saint or sinner. If you have any spiritual need, there will be men and/or women of God who can counsel and pray with you, and we are confident that God can and will work in your behalf.

We are living in the "evening" of time when wickedness is abounding on every hand, but we must keep free from every sin by walking in the light of God. Zech. 14:7 reads, "... that at evening time it shall be light." We, as members of God's Church, are endeavoring to walk in this light, lest the light which is in us become darkness, and how great that darkness would be!

If you are looking for an assembly of God's people or are in question as to where you can find some true children of God, we invite you to put forth a special effort to be at this meeting and try the spirit by the Word of God.

The meeting is supported on a free-will basis with meals served in the dining hall. Due to the necessity of renting some tents, etc. to accommodate the crowds, it is necessary to make a rental charge of \$5.00 for the tents, \$1.00 for a steel cot with mattress, and \$2.50 for single sleeping space in the dormitories. However, we want all to come who desire to, regardless of ability to pay, for "God will supply our needs according to his riches in glory."

Those who desire to reserve tents, cots, or sleeping accommodations, should send their orders AT ONCE to the undersigned or to Bro. Ralph Beisley, 407 Eldridge, Coffeyville, Kansas. You are urged to bring your own bedding if possible, as the nights are sometimes very cool.

The campground is located five miles east of Neosho, Mo. on Highway 86. Those coming by bus or train will find it necessary to take a taxi to the grounds or call GRover 2-4217 (Granby, Mo.) at the campground and some of the saints will meet you.

As a note of information to those who may want to help, there will be a work day on the grounds, the first Saturday of June (JUNE 6) to help with the re-wiring of the grounds, which is badly needed. Then the first Saturday of July (JULY 4) will be set aside to take care of other unfinished work. We want to express our appreciation to all who have helped previously.

—Bro. Kenneth Probst, Business Manager
Rt. 4, Box 172, Carthage, Mo. 64836

A Notice to the California Saints Exclusively

We, the Church of God Campground Board of Trustees, are pleased to announce to you that all the sewer right-of-way problem has been cleared and a building permit for the Senior Citizens' Home on the campground has been obtained from the city and work has begun on the project. The work will proceed just as fast as funds and labor are available. SIGNED: O. B. Wilson, Secretary

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Order from Faith Pub. House, Box 713, Guthrie, Okla.

Mexico Missionary Report

Dear readers of the "Faith and Victory" paper:

Greetings in Jesus' dear name. This finds me saved, sanctified, and satisfied with God.

I only wish I knew how to pen words to express the gratitude and praise in my heart for the wonderful dealings of the Lord both to soul and body. Since the last report this writer has experienced some definite healings; namely, a hurting and pain in the heart, a dizziness, cold and flu, and general weakness in body. Two weeks ago I resigned myself to staying home one weekend from Mexico. Business took me to the Campgrounds at Pacoima on Saturday. Early Sunday morning I woke up and the room seemed to be whirling. I groaned, "Dear Lord, can't I go to Mexicali at least, today?" I got up and prayed, shaved, and still dizzy, went back to bed and didn't get up until noon. I left Mexico in God's hands. As it neared meeting time Sunday evening, I was weak and shaky but had a strong desire to go to meeting. I promised myself I'd not sing or do anything to exert myself, and if I got too tired I'd leave and go home. However, I found myself singing as usual and enjoying it. When prayer requests were given, I asked to be remembered in my body. It fell my lot then to lead in prayer, and I found myself praying earnestly for others' needs. When I thought of my request, I realized God had already touched me and healed me. Glory be to Jesus! I then felt inspired with a message, which the Lord permitted me to deliver; and praise His dear name, He has kept me going ever since. To God be the glory.

A week ago I was privileged to be in Mexicali and conduct service on Saturday, with about fifty in attendance. Leaving there at 6:00 p. m. I went down the east coast of the peninsula 120 miles south of Mexicali to San Felipe. En route I had opportunity to talk to two Mexican women walking toward San Felipe in search of work. They had been traveling from Tijuana where they had been working for \$1.00 to \$1.25 a day. Having heard the pay was a little better in San Felipe, a fishing port, they decided to go there. One woman said she had five children in Tijuana but didn't mention a husband. Many men leave their wives and families in Mexico and no one does anything about it; they go free and the family makes out however they can. I gave them each a Spanish paper to read and expounded the gospel to them. When I left them, they were choking back tears and promised to seek God's way. Also on the highway to San Felipe I encountered some American motorcyclists (nine in all) who were scattered from Valle de Trinidad to San Felipe. They were broken down, out of gas, two men were injured, etc. I was able to help them in several material ways to get collected together at San Felipe, their destination. While I was there (my first trip down to that town), I gave out Spanish papers to people in a service station, a restaurant, and wherever I was able. Later one of the Americans asked about my church affiliation, which opened the door for me to testify. One young man twenty years old said he wanted to come and see me at my home. He lives in Santa Ana, just 35 miles from my home.

Leaving San Felipe about 9:00 p. m. with two of the Americans going back with gas to help their buddies, we came to the dirt road cut-off leading inland and across the desert and mountains. I left the last one with his motorcycle full of gas at 11:00 p. m. and traveled alone with the precious Lord to Valle de Trinidad. At 1:00 a. m. I found a light in a house where two men were sitting up playing a game. One of them helped me find a broken motorcycle and load it on the back of the truck. After

giving them each a pair of shoes, I headed for Santa Catarina, arriving at 3:00 a. m. Brother Tomas was soon aroused and we had good fellowship in the Lord, exchanging our most recent happenings and talking about the work of the Lord. At 7:40 a. m. I awoke with a burden to get to El Alamo for morning service (17 miles from Santa Catarina). After visiting some on the road, I found Sisters Ruby Marken and Opal Kelly with the group in Sunday School. Sister Kelly teaches the youngsters and Sister Marken the adults. I was asked to teach the adult class, which I thoroughly enjoy, and was then privileged to deliver a message on the Church as John saw it in Rev. 21. While visiting with the sisters after meeting, Sister Kelly told how God had so inspired her faith one day that she just reached out and took hold of His promises and received complete healing in her body. To those who didn't know what she was suffering, she had not been able to sleep, had a pain in her heart, and in general was quite miserable for weeks, if not months. She looked different, acted differently, talked differently, and was different as the result of "the touch of the Master's hand." Praise His holy name. We parted much encouraged and blessed in the Lord. By 5:00 p. m. Sunday I was in Ensenada, only 200 miles from home, and feeling wonderful in soul and body. Back on pavement again, the truck seemed to run like new again (thank the Lord, it did get an overhaul job before the trip). I was riding alone, when I passed a young Mexican man waiting for a bus to Tijuana (I suppose), and I felt guilty I hadn't picked him up to testify to him and see how it was with his soul. Then the Lord gave me a "talking to." He said, "You're in too big of a hurry. When you leave Ensenada, you think your work is finished for the week end, and all you think of is getting home." Oh, I felt so small! I asked the Lord to forgive me and told Him if I had another opportunity to witness for Him, I would. In a little while a stripped-down car with six Mexicans aboard ran out of gas just in front of me. I went around them and the devil said, "There are enough men to push that car over the hill," and so on and so on. The Holy Spirit said, "Remember what you said?" I turned around, went back, gave them gas and handed them each a Spanish paper. As I felt better at that time, the Lord said, "Give them your personal testimony," which I did with much liberty from God, which they received with seeming gladness. In Rosarito Beach, before arriving at the Huskeys', the Spirit pointed out four men sitting on the roadside weaving baskets. I turned around, took several gospel papers, and handed them out as I went from one to the other. When I asked permission to leave, one spoke up and said, "Are there any services here in town of this religion?" "Yes," I said, and pointed in the general direction of the block building. "Just opposite 25 Kilometers. Inquire for James Huskey." Another man replied, "I know him." "You do? Then you know the building, too?" He said he did and that he would tell the others. So that's the way it goes from week to week in Mexico—in the towns, in the country, on the roadside—handing out gospel papers, giving testimonies, and exhorting as the Lord leads. There is always the question, "Where can we go to a service?"

After greeting the Huskeys (who were about to begin evening service), I stopped at a farm house between Rosarito and Tijuana and met a family of six children, mother and father. They desire to get to meeting in Rosarito. From there I went to the border and then home, 135 miles, arriving about 11:00 p. m.

This week Sister Hite was unable to go to Ensenada where she has been having services for several months (Rebecca has the mumps). I felt led of the Lord to be in

Rosarito Sunday morning, so offered to go to Ensenada to conduct services there in her place. I was to be there at 2:00 p. m., the regular time of the service. However, preaching was not over until 1:30 in Rosarito, so I could not go 52 miles in 30 minutes. Bobby Huskey went with me, and we hurried to get there before the people left. I had never been there before; and when we found the address of the house, the yard was swept clean, the benches were there, but not a soul was in sight. Having learned the address of one family, we went there and found a woman and a little boy. A man nearby came out of his house. After some discussion about the possibility of getting the people together, the little fellow left on a dead run as fast as his little bare feet would carry him. Word was sent another direction to the lady who lived in the house where services were held. She had gone visiting. Soon a truck load was gathered up, and we went several blocks to the meeting place. Singing began; others heard and came from down the street. We prayed; others came. By the time preaching began at 3:30 p. m., a good crowd had gathered. The benches were full, some sat on the tail gate of the truck, others stood, and God blessed! Brethren, I'd rather be on a dirt floor, have the sky for a roof, makeshift pews, and the presence of God any day than a modern building, high steeple, etc., and cold formality and no God. Praise the dear Lord!

I must tell this to bring out human nature. As I said before, I had never been at this place, and only two or three people there had ever seen me before. When the little bare-foot boy had gone into one or two of the blocks where some of the children (who were regular attendants) lived and said, "The sister (Sister Hite) didn't come today, but a brother did, and there is going to be a service," someone sent word back saying, "If the sister didn't come, we aren't going." (Did you ever hear anything like that from grown people?)

In general the outlook is still bright on the field in Mexico. The congregation in Mexicali is growing in the Lord. Still there is no resident worker there. Sickness has hindered Brother and Sister Wittenborn from going lately. I get there as the Lord leads. Brother Tomas is still holding good courage in Santa Catarina, Trinidad, and Llano Colorado. Sisters Marken and O. Kelly are continuing regular services at El Alamo. The Huskeys are doing a good job in Rosarito. Sisters Shirley Stice, Edith Cole, and Carrie Shepherd are on home leave. There are still no services in the lumber camp at Asseroderro, La Huerta, and Ojos Negros. One day I asked the Lord, "Why is it that we have been praying as you instructed us in the Word, 'Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers' and you haven't sent them?" A voice spoke to me saying, "The Church isn't supporting the workers that are on the field now; why should I send more?" I want to say the offerings have increased greatly in this year 1964. If each one obeys God, there will be no lack. May God richly bless each one is my prayer.

Yours for a harvest of souls, in behalf of all the workers,

—Brother Harland Smith

317 E. Cucamonga, Claremont, Calif.

Nothing matters so much as a clear-cut experience in salvation.

You can't follow the other fellow's bad example and escape its evil consequences.

If we live for God today, there is no need to worry over tomorrow.

TESTIMONIES

La.—Dear Bro. Lawrence and saints everywhere, greetings to you in the name of our precious Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. This finds us much encouraged in the Lord and determined by His help to press on to the end with victory. If we don't prove faithful to the end, our living will be in vain. I surely want my life to be profitable for the Lord.

We want to give thanks and praise to the Lord for the way He so wonderfully healed my body this past February. About the middle of a week, my throat started getting sore. At first, I never paid any attention to it—just thought that I was taking a cold and sore throat. By Friday my throat was so bad that I didn't feel like going to work. Friday and Saturday nights I had such severe pain going from my throat into my ears that I could not get very much rest. Our only thought and intention was to trust the Lord fully and that we did. We had the ministers out several times to pray for us. It seemed like we would get relief when they would pray for us, but a while after they would leave, the devil would give us another test. The thought came to me that the Lord was testing our faith to see if we really meant the decision we had made to trust Him. I was not able to swallow any solid food and hardly any liquids, but the Lord stood by us. On Sunday, Bro. and Sister Abbott, Bro. and Sister Pinkerton, and Bro. Max Williamson and others came out and had an agreement of prayer for us. The Lord witnessed to our souls that day that He had heard and answered prayer. Praise His name! We still had some more tests after that, but praise the Lord, we were able to go to meeting on Wednesday night. What a mighty God we serve! We appreciate so much the interest the saints showed in our behalf and the prayers of each one. The saints are such wonderful people. When one suffers, they all suffer and when one rejoices, they all rejoice.

Pray for us that we may ever be found in the center of the Lord's will. We want to be an encouragement and help to the saints and a bright, shining light before the world. May Christ always be seen in our lives is our prayer.

Yours in Christ,

—Randall Flynn

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Okla.—Dear Saints, greetings in Jesus' dear name—the only name in which we can receive salvation.

We have felt the need to write concerning our baby's condition. We appreciate all the prayers prayed for her. At the assembly meeting at Guthrie, we requested prayer for her as she was kind of yellow and very pale; she would tire easily. She was a year old the 27th of December, 1963. The Lord has healed her. She started walking about two weeks ago. She is gaining weight. We surely do thank the Lord for it. He is the only One who did anything for her. All we did was try to give her food that was best for her. Some of the unsaved family suggested taking her to the doctor, but our trust is in the Lord and we didn't have any desire to take her to a doctor. The Lord knows what He is doing but men can only guess.

Our little boy who will be three in June, has a rupture. We are trusting the Lord for the healing of his body. We know nothing is too big for God. We desire to get the lessons the Lord wants us to get out of these things.

We have two other children, both healthy girls, for which we thank the Lord. The oldest, who will be nine in July, had scarlet fever when she was in the first grade.

The Lord healed her and kept our other little girl from taking it.

Pray for us that we will train our children as the Lord wants us to. We desire wisdom in teaching them.

—Ted and Alta Bock

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Calif.—To the dear saints everywhere: Greetings in Jesus' precious name. I felt led by the Lord to testify of the many blessings He has bestowed upon us—first of all, for His saving, sanctifying grace and healing power. Surely goodness and mercy have followed us all the days of our lives.

My husband is 83 and I am 80 years of age, and we have been married for 54 years. Psalm 91:16, "With long life will I satisfy him and shew him my salvation." The joy of the Lord is my strength.

Forty-one years ago I had a dropped stomach and four doctors gave me up. They said I could not live. I could not eat solid food for a year and a half, and we had four small children. When I met the saints, I was saved and the dear Lord shined more light on my pathway. With a hungry heart I walked in his light. The saints prayed for me and the Lord healed me. My stomach became normal again. I have been able to eat anything since that time. The Lord healed me of heart trouble, liver and gall bladder disorders, dog bites, hemorrhages of the bowels, and many other things. Psalm 34:19, "Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all." One day he will deliver us out of this earthly house and give us a house not made with hands eternal in the heavens.

There has been little I could do for the Lord since I have been saved, but I would teach the neighborhood children the Bible, give out tracts, papers, and visit the sick.

Please remember me and my family in your prayers. I am not feeling well at present. May God bless everyone. With love,

—Elizabeth Lima

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Pa.—Dear Sister Marie and all the saints, greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Redeemer: I thank Him today for the free gift of salvation to all who will confess and forsake their sins and accept Jesus as their personal Saviour. If we do this, He will accept us as His own and we can receive the blessings He has in store for us; not because we deserve them, but because we have accepted Him and He loves us for it.

I wish to share with you an account of what the blessed Lord has done for me within the last few months. He saved my soul and sanctified me, although at times the devil tries to make me doubt. Praise God for His love and mercy! He has also helped me physically for which I can never begin to thank Him enough.

First of all, the Lord healed me of an affliction which I had for two years. Because of the nature of the affliction, I hesitated to request prayer but prayed earnestly myself, along with a few others who knew of my trouble. Some of my friends and associates told me that if I didn't go soon to a doctor I might be very sorry as something serious could come of the affliction. Of course I became alarmed and for a time thought I might consider it, but deep down in my heart I knew that I must trust God. I then came to the place where I was determined I would positively not go to a doctor but trust God even if He never healed me. Praise His dear name, He came to my rescue and healed me of this trouble!

Secondly, for quite a few years I had been tormented with a terrible habit of chewing the insides of my cheeks and lips even sometimes till they would bleed. I can sympathize with the ones who have the cigarette habit

and I know that it is not just a matter of making up one's mind to quit. I had made up my mind and resolved so many times never to chew my mouth again if it killed me. I had cried and begged God in some way to help me to quit this awful habit. I knew I could never quit of myself. A few days after my sanctification, the realization came over me that I no longer had this terrible habit. Without even trying, the Lord delivered me from it and the desire had also vanished. He surely did give me the desire of my heart and all the honor and glory go to Him.

The Lord has also helped me with sinus trouble. At times it was so bad that in the mornings I would gag and have to throw up. I made a request for prayer and I'm sure the Lord heard and answered. I have not had any attacks since then. Praise the Lord!

The God we serve is a mighty and loving God whose ears are open to our cry. Surely He deserves all of our attention and love. He is more than willing to give good gifts to His children, even more so than an earthly father to his children. May the Lord help us to obey His Word and understand His will.

Love and prayers, —Sister Norma Houck

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Okla.—Dear Ones, greetings of Christian love to everyone: This finds me much encouraged in my soul and I trust the Lord is blessing you. My physical condition is slowly but steadily improving to such an extent that I hardly think about it for periods of time. I truly appreciate the saints' prayers and words of encouragement. May the Lord richly bless your labors in my behalf.

I thank the Lord today for victory in my soul. It means much to me. God's people are a tried people, but the trying of our faith is more precious than gold. I thank Him for all He permits to come my way because I know that it is my route to heaven if I prove faithful. To make heaven my eternal home is the deepest desire of my heart. For some months I have been going through a hard place and have been so hurt. But I've found out one thing recently—that the battle can't be fought or won with hurt feelings. Somewhere along the way we must learn to rise above the feelings and start having real faith in God if we are to gain the victory. I still have my trial but now my faith has taken hold and I have victory in my soul and confidence in the Lord that He will do the very best for every soul concerned. Praise the Lord.

May the dear Lord bless His children in these last days with greater victory than ever before. May He give us courage and strength as only He can give and help us to ever look heavenward to the reward of the faithful. The trials of the road will truly seem nothing when we get to the end of the way. There will be no disappointments in heaven. I appreciate the prayers that are holding me up and send my heartfelt love to each one.

—Jessie Taylor

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Oregon—Dear Sister Marie: Greetings to you in the dear name of Jesus. I am so glad I can report to you and the dear saints scattered abroad of the dealings of the dear Lord with us here in Jefferson. The dear Lord means so much to me today. As I write this I can hear His sweet voice in song saying, "Come closer, my child, to me." And that is my desire; to go all the way with the dear Lord. He has so wonderfully blessed us since coming here to be with the dear saints. We found love manifested here among these dear ones. But as we have grown to know one another better and been through some trials and afflictions together, it has drawn us closer

together. The bonds of love and unity are more closely entwined around each heart. I can say as David said in Psa. 66:8, 10, "O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise be heard. For thou, O God, hast proved us: thou hast tried us, as silver is tried." Yes, our God will have a tried people, therefore let us rejoice when we are tried, knowing as we are partakers of His sufferings, we will also be partakers of His glory.

The Lord blessed in our Easter meeting in a precious way. The saints came in from different states, namely, Washington, California, and some from Canada and different parts of Oregon. The meeting lasted ten days. Some were at the altar at different times for a soul need and healing of the body. It was a precious meeting from the first day until the last. The ministers, Bro. O. B. Wilson, Bro. Gene Harmon, and Sister Dorothy Keiser were used of the Lord to break the Bread of life. We praise the dear Lord for the one body, the true Church of God. We know we are living in the last days when the devil is working hard to destroy confidence and unity among the people of God. Some of the dear ones just coming in to this glorious truth are troubled when they see the enemy working. Some don't understand the working of Satan to destroy God's little ones. Jesus said, "Fear not, little flock." He also warned us the wolves would live among the people of God, acting like sheep under the sheep clothing, but would be a spirit to sow discord and work havoc with the flock. How we do need to walk softly before our God and watch and pray lest we find ourselves being deceived and find we have lost our first love, being harsh and critical. The spirit of Christ is a spirit of love. This Christ Spirit will not cover sin, but will deal in pity and mercy. The humble people of God will keep their eyes turned inward, walking softly before our God. Yes, the dear Lord gave us a precious meeting. Four were baptized, three sisters and one brother. At this writing, Sister White is very ill with a nervous breakdown. Bro. White is not very well. Both of these dear ones are very much in need of prayer. We trust the dear saints will remember these ones in earnest prayer.

—Sister Beatrice Spaur

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Mo.—Greetings in the lovely name of Jesus to all the saints everywhere. This finds me rejoicing. My name is written in heaven and I'm laying up my treasures in heaven. I wanted to write a little testimony by the help of the dear Lord. The dear Lord did help me to go here at the school and read and pray for the children. Also I went to Oregon, Mo. on the school bus to give tracts. The dear Lord did bless me and help me.

We have two big oak trees in the yard close to the house. Some time ago one big limb broke down. I tried to get it cut down and could not. I prayed to the dear Lord and told Him that I had done all I could, so I would leave the rest to Him to take care of. A few days ago I was gone away from home and the wind blew the limb down. It didn't hit the house. The dear Lord just laid it there so nice on the ground. Oh, what a mighty God we serve!

—Sister Mary Whitmore

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Okla.—Dear Sister Marie and all the workers at the Print shop and readers everywhere:

Greetings in the precious name of Jesus, the One who loved us before we ever knew Him.

It has been a year or more since I sent my testimony to the "Faith and Victory," so I feel it would be to the glory of God to tell of His wonderful goodness and kindness to us.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in every time of need. He is our Saviour, our Sanctifier,

our Healer, and our Keeper. Praise God, He is all and in all to me. I don't know how people get along without the Lord. They surely don't know what they are missing by not giving their hearts and lives to Him and letting Him rule their lives. He knows how to lead and guide us better than we do ourselves, for He can see things ahead that we can't. If we just commit our ways unto the Lord, He will lead us aright. Praise His dear name!

Last fall when we were coming home from California it looked as if we were going to drive right into a dense fog this side of Amarillo. The wind was blowing, and it just seemed like the clouds were floating on the ground, but they would lift and then lower again. Looking at it from a natural standpoint, we were sure we were going to have to drive in fog. We drove along that way for several miles and never one time were we in dense fog. I know the Lord was with us and shielding us from harm and danger.

I got quite a lesson out of it. When trials and tests come, sometimes they look pretty bad, but if we will look up and trust God, He will take us right through them, without any damage to our souls and the trial will vanish away, just as the clouds and fog did and we can go on our way praising God. He is our refuge and strength and He will carry us through. Praise His dear name! We know that all things work together for good to them who love the Lord so we must keep our lives yielded into His hands and put our full trust and confidence in Him, and He will carry us through.

Before we started from California on this trip I spoke of, we had planned to leave at a certain time in October. Some way as the time drew closer I didn't feel clear about the trip. I surely wanted to be in the order of the Lord, so I prayed much about it, that God would direct and have His way. I knew He knew best and what He wanted us to do. One morning after prayer, just two or three days before our starting date, all the sunshine from heaven broke loose in my soul and I began to sing, "God Will Take Care of You." I sang it with such freedom that I knew God had heard and answered my prayer. Praise His dear name!

We started on the date we had planned, and on the way I was driving, approaching a small town in New Mexico or Texas. The speed limit just kept coming down for a school zone. I was traveling 20 miles per hour and coming to a blinking traffic light, orange on the highway side and red crosswise. I saw a station wagon coming from the north. Thinking he would stop, I kept going, but he didn't stop. He came right for me. The last time I looked at him, it seemed to me he was about a foot from me. I just knew we were hit, but praise God, He protected us. I never looked back, so I don't know if he stopped or not. I dodged to the right a little and came to a stop at the curb at the corner of the sidewalk and street without a scratch. Such a narrow escape as that would usually make me so nervous and weak but as I pulled away from the curb and started on, that song, "God Will Take Care of You," came to my mind and I thought God surely had taken care of us and kept us from being smashed. The nervousness left me and I just drove on as though nothing had happened, with that song ringing in my soul and praising God for how He surely had protected us. Then think that I wouldn't want to serve such a mighty God? He is our refuge and strength. Praise His holy name forever!

I want to watch and pray and live every day as though it were my last day to live on the earth so I will be sure and be ready when He calls for me. I want to be able to take some sheaves with me; I don't want to go empty-handed.

I like to tell of the goodness and greatness of God. He has done so much for us that I want others to know, so they will want to love and serve Him, too. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in every time of need.

I had an experience just this last week. It was so wonderful how God came to my rescue. I just can't praise Him enough. I had felt fine when I got up that morning. I was going about my work, singing and happy in the Lord, when all of a sudden, while washing dishes, I began to get sick and so weak I couldn't sing any more. I finally got the dishes finished. I had such cramps in my stomach that I broke out in great drops of sweat. I just kept looking to the Lord. I threw up my breakfast and finally went and lay down for awhile. I told the Lord if it would be to His glory to take it all away I would add it to my testimony. Praise God, He took it all away and I got up and went to work again. I was only sick a little over an hour. I never called for prayer as I felt the Lord wanted me to trust Him in my own faith. I feel I must stand on my own two feet. I appreciate the prayers of others, but God is no respecter of persons, and we need to exercise our own faith and I am so thankful we serve such a mighty God; One who is able to hear the faintest cry. Praise His dear name forever!

May God bless each one is my prayer.

Your sister in the service of the Lord,

—Mrs. C. D. Dille

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N. Carolina—Not too long ago, on my job, we were asked to attend a fair. I knew right away that this was the work of the devil. I had long given up worldly amusements and all other things of the world that belong to the devil. I told the Lord I wasn't going and I knew He would stand by me. He had done it many times before. I had one of the saints to pray with me. The very next day was to be the day of the fair. We asked the Lord, if it was His will, to let it rain. That was one sure way of stopping the trip. That morning just as I got to my job it started raining. It rained and threatened rain until it was past time to go. Then it was suggested that we shouldn't attempt to go because of the rain. How I did praise the Lord! I'm still thanking and praising Him.

Saints, we do not have to bow to the demands of the devil. We have the precious Savior on our side. "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

Please pray for my unsaved family. Also pray for the work here. We have backsliders here among us. Pray that they may find their way back to the fold before it is too late.

Your sister in the One Body, —Sister C. B. Nelson

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Ohio—To the saints everywhere, greetings: I am still saved and more encouraged than ever before to live true to God. He has done so much for me. I do not have words to express my thanks unto Him for it. I had been sick this winter from October until now, and the suffering was very great. Night after night I had no sleep and very little through the day. My comfort was the continual earnest prayers of the saints. They did not fail me. They were here at my home day and night. I thank the saints and ministers in other states that knew about my sickness and prayed for me. Truly God is good to Israel, even to such as are of a clean heart. While the suffering was so great, Ephesians 5th chapter and 20th verse came to me, and I said, "I thank you,

Lord." I was so glad that I was able to really be thankful in my heart for what He was doing for me, knowing in my heart that the Lord always knows what is best. Now the Lord is bringing me out of my sickness, and I am able to do some of the things I did before the trouble came to me. The first weeks of the suffering I lost 19 pounds. After that I continued to lose. I thank every one who prayed for me, and please continue to do so.

Your saved brother, —W. T. Tomlin

Ill.—Dear Sister Marie: Greetings of love to you and all the dear saints. May the Lord ever bless and lead you onward. It's always so good to get your letters, also the little paper. I got mine last week. I thought it was so good to hear of all the healings. It encouraged my heart. I felt like I should send in my testimony of what the Lord had done for me.

In Jan. and Feb. of this year, I had an infection in my body. I would have chills and then fever. I was getting so nervous at times, I would feel as though I'd go all to pieces. I'd say, "Oh, Lord, am I going to lose my mind?" I sent for prayer, and the people where I go to services prayed too. I'd say to myself that I'm going to the doctor to see what is wrong with me. But when I'd think that, I could see a little lady praying for me. That encouraged me too. I finally made an appointment to go for a check up last of Feb., but before the time came, the Lord had touched me and healed me. How I did praise Him and say, "I'm well." When I had my check up, he couldn't find anything wrong, only my blood pressure was a little high and that wasn't anything unusual for my age. I still get nervous at times, but the Lord is my stay. Since going through this, I want to be a better Christian and live closer to Him and be a witness to His power and mercy. I tell it where ever I get a chance. It's wonderful what our Father does for His children. Thank you dear ones for your prayers. May God bless and keep each one is my prayer.

—Viola Perry

S. Car.—Dear Sis. Marie Miles and Co-workers: Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I have been planning to send in my testimony for some time. Some time ago I sent you a handkerchief and asked that you anoint and pray over it. I received it back and applied it, in the name of the Lord. The Lord wonderfully healed me of this terrible affliction in my chest. I thought of cancer, but I did not know what it was, but I put my trust in the Lord. I say to all the saints, let us put more trust and faith in God. Please continue to pray for me as I have a very urgent problem that I have before the Lord. I need Him to help me to know how to work it out. Please also pray for my unsaved children and invalid father. And I'll do the same for you. Enclosed is a little love offering.

Love in Christ, —Mrs. B. Trotter

Nevada—Dear Sister Marie Miles, Bro. Lawrence Pruitt, and consecrated workers at the Faith Publishing House: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. We are yet saved and encouraged to press on. "Though the way seems sometimes drear And the storms of life come near, Out of the atmosphere somewhere there a very soft voice whispers, 'Hold to God's unchanging hand.'" That makes us know we are not alone. Although there aren't any other evening light saints here but us, we have met with several who have been saints. Some have been saved but strayed away plus being led away falsely. So for that reason we do believe that God sent us here to help in rescuing some, if not all of these lost souls.

If we don't get to attend any of the meetings in the east this year, as we had planned to, please remember us in your prayers.

All who can, come and join in the fight with the ministers and saints who come here from time to time and have services. So many hungry souls are begging us to be sure and let them know when we get a place to have a meeting so they can join in with us. Now that is what we are getting ready for by the help of the dear Lord. Pray earnestly with us for the work in this wicked place.

Bro. I. C. Chandler is the minister who is leading the work with other young ministers and saints. Let all join in with prayers and means to help in God's cause.

Yours in Christ, —Bro. and Sister L. S. Davis, Sr.

Calif.—Dear Saints, greetings in Jesus' precious name: About three months ago I sent to you for an anointed cloth for pressure and nerves and I received it. I put it on in Jesus' name. The nervous condition is healed altogether. I am much better with the ringing in my ears. Help me pray that this ringing will go away completely. It is not as bad as it used to be. Jesus said that healing is the children's bread. I believe that. Please continue to pray for me. I will keep on praying until the answer comes concerning the little ringing that is left in the ears.

Your sister in Christ Jesus, —Augusta Hale

Indiana—Dear Sister Marie and all, I was healed and I promised God I would give up my pension and go to work. My aunt told me that God would not want me to go to work as I was too old to go out and make a living. She said I could still live on my pension. I trusted God to keep me, body and soul. I became very sick later and began to feel like I was going to die. I prayed to God to spare me. I told God I would work for Him and do anything. God answered my prayer. The next morning God showed me I could stay home and pray for the sick and sinners. I trusted Him and did everything He asked me to do. I mean to go all the way with Him.

Pray for me that I will keep my faith steady in God. I know He will keep me as He promised.

—Sister Edna Hammond

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June 7, 1964

THE JUDGMENT DAY

Printed Portion Matt. 25:31-40

Matt. 25:31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:

33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:

36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?

38 When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?

39 Or when saw we thee sick or in prison, and came unto thee?

40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

Memory Verse: But whoso . . . seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his . . . compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? 1 John 3:17.

Practical Truth: Do all you do as unto the Lord. He will bless you for every kind deed.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

There is a great day coming; a day of all days. It will be the last day; the day when Jesus will burst through the clouds in all His glory. He will be surrounded with all the holy angels. It will be a day when "every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all the kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him." (Rev. 1:7). It will be a day when "the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." (2 Pet. 3:10). That day will come unexpectedly. "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only." (Matt. 24:36). What a great day that will be! The graves will open and those who have died will arise. The sea will give up its dead. ALL people of every nation will be there. That will be the Judgment Day.

There upon the great white throne, Jesus, the Son of God and the son of man, will sit. He is perfectly qualified to be a righteous judge. Jesus "became flesh" and dwelt among men here on the earth. He was, in all points, tempted, like as we are, yet without sin." (Heb. 4:15). Before Him all people will be gathered and He will separate them. Oh, what a great day of separation! Only those who have been "born again" and from a heart filled with divine love did good in this world, will hear those words, "well done." How sad it will be for those who are not ready in that great day.

June 14, 1964

PEACE

Printed Portion Rom. 12:14-21; 1 Tim. 2:1, 2

Rom. 12:14 Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.

15 Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.

16 Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.

17 Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.

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

19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.

21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

1 Tim. 2:1 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;

2 For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

Memory Verse: Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God. Matt. 5:9.

Practical Truth: We cannot expect peace if there is war in our hearts.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

To be at peace with others, a person must have peace in his own soul. It is not natural for the unregenerated soul to live peaceably in this world. The angels, in announcing the birth and coming of Jesus, proclaimed that He would bring "peace on earth, good will toward men." Those who will accept Jesus as their personal Saviour and receive the cleansing power of the Holy Spirit upon their souls and His indwelling spirit, will have peace in their hearts. With this power working within they can be at peace with all men. This does not mean that everyone will be at peace with them. But you can have power to bless those who persecute you and not curse them. You will have power to resist the spirit of envy and jealousy that would come against you and can truly rejoice with them that rejoice. You can truly weep with those who weep. Your heart will be soft and can be touched with the misfortunes of others. You will love men of all estates, colors, and conditions. You will have power to return good for evil, not avenging yourself. God takes care of all vengeance. We should not even want to take God's place. He takes note if any of His little ones is injured.

The last part of our lesson exhorts us to pray for those who are in authority that we might live a quiet, peaceable life. Our world is in an awful condition and only prayer is keeping it here. We are still trusting that a few more will be brought in before it is eternally too late.

June 21, 1964

(Father's Day)

MISSIONARIES

Printed Portion Matt. 28:16-20; Rom. 10:8-18

Matt. 28:16 Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.

17 And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted.

18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and earth.

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?

17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

18 But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

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

Practical Truth: We must first know Jesus as our personal Saviour before we can tell others.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

When Jesus ascended up into heaven, the angels asked, "Why stand ye gazing up into heaven?" His disciples were overwhelmed with their contact with Jesus, His life, work, mission, death, resurrection, and ascension. I am sure their hearts were filled with love for their Saviour as they watched the clouds envelop Him. As we look at our Saviour, whom we love so much, we enjoy meeting with others and worshipping Him. But there is work to be done. We must not be content to enjoy our Saviour alone and revel in the great mysteries of the Word of God. Others need to know about Jesus. Souls are dying without a Saviour. Hell has enlarged itself to receive the millions. Isa. 5:14. We need to be stirred. Jesus has commissioned us to go into all the world and teach all nations. Are we doing that? Some are going in person. The gospel is being sent through the literature to many nations. But what are we doing? What am I doing? There is a part for all in fulfilling the commission. If we cannot go personally, we can help send the gospel. Our lesson brings out the fact that how can people believe unless they receive the gospel and hear. All of us can have a part. We all can have a part in the fact that Jesus said, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Only what is done for Jesus will last eternally. We each one have a debt to pay to others. Without a vision, the people perish. We need to ask the Lord to give us a greater vision of God's work and its extension.

June 28, 1964

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE ONE

Printed Portion Ephesians 2:11-22

Eph. 2:11 Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;

12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

14 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;

16 And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

17 And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.

18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

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

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

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

Memory Verse: Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God. Eph. 2:19.

Practical Truth: Christ broke down the wall and whosoever will may be saved.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

When we were in sin we were cut off from the stream of the sweetness of heaven flowing in our souls. We were under condemnation, sin and guilt. We served the enemy of our souls. We followed the lusts of the flesh and its desires. We were without Christ and hope in our souls. Damnation, eternal banishment from God, and punishment awaited us. What a sad state we were in! The 13th verse gave us hope. "But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ." Praise the Lord, through Christ, our souls were made clean and free from sin. His blood is the best detergent ever made. Oh, how precious is that flow! It will break down any partition or division built up by sin and deception. That one who had, in times past, been filled with hatred, prejudice, malice, pride and sins of all kinds will be made pure through the precious blood of Jesus. That person will blend and have fellowship with the true "born again" child of God. God's children will be made as one man. Through Christ we all, being of His body, can have access through the Spirit to the Father. All are made fellowcitizens with the saints and of the household of God. We are fitly framed together and builded together. We are a dwelling place of God through the Spirit. It is the desire of God that we all "endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Eph. 4:3.

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