

# FAITH<sup>AND</sup>VICTORY

## Church of God Servant



Volume 33, No. 12

42nd Year

Guthrie, Oklahoma

35c Per Year

November, 1964

### Passing Through

"When thou passest through the waters,"  
Deep the waves may be and cold,  
But Jehovah is our refuge  
And His promise is our hold;  
For the Lord Himself hath said it,  
He, the faithful God and true,  
"When thou comest to the waters  
Thou shalt not go down, but through."

Seas of sorrow, seas of trial,  
Bitterest anguish, fiercest pain,  
Rolling surges of temptation  
Sweeping over heart and brain,  
They shall never overflow us  
For we know His word is true;  
All His waves and all His billows,  
He will lead us safely through.

Threatening breakers of destruction,  
Doubt's insidious undertow,  
Shall not sink us, shall not drag us  
Out to ocean depths of woe.  
For His promise shall sustain us,  
Praise the Lord, whose word is true;  
We shall not go down, or under,  
For He saith, "Thou passest through."  
—Annie Johnson Flint

### "Make It So Plain That I Can Get Hold of It"

On the sixteenth day after the battle of Gettysburg, I entered the room where a young wounded Colonel was apparently near to death. As I entered he aroused from his stupor, beckoned me to his bedside, and threw his feeble arms about my neck.

"Oh, my father, how glad I am to see you! I was afraid you would not come till it was too late. I am too feeble to say much, although I had a great many things to say to you; you must do all the talking; tell me all about dear mother and sister."

I soon perceived by the appearance of those in the house that there was no hope of his recovery. But as I could not longer bear the agony of suspense, I at last inquired of the doctor, "Doctor, how long do you think he can live?" "Not more than four days. He may drop away at any hour."

"Have you, or has anyone told him of his real condition?"

"No; we left the painful duty for you to do, as we have been expecting your arrival for several days."

As I entered the room with the dreaded message of death pressing on my heart, the eyes of my son fastened upon me.

"Come, sit by my side, Father. Have you been talking with the doctor about me?"

"Yes."

"What did he tell you? Does he think I shall recover?"

There was a painful hesitation for a moment. "Don't be afraid to tell me just what he said."

"He told me you must die."

"How long does he think I can live?"

"Not to exceed four days, and you may drop away any hour."

With agitation he exclaimed, "Father, is that so? Then I must die! I cannot, I must not die! Oh! I am not prepared to die now. Do tell me how I can get ready! **Make it so plain that I can get hold of it.** Tell me in a few words, if you can, so that I can see it plainly. I know you can, Father, for I used to hear you explain it to others."

It was no time for tears, but for calmness and light, by which to lead the soul to Christ, and both were given.

"My son, I see you are afraid to die." "Yes, I am." "Well, I suppose you feel guilty." "Yes, that is it. I have been a wicked young man. You know how it is in the army." "You want to be forgiven, don't you?"

"Oh, yes! That is what I want. Can I be, father?" "Certainly."

"Can I know it before I die?" "Certainly."

"Well now, Father, make it so plain that I can get hold of it."

At once an incident which occurred during the school days of my son came to my mind. I had not thought of it before for several years. Now, it came to me, fresh with interest, and just what was wanted to guide the agitated heart of this young inquirer to Jesus.

"Do you remember while at school in ———, you came home one day, and, I having occasion to rebuke you, you became very angry and abused me with harsh language?"

"Yes, Father, I was just thinking it all over a few days ago, as I thought of your coming to see me, and felt so bad about it that I wanted to see you and once more ask you to forgive me."

"Do you remember how, after the paroxysm of your anger had subsided, you came in and threw your arms about my neck and said, 'My dear father, I am sorry I abused you so. It was not your loving son that did it. I was very angry. Won't you forgive me?'"

"Yes, I remember it very distinctly."

"Do you remember what I said to you as you wept upon my neck?"

"Very well. You said, 'I forgive you with all my heart,' and kissed me. I shall never forget those words."

"Did you believe me?"

"Certainly. I never doubted your word."

"Did you then feel happy again?"

"Yes, perfectly; and since that time I have always loved you better than ever before. I shall never forget how it relieved me when you looked upon me so kindly, and said, 'I forgive you with all my heart.'"

"Well, now, this is just the way to come to Jesus. Tell Him, 'I am sorry,' just as you told me, and ten thousand times quicker than a father's love forgave you, will He forgive you. He says He will. Then you must take His Word for it just as you did mine."

"Why, Father, is this the way to become a Christian?"

"I don't know of any other."

"Why, Father, I can get hold of this. I am so glad you have come to tell me how."

He turned his head upon his pillow for rest. I sank into my chair and wept freely, for my heart could no longer suppress its emotions. I had done my work and committed the case to Christ. He, too, I was assured had done His. The broken heart had made its confession, had heard what it longed for, "I forgive you," and believed it. I soon felt the nervous hand on my head and heard the word, "Father" in such a tone of tenderness and joy that I knew the change had come.

"Father, my dear Father, I don't want you to weep any more; you need not; I am perfectly happy now; Jesus has forgiven me. I know He has, for He says so, and I take His Word for it, just as I did yours."

The doctor came in and found him cheerful and happy, looked at him, felt his pulse, which he had

been watching with intense anxiety and said, "Why, Colonel, you look better."

"I am better, doctor; I am going to get well. My father has told me how to become a Christian, and I am happy. I believe I shall recover for God has heard my prayer. Doctor, I want you to become a Christian, too. My father can tell you how to get hold of it."

The Colonel did live, and lived for Christ.

I was made a better man and a better evangelist by that scene, where this dear son, struggling with his guilt and fear of death, was led to Jesus and found the pardon of his sins. I there resolved never to forget the charge he made me in his extremity, "Make it so plain that I can get hold of it." —Tract

## Just Before Jesus Comes

Paul wrote to the Thessalonians that before the coming of our Lord there would come a falling away first. (II Thess. 2:3) To Timothy he stated that evil men and imposters should wax worse and worse and that there would be perilous times in the last days. (II Tim. 2:1-13). It will be noticed in the scriptures that the apostacy is not concerning education or fine churches or able ministers or large congregations or the progress of intellectual and material prosperity. But it would be a breaking down of faith and a denial of the power of God in Holy Ghost experience. There is at present well nigh a universal landslide toward higher criticism which is lower infidelity. There is also a denial of the supernatural working of God in regeneration, definite answers to prayers, and the revelation of divine things to the soul by the Holy Spirit which make up the religion of the apostles and their successors.

We are then to expect great deceptions and delusions deceiving if it were possible the very elect. We may also expect great advances in forms of godliness in the last days. Faith will not become low through worldliness and the denial of the scriptures only, but also through the remarkable imitative faiths which will work on in their deceptive power. These movements will become an unseen influence in the air around us and the atmosphere will be peopled with evil spirits and heavy with the depression of hell. These evil spirits will do their utmost to injure, mislead, confuse, and depress the children of God. Our bodies will be afflicted. It will press in on our minds and becloud our souls. All kinds of strange feelings and new and peculiar trials will come to us, a surprising lack of desire and energy Godward, a spiritual deadness, a mental heaviness, a lethargy of soul; an alarming desire for forbidden things and a peculiar delight and fascination in any of the world's pleasures we dare to taste.

It will be very difficult to preach the Word in liberty and power. It will be very difficult to give attention to the Word when it is preached. It will be very difficult to get real earnest and continue in prayer. This is the atmosphere in which we must

battle as the last days darken around us. Oh, let us be strong in the Lord, for Satan will no doubt bring a mysterious power to bear on our minds and wills which will make it exceedingly difficult to walk closely with God and very easy to live in the flesh.

We will be amazed at the power he can use against us, and it will become very hard to serve God faithfully and to pray earnestly for it will seem as if every thing without us and almost everything within us has conspired to keep us from following Christ all the way, and to influence us to compromise. We will be surrounded by a worldly atmosphere that will draw us away from God, that will render prayer half-hearted and that will deaden our spiritual senses to the reality of heavenly things and the glorious presence of our Lord. It will become very easy to slip out of communion with God, and harder than ever to keep communication open between our souls and heaven. Already we feel the beginning of the influence of the inrush of these things upon us. Worldliness in various forms weaves the ever-expounding power over many congregations. Things are not only allowed but are unblushingly organized, yes, organized now which would not have been possible a generation ago. The craze of the drama and the exciting round of pleasure is catered to in connection with many places of worship to the destroying of deep spirituality and bringing to an end of revivals and also the furtherance of the spirit of compromise with doubtful things and associations. There is a terrible decline of faith and true religion all over the world at this moment. We do not deny that there may be here and there a few exceptions. But looking at Christendom as a whole, it presents a sad picture. Reviewing these matters, do they not constitute a loud call to the servants of Christ to arise and seek during the intervening short period to make the most of this the day of opportunity before their Lord and Master summons them to give an account of their labors at the Judgment seat of Christ?

—Printed in China

### “Restore Such a One”

“Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.” Gal. 6:1.

Restore means “to bring back to a former state; to re-establish; to return.” (Webster)

A person who has once been saved but is “overtaken in a fault” needs a helping hand. The enemy who has taken the advantage has crushed, bruised, and filled them with doubts, despair, and confusion. He will make them feel that every avenue of escape is blocked and it is of no use to try again.

Our text tells the brethren or the spiritual ones to “restore such a one.” Our text also warns that one who is burdened to “restore such a one” is to be careful. This is serious business. They cannot go to that one with harshness, but must be filled with

divine love and “are not willing that any should perish but that all come to repentance.” (2 Pet. 3:9) They need to be long-suffering, patient, forgiving, fair-minded and willing to give out righteous judgment that is based on the Bible with tenderness, concern, and a care for a soul who needs to be restored to God. To “restore such a one,” let it be done in the “spirit of meekness.” “Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.” 2 Thess. 3:15. The one who goes to “restore such a one” needs to feel his utter dependence on God as he helps bear that one’s burden. He also needs to realize that he himself is nothing. If it had not been for the daily implored grace and power of God, he, too, could be just like the one he wants to restore.

After the person has been restored, then all of God’s children need to also make that person know that they are glad he has repented and is determined to live for God. That is your part in “restoring such a one.”

Those who were overtaken with temptation and fallen have suffered enough. They do not need to be crushed down any more. They are sorry with a godly sorrow that they failed their Lord. They have repented and God has forgiven them. The blood of Jesus has washed away all trace of sin. They can truthfully say, “He restoreth my soul.” Psalms 23:3.

How do you feel toward those who have failed and been overtaken, but have repented? Do you forgive them? Remember Jesus has warned us that if we don’t forgive others, He will not forgive us.

Do you say, “I would never do such a thing”? Our text tells us to consider thyself, taking heed lest we fall when we think we are something. Do you know it is only the mercy and grace of God between you and sin? If you are not careful, prayerful, and watchful, you, too, would fall. We need to continually feel our helplessness and dependence upon God, continually looking to Him for grace.

Let us each one help those to be restored who have fallen. Give a helping hand by showing love and care.

Peter cursed and swore that he was not one of Jesus’ disciples, but he repented. On the day of Pentecost when they were waiting for the Holy Spirit, the 120 were in “one accord.” (Acts 2:1.) The others did not point a finger of scorn at Peter and say that they did not want such a fellow there because of the awful sin he committed. Jesus had sent word after his resurrection that he wanted to see Peter and the disciples. They knew he was forgiven and they forgave (Matt. 16:7).

May God help each of us to do our part to restore those who have failed and repented.

—Sister A. Marie Miles

SCRIPTURE TEXT CHRISTMAS CARDS — Box of 21 for \$1.00, postpaid. ORDER EARLY!

CHRISTIAN WALL CALENDAR for 1965—Beautifully colored pictures, a Scripture text for each day with daily thoughts for meditation. 45c each, postpaid. ORDER NOW!

**"FAITH AND VICTORY"****16-PAGE HOLINESS MONTHLY**

This non-sectarian paper is edited and published in the interest of the universal CHURCH OF GOD each month (except August of each year, which is campmeeting month, and we omit an issue that month to attend these meetings) by Lawrence D. Pruitt, assisted by Marie Miles and other consecrated workers at the FAITH PUBLISHING HOUSE, 920 W. Mansur, Guthrie, Okla. 73044.

Dated copy for publication must be received by the 13th of the month prior to the month of issue.

**Notice to subscribers:** Whenever you move or change your address, please write us at once, giving your old and new address, and include your Zip Code number. The post office charges 10c to notify us of each change of address.

(Second class postage paid at Guthrie, Okla.)

**SUBSCRIPTION RATES**

Single copy, one year .....	\$ .35
Single copy, three years .....	\$1.00
Roll of 4 papers to one address, one year.....	\$1.00

Write for prices on larger quantities.

Subscribe to "The Beautiful Way," a weekly 4-page paper for children, edited by Mrs. Marie Miles and published quarterly.

Quarterly sets of 13 copies, per year.....60c

Five sets or more to one address, each set per year .....40c

This publication teaches salvation from all sin, sanctification for believers, unity and oneness for which Jesus prayed as recorded in John 17:21 and manifested by the apostles and believers after Pentecost. By God's grace we teach, preach, and practice the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, the same gospel which Peter, John, and Paul preached, taught, and practiced, including the divine healing of the body. James 5:14, 15.

Its motto: Have faith in God. Its object: The glory of God and the salvation of men; the promulgation and restoration of the whole truth to the people in this "evening time" as it was in the morning church of the first century; the unification of all true believers in one body by the love of God. Its standard: Separation from the sinful world and entire devotion to the service and will of God. Its characteristics: No discipline but the Bible, no bond of union but the love of God; and no test of fellowship but the indwelling Spirit of Christ.

Through the Free Literature Fund thousands of gospel tracts are published and sent out free of charge as the Lord supplies. Cooperation of our readers is solicited, and will be appreciated in any way the Bible and the Holy Spirit teaches you to do or stirs your heart. "Freely ye have received, freely give." Read Exodus 24:2; 1st Chron. 29:9; 2 Cor. 9:7; and Luke 6:38.

Free-will offerings sent in to the work will be thankfully received as from the Lord. All personal checks and Post Office Money Orders should be made payable to Faith Publishing House.

A separate Missionary Fund is maintained in order to relay missionary funds from our readers to the support of home and foreign missionaries and evangelists.

In order to comply with the Oklahoma laws as a non-profit religious work, the Faith Publishing House is incorporated thereunder.

**FAITH PUBLISHING HOUSE**

P. O. Box 713, 920 W. Mansur Ave., Guthrie, Okla. 73044

Phone No. BUtler 2-1479

**Keep the Names Coming on this  
Special Subscription Offer—****Ten Names, Three Months for \$1.00**

In the October issue of this paper an order blank envelope was inserted in each copy with spaces for ten names and addresses of friends and neighbors whom you want to receive the "Faith and Victory" paper for three months, beginning with the January, 1965 issue. Request more order blank envelopes if needed, and send in all the names and addresses as soon as possible. **This offer will expire Dec. 8, 1964.** A premium will be given for every group of ten names and \$1.00 remittance. This liberal offer is made possible by the free-will offerings of the saints and lovers of the truth. This is your opportunity to be a missionary, aiding in your part of the Great Commission to the Church to carry the whole gospel to the whole world!

**SEND TEN NAMES FOR THREE MONTHS' SUBSCRIPTION, ENCLOSE \$1.00 AND SELECT ONE OF THE PREMIUMS LISTED BELOW:—**

(If convenient, please enclose some postage to mail the premium to you. However, it will be sent whether or not you enclose postage.)

Past, Present and Future of The Church by Fred Pruitt. A book of 72 pages containing vital truths that every Christian ought to know to keep out of the traps of Satan. Price, 30 cents each.

Selected Articles and Editorials. Paper-bound, 256 pages of selected writings of the first editor, Fred Pruitt, over a period of 40 years. Retail price, 50 cents.

God's Gracious Dealings by the late Fred Pruitt, an autobiography of his life and labors. It will increase your faith. Sixth edition, 240 pages. Price, 50 cents.

The New Testament Church and Its Symbols by Fred Pruitt. Paper-bound, 158 pages. Price, 50 cents.

The Sabbath and the Lord's Day by H. M. Riggle. Paper-bound, 160 pages. Price 50 cents.

The Plan of Salvation by Ostis B. Wilson. Paper-bound, 64 pages. Price 25 cents.

The Christian Home Wall Calendar for 1965. The pictures are beautifully colored. There is a scripture text for each day of 1965 and daily thoughts for meditation. Retail price, 45 cents each.

(The above listed retail prices are for the information of those who may want to purchase any of these items separate from this special offer.)

**EDITORIALS**

Each day's mail brings more of the pink order blank envelopes from our readers with the lists of names and addresses for the special three-month subscriptions. **Please keep them coming**, as it brings pleasure to us and the Lord in anticipation of reaching several thousand new people with the gospel message during the months of January, February, and March of 1965. Write us for more subscription order blank envelopes to fill out with additional names,

or type, or write plainly the lists of names on a sheet of paper and mail them in promptly. A premium of your choice will be mailed to you for each list of ten names and addresses. Be a home missionary by participating in this gospel extension effort, and the Lord will bless you abundantly for your labor of love for souls for whom our Savior suffered and died on the cruel cross of Calvary. Send in all the names by December 8, please!

o-o-o-o-o-o-o-o-o

It is my pleasure to testify that the Lord wonderfully healed this writer of an infection on his leg just above the ankle. This occurred the first part of September, and the infection seemed to poison my entire system. I took with a hard chill and then a high fever. In answer to prayer the Lord took the sickness away, but for several more days I was laid up and unable to walk on my foot. By holding on to the promises of God the infection was eradicated and the Lord put me on my feet again. Thank God for the virtue of divine physical healing and the privilege we have to trust Him!

o-o-o-o-o-o-o-o-o

It is with sad hearts for our loss that we acknowledge the departure from this world of our dear Sister Opal Wilson from the mission field in Nigeria, Africa. On Sept. 19 a telegram was received from Bro. Ostis B. Wilson that his wife was very sick. This urgent request for prayer for her healing was phoned to several congregations across the country. About three days later another telegram came to this office from Bro. Wilson that Sister Opal was critically ill. The church here and abroad went into fasting and prayer for her recovery. The Lord heard those petitions and saw those tears. Yet God in His infinite wisdom declined to answer in the way that we desired, and called her to eternal rest from her earthly labors at 10 p. m., Sept. 24 after a number of days with pneumonia fever. She and Bro. Wilson had gotten wet in a heavy rain, from which she took pneumonia.

This is the second missionary to Nigeria to depart this life this year. Bro. David Madden passed on April 28, just a few days after returning to the States. Such occurrences we do not fully understand and we may be inclined to question why, but we must ever remember that God is still God and that we are just His children and He can do as He pleases with His own. Even as Jesus prayed to His Father in the Garden of Gethsemane, "Not my will, but thine be done," so we must humbly submit to His decrees and willingly trust His infinite wisdom.

The statement, "Death does not denote defeat," written recently in this paper by a missionary, still remains true. Death is that doorway through which every child of God must pass in order to obtain that final and complete victory.

As each faithful warrior lays down his armor on the mission field, may the church at large respond to the challenge and fill every vacant place with a score of volunteers. It is no time to retreat or give up the fight, but we must review and renew our consecration and redouble our efforts for the cause

of Christ. In past ages the church has waxed valiant amidst adversities, and it must not fail now!

o-o-o-o-o-o-o-o-o

When word was received in this country that Sister Opal Wilson was at rest with the Lord, words of sympathy and offers to help in any way possible to get her body flown back to California for burial began to pour in from saints, relatives and friends. As the financial arrangements were being made, Bro. Wilson was involved in the very slow and trying process, with delay after delay, in order to get the body prepared and flown to Los Angeles. Eventually he arrived about noon, and the body some hours later, at the Los Angeles airport on Friday, Oct. 2. There he was met by a large group of sympathizing saints and relatives.

This writer, as well as a number of other out-of-state individuals, was constrained by love and mutual concern to make the trip to California to render whatever comfort and aid we could to the bereaved family. The many flowers and the large attendance at the funeral spoke eloquently of the place which Sister Opal held in the hearts of all who knew her.

As we carried her earthly tabernacle to its resting place on the green hillside, we knew that Sister Opal possessed a "building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." (2 Cor. 5:1).

## Prayer Requests

Ohio—"I earnestly request prayer by all. I am suffering now with a stomach, gall bladder, and liver attack. God wonderfully healed me of gall stones several years ago. It seems I am having trouble like that again. I am not going to a doctor." —Mrs. Blanche J. Romsche

Kans.—"I am in great need of help and believe in your prayers for all my afflictions and heartaches. I know there is a balm in Gilead." —Frances Derrough

Mich.—"I have severe stomach pains and am depressed."

Miss.—Afflicted severely in body.

Tenn.—"Pray for my two children who are afflicted."

Va.—"Remember Sister Powell who is an older minister and has cancer. She is trusting God fully."

Mo.—"Pray that the Lord will heal me of kidney infection."

Minn.—Please remember Bro. E. J. Kirchner who is up in years and afflicted. The enemy tries to discourage him.

Pa.—Remember Bro. Jerome Parks as he is severely afflicted with epilepsy. He is saved and needs his healing so he can learn a trade and care for his family.

Ind.—Do pray earnestly for Bro. Lowell Wilson who has palsy and is not privileged to be with other saints.

Pray for a broken home and another home that has great trouble in it. Pray that God will lay His hand upon this condition and rebuke it and bring peace.

o

A Bible in the hand is certainly worth two on the shelf.

The devil may offer you big money for your time and talent, but you had better think about your soul.

## BIBLES, BOOKS, CARDS, AND TRACT RACKS

Egermeier's Bible Story Book, 640 pages, colored pictures, the best in its field .....	\$ 4.95
Cruden's Complete Concordance, 200,000 references .....	4.00
Smith's Bible Dictionary .....	3.95
Fox's Book of Martyrs .....	3.00
Pilgrim's Progress (Illustrated) .....	2.95
Rainbow Bible for Children, stiff, printed cover .....	2.75
Oxford Bible, approx. 6x8½, con., 100,000 chain ref. ....	15.45
World Bible, approx. 5x8, con., ref., durable, black .....	13.50
World Bible, approx. 5x7, con., ref., durable, black .....	10.95
World Bible, approx. 5x8, con., ref., black .....	7.95
World Bible, approx. 6½x9½, large print, stiff back .....	5.50
World Bible, approx. 6½x9½, large print, with con. and references .....	7.50
World Bible, approx. 5x7½, con., maps, helps .....	2.25
New Testament with Psalms, large print, 5½x7 5/8 imitation leather .....	2.75
Pocket New Testaments ..... Values from \$1.40 to .....	3.00
A Doctor's Experience of Divine Healing, 24 pages, paper bound, each .....	.15
How Do I Look?—32 pages, paper bound, 25c each, or five for .....	1.00
1962 "Faith and Victory" books, 11 issues of the year, bound in heavy paper—reduced to .....	.50
1963 "Faith and Victory" books, 40th anniversary memorial edition—you will want a copy, each .....	1.00
1962 "Beautiful Way" book, 52 papers of the year 1962 bound in book form with heavy cover, reduced to .....	.50
1963 "Beautiful Way" books, bound as above, each .....	1.00
The Ordinances of the New Testament by Wm. G. Schell, 67 pages, paper bound, each .....	.25
The Church of God by D. S. Warner, 32 pages, paper bound, 25c each or six books for .....	1.00
Life Sketches of Sarah Smith, 36 pages, paper bound, 25c each or five for .....	1.00
Sanctification by J. W. Byers, 96 pages of clear, sound teaching on this subject, paper bound, 40c each, or three books for .....	1.00
How I Got Faith by Willis M. Brown, 199 pages, paper bound, 50c each or three for .....	1.00
Touching Incidents and Remarkable Answers to Prayer, compiled by S. B. Shaw, especially for children, 135 pages, many pictures, paper bound, 75c each, or three for .....	2.00
The Story of Joseph, 79 pages, paper bound. You will be blessed with this reading. 25c each, or five for .....	1.00
Salvation, Present, Perfect, Now or Never, by D. S. Warner, paper bound, 63 pages, 40c each, or three books for .....	1.00
Helps To Holy Living, Books No. 1 and No. 2, by C. E. Orr, combined in 64 pages, paper bound, 40c each or three books for .....	1.00
Christian Conduct by C. E. Orr, 45 pages, paper bound, 35c each or four books for .....	1.00
A Religious Controversy by C. E. Orr, 80 pages, presents many Scriptural truths in an interesting manner, 40c each or three books for .....	1.00
Instruction of Youth in the Christian Life by C. E. Orr, 32 pages, paper bound, each .....	.25
How to Live a Holy Life by C. E. Orr, 112 pages of soul food, paper bound, 50c each or three for .....	1.00
Odors From Golden Vials by C. E. Orr, 78 pages, paper bound, 40c each or three books for .....	1.00
The Kingdom of God and the One Thousand Years Reign by H. M. Riggle in 1899. 160 pages, with heavy paper binding. 50 cents each or three for .....	1.00

The Two Works of Grace by H. M. Riggle in 1900. 56 pages with heavy paper binding .....	.35
Trials and Triumphs of Eva Grant by Effie M. Williams, 94 pages, paper bound. The story of a girl's life and how faith brought her through. Price .....	.45
Biblical Trace of the Church by Wm. G. Schell, in 1893. 173 pages, paper bound. Price .....	.60
The Hidden Life, or Walks with God by C. E. Orr 112 pages of soul food. Price .....	.50
The Corrupt Tree by Mrs. Anna Marie Miles, 40 pages, paper bound. Especially for young people. Corruptness exposed and a way out of it shown. Price .....	.25
The Sabbath and the Lord's Day by H. M. Riggle. 160 pages, paper bound. Comprehensive coverage of the subject. Price 60c each or two for .....	1.00
The Plan of Salvation by Ostis B. Wilson. A new 64-page booklet clearly setting forth God's redemptive provision for mankind. Price, 25c each, or five copies for .....	1.00
Beautiful Way Songs for Juniors, second edition, paperbound, 32 songs in words only—no music. Suitable for Sunday Schools and children's meetings. 10c per copy, or 1 dozen for .....	1.00
Himnos de Gloria (Hymns of Glory) — a Spanish song book just off the press in words only, 150 pages, paper bound, carries the Church of God message. Each .....	.50
"Evening Light Songs" book, shaped notes, 512 pages, cloth bound, the right song book for the Church of God. \$1.50 each, plus 15c for mailing. Scripture Text Christmas Cards. Box of 21.....	1.00
Christian Wall Calendar for 1965. Scripture text for each day, beautifully colored pictures, each.....	.45
Above are postpaid except Evening Light Songs & racks.	
Order from Faith Pub. House, Box 713, Guthrie, Okla.	

## DOVER, OKLA. CAMPMEETING REPORT

The campmeeting which was held at Dover, Okla. from Sept. 3 to 13 is now history. The meeting was owned and blessed of God from the first day until the closing service. The Lord did truly send forth His Word under the anointing and inspiration of the Holy Spirit in a clear and distinct manner.

There were about a dozen ministers, going and coming. There were some that had expected to attend that were hindered by illness or other causes. Out-of-state ministers were Bro. H. Chaney and Bro. Lewis Williams. The truths of the Bible were set forth very earnestly. Much stress was used to show the need of a deeper consecrated life, obtained through the experience of sanctification, a second definite work of grace, wrought in the heart by the Holy Ghost. It was a real heart-searching time—a time of settling down in the Lord.

Although the attendance was not as large as in former years, the Lord was present, and the meeting was said to be better than any for years past. All were encouraged to press on.

The expenses of the meeting were nicely met, and we appreciate and thank everyone who contributed with means, and/or provisions, and also prayers to make the entire effort a success for God.

Bro. Ira Stover gave a report, followed by Sis. Stover, concerning the Missionary work in Nigeria, Africa, and the need of the cooperation of the different congregations in helping to support the work in that ripe field.

We are thankful for the courage, willingness, and sacrifice that is being displayed by those who are willing to give their lives for the sake of perishing souls.

After the report by Bro. and Sister Stover, a liberal offering was received to help supply the necessities for the Nigerian work. "Let us work while it is day."

Pray for us and the little branch here at Dover.

—Bro. Caldwell and Ulysses Phillips

## Meeting Notices

### YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING IN SAN DIEGO

A young people's all-day meeting will be held at the chapel in San Diego, Calif., at 2902 Franklin Ave., beginning on Sunday, November 8th and will be held every second Sunday of the month until further notice. Come one, come all. Come praying and filled with the spirit of God. The young people will have charge of the meeting, but everyone is invited.

For further information, contact Bro. Z. Francisco, phone 264-1522, Sister O. Rector, phone 264-4364, or Sister D. Fields, phone 264-9922.

### GOSPEL SINGING AT GUTHRIE, OKLA.

The congregation of the Church of God at Guthrie, Okla. invites you to a gospel singing at the chapel at 6th and W. Warner on Friday night, November 6, 1964.

Come bring your songbooks and ballads and let us sing and make melody in our hearts unto the Lord. For further information, contact the pastor, Bro. Ira Stover, P. O. Box 210, Guthrie, Okla.

### MEETING AT SENATH, MISSOURI

Bro. Mart Samons and Bro. Curtis Williams, evangelists from Ohio, will, the Lord willing, hold a revival meeting at the Harkey Chapel (Nesbitt Community) at Senath, Mo. from Nov. 1 to 8, inclusive.

The saints at Senath and of that area invite all to attend, especially the unsaved. The services will be held each evening at 7:30 and on both Sundays, and the gospel will be preached in its simplicity so that every soul will understand God's will for him.

The Myrtle, Mo. all-day meeting, which is scheduled for the first Sunday of each month, will be cancelled Nov. 1 so they can attend the revival meeting at Senath.

For further information contact Louie and Evodna Marler, Route 1, Box 180, Senath, Mo. or call TUXedo 8-9329 or PErshing 7-2678. —Sybilla Miller, Secretary

Jefferson, Oregon Assembly Meeting—Nov. 6 to 17.

Hammond, La. Assembly Meeting—November 22 to 29.

## OBITUARIES

Callie B. Baucome, oldest of ten children, was born to Green and Janie Baucome Nov. 6, 1885 in Topeka, Kansas and departed this life Sept. 30, 1964.

On October 12, 1907 she was united in marriage to Paul B. Owens.

While very young she began to realize her need of salvation, sought the Lord, and professed a hope in Christ. She later heard the truth as taught by the ministers of the Evening Light Reformation. She believed and accepted the same, being baptized and became a real witness

for the Lord, faithful in attending services and letting her light shine wherever she went. She adorned the doctrine.

In 1961 she, with her husband, moved to El Reno, Okla. where their home was always open for prayer and worship as there was not a congregation of the Church of God in that town. The saints would often go to El Reno to be with her in devotion. Her physical condition would not permit her to attend services as in former days, but she was always happy and cheerful.

In August, 1964 she, with her husband, went to live in the home of John Owens in Manly, Iowa, from which place the Lord called her home. She slipped quietly away in sweet peace.

She leaves to mourn their loss her husband, Paul B. Owens; two sisters, Mrs. Jessie Fisher of El Reno, Okla., Mrs. Leona Bridges of Omaha, Neb.; two brothers, Johnnie Baucome of Enid, Okla., Adron Baucome of Fireburg, Calif., a host of nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral message was by Ulysses Phillips, assisted by Bro. Lewis Williams and Bro. A. J. Bowman of Wichita, Kansas. Scripture: John 14:1-6, 1 John 3:2, 3. Burial was in Wanamaker Cemetery, Dover, Okla.

May God comfort the bereaved. Our loss is heaven's gain.

Lafayette Hall was born November 26, 1872 in Stevenport, Ky. and departed this life August 28, 1964 at the age of 91 years, 9 months, and 2 days.

Bro. Hall came to California from Okla. City, Okla. in 1926, and has lived in Pomona the last 37 years of his life.

He heard the truth of this Reformation early in life and was born into the Church of God. He was acquainted with Bro. D. S. Warner and heard him and others preach many messages in his early life. He had a gentle, quiet spirit and loved the Lord unto the end of his life. The last several years he worshiped with the congregation of saints in Pomona at 750 So. Eleanor Street.

He leaves to mourn his passing a faithful wife, Myrtle Hall; three daughters, Mrs. Lucy Smith of Pomona, Calif., Mrs. Pat Bice of Redlands, Calif., and Mrs. Virginia Edwards of Montclair, Calif.; eight grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, besides other relatives, saints, and friends.

Funeral services were conducted by Sister La Vern Manuel.

Sister Fannie Brown, said to be about 93 years old, passed away October 6, 1964 and her funeral was held in the Church of God chapel in Tulsa, Okla., October 12. She was a very faithful servant of God, and of a meek and quiet disposition. She was a prompt and regular attendant of the services. Her place in the congregation is vacant. Her noble spirit has answered the call of the heavenly Father and has flown away to the paradise of God. We will meet her in that great morning when the dead in Christ shall arise.

The deceased leaves to mourn a daughter, Mrs. Cleo Rogers of Tulsa; a son, Mr. Herman Grimes of San Diego, California, three nieces and four nephews.

The services were conducted by Bro. U. Phillips, assisted by Bro. W. Warren and Bro. Sam Barton.

Ottie Rachael Whitehouse was born in Decatur, Ill. Oct. 8, 1890 and departed this life Sept. 23, 1964 at Shawnee, Okla. at the age of 73 years, 11 months and 15 days.



Sister Whitehouse learned and embraced this truth at a very early age in life. She was a kind and sweet wife, mother and saint. God granted her grace to remain true to the end. She was a great example and is greatly missed by all who knew her.

She leaves to mourn her passing her husband, R. M. Whitehouse, three daughters, Mrs. Gladys Ailey, Mrs. Donald Dodge and Mrs. Hugh Lindsey, one step-daughter, Mrs. Don Sankey; two sons, Owen E. Parker and Kayle W. Parker; four step-sons, Richard, Alvin, Wilton, and Ralph Whitehouse; three sisters, two brothers, 11 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren, a number of nieces and nephews, a host of other relatives and friends.

The funeral services and interment were conducted at Shawnee, Oklahoma by Bro. Charles R. Smith.

Mrs. Mabel May (Kelley) Hightower, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Kelley, was born in McDonald County, Missouri on October 1, 1900, and departed this life at her home in Webb City, Mo. on September 21, 1964 at the age of 63 years, 11 months and 21 days.

In 1929 she was united in marriage to Alvin Robert Hightower at Oklahoma City, Okla. To this union seven children were born, three of whom died in infancy. Sister Hightower is survived by her husband, one son, James, of Batesville, Arkansas; three daughters, Lois May Hightower and Roberta Lee Hightower, Webb City, Mo., and Mrs. Charlotte Nell Huskey, of California, and six grandchildren.

Sister Hightower embraced the teachings of the Church of God in her youth and lived a devoted, faithful life until God took her. She had much suffering throughout her life but her faith was in God as her Healer and she trusted, without wavering, until God gave her the eternal victory.

The funeral services were held at the Webb City, Mo. chapel, conducted by Bros. Ira Stover, Murphy Allen and Sister Ersa Carrick.

Anna Belle (Manuel) Holden was born May 11, 1909 in Perry, Okla., the youngest daughter of Plummer and Isabelle Manuel. Her childhood was spent in Oklahoma where she was reared by God-fearing Christian parents. She gave her heart to God in her youth.

She came to California in 1925, and at a later date was united in holy matrimony with the late Elder Terrus T. Holden, who departed this life in February, 1961. Sister Holden ministered right by his side throughout their many years of marriage. She was a faithful member of the Church of God, (evening light saints) nearly all of her life. She counted it all joy to forsake the pleasures of this life to serve our Lord and Saviour. She obeyed the scriptures and taught all others to do the same. She was a shining example. Her unwavering faith in God and her consecration were a source of help and encouragement to many who sought her prayers and counsel in times of trials, distress and discouragement. Her motto was, "Children, let's take it to the Lord in prayer."

She was ever mindful of the needs of her fellowman. She put her love for others above concern for herself and her own well-being. Truly, she has fought a good fight, and has kept the faith, henceforth we believe a crown of righteousness is laid up for her by the Lord, the righteous Judge.

Sister Holden departed this life at 6:45 a. m. in Pacoima, Calif. on September 7, 1964, and leaves to mourn their loss a daughter, Mrs. Lillie Morgan; four brothers, Abe, John, Alfred, and Amos Manuel; three nephews; one niece, three grand nephews, a loving sister-in-law, Sister Emma Holden of Pasadena, Calif.; a host of other

relatives and friends, and her brothers and sisters in the Lord, who will miss her greatly and who loved her deeply.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. I. C. Chandler, assisted by Bro. J. T. Johnson and Bro. Z. Francisco.  
—Tora Mae Jensen

Opal Beatrice (Alexander) Wilson was born November 13, 1905 at Violet, Oklahoma and departed this life September 24, 1964 from the mission field in Eastern Nigeria, Africa at the age of 58 years, 10 months and 11 days.

On March 31, 1929 she was united in marriage with Ostin B. Wilson at Shawnee, Oklahoma. To this union three children were born, one daughter and two sons.

In March of 1931 she and her husband moved to Clovis, New Mexico where they pastored the congregation of the Church of God until January, 1934. Then they moved to Anthony, Kansas where they had the oversight of the church until June of 1943. In June of 1943 she and her husband moved to California where she became the pastor of the Church of God congregation which was then holding its services on Perlita Ave. in Los Angeles. This congregation later moved its place of worship to Osborne Place in Pacoima and she continued the pastorate of this congregation until the time of her death.

Opal was constantly reaching out for greater and higher things in the spiritual realm and was possessed of a missionary zeal and vision which was constantly looking out upon far horizons. She often lamented over the lack of the missionary zeal and spirit on the part of so many of the church. She carried a great and constant burden for the progress and expansion of the church and the work of God and for the spiritual stability of the saints. These themes were predominant in many of her sermons and much of her preaching.

She had a keen interest in the poor and underprivileged peoples of the earth and was much of the time "chewing at the bits," to use a homely expression, to be able to go and impart to them the benefits of the gospel of Christ. She had an avid interest in mission work wherever it was being carried on and was possessed of a restless spirit to go and participate in that kind of work herself.

God finally granted her this privilege in June of this year to go and to be active in missionary work on the mission field in Eastern Nigeria, Africa and she grasped the opportunity with joy and anticipation. She, with her husband, arrived at their station on this mission field on the 13th day of August of this year. She entered into her work there with zest and zeal and with keen interest and anticipation. She loved her work and was happy and contented in this place. She very quickly came to love dearly the people with whom she worked and they loved her.

But this was not to continue long. God had other things in mind for her. At the end of about five weeks she was stricken with a severe illness and about nine days later God called her unto Himself to reap the reward of all her labors in this life. She went with courage and confidence, testifying that she was ready to go and was willing to go if that was what God wanted. Her husband asked her different times during her illness if she was glad she had come, and she affirmed to the very end that she surely was.

She dearly loved her children and was much concerned continually about their way of life and that they give their hearts and lives to God and love and serve Him. Often in her praying she was heard to say, "Oh God, one more time I bring my children and lay them on the altar before you that you may save their souls at



any cost." Those prayers are silenced now, but may God in His own way and time pour them all out where they belong and bring them to pass.

She is survived by her husband, Ostis B. Wilson, 12312 Osborne Place, Pacoima, Calif.; one daughter, Mrs. Wilda Adams, Panorama City, Calif.; two sons, George W. Wilson of the U. S. Air Force and Weldon Wilson, Los Angeles, Calif.; three sisters, Mrs. Myrtle Sutton, Fresno, Calif., Mrs. Lois Miller, Lake Charles, La., and Mrs. Ruth Mason, Pomona, Calif.; four brothers, James J. Alexander, Yorba Linda, Calif., R. F. Alexander, Richmond, Calif., Guy Alexander, Pencil Bluff, Arkansas, and Ruel L. Alexander of Wynnewood, Okla.; four grandchildren, a number of nephews and nieces, other relatives, and many saints.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Ira Stover and Sister La Vern Manuel on Oct. 5 in the chapel of the Forest Lawn of the Hills (Hollywood Hills) and her earthly house was laid to rest nearby to await the general resurrection at the last day.

#### In Appreciation

Pacoima, Calif. (Oct. 13)—To all the dear saints and our friends scattered abroad, greetings:

My heart is melted within me for the love that all the saints across the country and our friends here and there have shown toward me and my deceased wife in the last few days. I can say as Paul did when an unusual token of love had been shown toward him by the saints at one time: "But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of us hath flourished again." Love has been shown toward us on numerous occasions before, but now it has not only been shown in an ordinary way but in a very extraordinary measure and has flourished abundantly.

Then Paul continues to say: "But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received . . . the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well pleasing to God." This Scripture has certainly been fulfilled in this case and I am abundantly full because the money has continued to come in from saints all across the country until there is actually a surplus for the need.

Paul continues on to say: "But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased." And again he says, "For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have showed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister."

Then finally he said: "For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God." This scripture has also been fulfilled in this case because many thanksgivings have gone up from my heart to God for this show of the love of the saints and our friends toward us. And I earnestly pray for God's rich blessings upon everyone who had any part in this.

My children also have been made to wonder at this liberal show of love toward us and extend their heartfelt thanks and appreciation to every contributor. Let us pray for them that their hearts may be broken by such manifestations of love even more than by the loss of their mother and that the goodness of God will lead them all to repentance and to the foot of the cross of Christ.

Yours in the service of the Master,

—Ostis B. Wilson and family.

#### IN LOVING MEMORY

God, in His great love and wisdom, has called our dear Sister Opal Wilson from labor to reward. As a fellow-

laborer and minister of the gospel, we have suffered a great loss, but it is her eternal gain where she is resting from her labors, yet her works will follow on.

Sister Opal lived for this day—working, toiling, sacrificing, and giving of her talents and time with a zeal and courage commendable to all. She had a real missionary spirit and burning desire to get the gospel to the poor and needy about her. She loved the cause of God, and no task was too small or too great for her to put her whole heart into it with a faith backed up by prayer and laboring with her own hands to see it accomplished.

When the call came for help in Nigeria, Africa, she accepted the challenge, desiring to carry the gospel to the hungry souls of that land. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." Sister Opal gave her life for others, a true soldier of the cross. She was a devoted wife and mother, working side by side with her husband, Bro. O. B. Wilson, preaching the gospel at home and abroad. While Bro. Wilson's calling was more evangelistic, she was the pastor of the Los Angeles, Calif. congregation (which later moved to Pacoima) for more than twenty years.

We have personally been very closely associated with Bro. and Sister Wilson for the last twenty-one years and will feel this loss very keenly, and can say as a minister of the gospel we have lost a very precious and valuable minister from our midst. May God help us each one to be faithful unto death when we, too, will receive a crown of life.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Bro. Wilson and the family. May God bless and give you strength in this time of sorrow. With courage may you look forward to that day of reunion where there will be no more parting, but we will be forever with the Lord.

"Brother, dear, never fear, we shall triumph at last, if we trust in the Word He has given. When our trials and toils, and our weepings are past, we shall meet in that home up in heaven. Let us pray for each other, nor faint by the way in this sad world of sorrow and care. For that Home is so bright, and is almost in sight, and I trust in my heart" we'll meet up there. —Ira D. Stover

#### MEXICO MISSIONARY REPORT

Dear Readers of the "Faith and Victory":—

We greet you again in the holy name of Jesus, God's only begotten Son, who brought about this wonderful salvation by His sacrificial death, shed blood, and resurrection. All praise, honor, and glory be to the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the blessed Trinity.

At this writing all the workers are digging in for a renewed attack against Satan on the Mexico front. With renewed consecration to God and His cause, we expect by His grace to see more souls saved in the coming months, if we are granted time and strength. We solicit your much needed prayers for both soul and body as we endeavor to serve the Lord at our several posts of duty.

Work is progressing at Patscuaro, Mexicali, on the living quarters for the workers there. So far nothing has developed in a material way for a chapel in Ensenada. Please pray for this need that God will direct in obtaining a place of worship before cold weather begins. (At present services are conducted out of doors in a yard.) Also, continue to pray about a place to build a chapel in Ojos Negros. Also at Asseradero (lumber camp) we need a place for services. God is able for all these needs; just pray and believe.

There are numbers of conditions the Lord will have to work out to His glory in all the congregations. Some

are in double marriage, some one thing, some another. One faithful sister who lives in Delta and attends services in Patzcuaro is carrying a heavy burden for some of her household. Her name is Juanita. Pray for her and the burdens—call her name in prayer to God. We cannot name all the people and their needs, but do pray for them. God knows who they are and what the needs are.

Pray for the workers to be anointed with wisdom and discernment to deal with the many conditions. Sister Sheppard desired prayer that she learn the Spanish language more rapidly. Sister Kelly was anointed and prayed for that she be granted the needed sleep at night. God has wonderfully helped her in the past and is able now.

The Ford pick-up which was purchased for the work in El Alamo is serving well. Some of the saints enabled the Huskeys to obtain a good station wagon for their use in the Lord's work. The offerings to purchase a new truck for the long week-end trips have reached \$2,188.00. How we do thank and praise the dear Lord for all He is doing through His children! We trust these investments shall reap eternal dividends.

Brother Tomas and family and Sister Edith Cole made a trip to Coahuila, Mexico, which is a state south of Texas. They went to visit their people and give out the gospel. They expect to return about November 1.

As it looks at this point, here is a tentative geographical line-up of the Mexico workers: Edith Cole and Carrie Sheppard, Patzcuaro (Mexicali), Opal Kelly and Kathleen Murphey, El Alamo; Tomas Mendoza and family, Santa Catarina and Valle Trinidad; the Huskey family and Shirley Stice, Rosarito and Tijuana; the Hites, Ensenada and Ojos Negros; Bro. H. Smith, Asseradero and La Huerto and other stations as God directs.

The Wittenborns (Barney and Virginia), who have been quite regular in Mexicali, will be found anywhere the Lord leads them and are valuable to the work everywhere they go.

Sister Ruby Marken has not been able to return to the work as yet due to responsibilities at home. Continue to pray for her mother that she gain her health back to the glory of God.

Sister Opal Wilson was one of the group on the initial trip all the way to Santa Catarina more than six years ago. She carried a real burden for the Mexico work and had made numerous trips to the field. Her recent promotion from this life has left a real challenge for those who remain here to follow her holy life and example of godliness and zeal.

Again we wish to acknowledge the many letters, prayers, and offerings from the saints everywhere, and confess that we need your continued interest as we launch out into the deep, desiring a draught of souls for Jesus' sake. God bless you and make you a blessing.

Yours in behalf of all the workers, —Harland Smith

## TESTIMONIES

Pacoima, Calif., (Oct. 13)—Dear Bro. Lawrence and all the saints: I send you greetings today in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, who loved us and gave Himself for us that He might redeem us from all iniquity and purify unto Himself a peculiar people zealous of good works.

I can truly say that God's grace has been sufficient for myself, and my wife also during her illness, in answer to the earnest, fervent prayers of the saints in our behalf. I kept singing over and over to myself mostly the song, "He will not fail me now" and He did not. Without

question, the days of my wife's illness and the days which followed her death were the most trying days of my life up to now. But through it all I was sustained and strengthened by an unseen hand and by the comfort of the divine Spirit in my heart. You were all praying much for that and your prayers were abundantly answered.

The thing that many of you have expressed deep concern about in respect to my circumstances, God lifted me up above in a great measure and just never let me feel that much. That was in regard to my being so alone and so far from home and the saints and my family, etc. Naturally, that realization would sweep over me at times and my heart would sink but I would just look to the Lord and say to myself, "I must not think of that. I can't. I have a job to do and must get it done and can't put in time thinking about those things." And the Lord would just lift me up above that and only let me feel that a few times and then just momentarily. I learned in those trying days to appreciate more than ever the sustaining grace and strength of God and the prayers of the saints in my behalf. May God bless every one of you who bore this burden and held us up in your prayers during this time.

I can say that Opal was a courageous soul right down to the last and testified just a short while before her passing that as far as she knew she was ready to go and was willing to go if that was what God wanted.

Her whole heart was in her work. She dearly loved her work there and loved the people and they loved her. The Lord just kept both of us real satisfied and contented there and there was not a day that dragged on our hands any time. We were real happy in the service of the Master in that place. Opal has always been anxious to get back home any time we went away for a while but this time she never said one word about coming home from the time we left and was earnestly hoping we could get an extension on our visa to stay longer.

Therefore we feel God's approval was upon the venture and can truly say that there is a big, big work to be done in that country. There are some precious souls there who are eagerly reaching out in their hearts for the light and truth of the gospel. We found some honest, open hearts who were willing to accept truth on any line of truth we saw fit to bring. Let us all pray much for them as they are much grieved and shaken up at Opal's passing.

In fact, their hopes were just about dashed out and they just about despaired of anyone else ever coming to help them since David Madden had been there and died about as soon as he came home from there and then we came and Opal died right there on the field. The women whom she had been teaching to sew brought the pieces of cloth she had given them to use in teaching them to make simple stitches and hems, etc. and showed them and said: "Is this all we get? Is everything going to stop here now?" The ministers and workers whom we had been teaching lessons in the Bible doctrines said they did not want to stop what they had started and asked if I would continue to prepare lessons for them in writing and send them to Bro. Ekpo who could translate them and they would continue to come together at appointed times to hear the lessons. I promised them I would just take that on as a part of my regular work. So let us pray for them that their hearts may be much enlightened and blessed as they continue to come together from time to time to study these lessons on Bible doctrines.

I asked Opal repeatedly during the days of her illness if she was glad she came and she always affirmed that she was. I asked her one time after she had been ill several days if she was glad she was there and she

answered emphatically without hesitation, "Why yes; aren't you?" She continued to affirm that right down to the last and she was happy there.

Well, in summing up, I can only say: "Thanks to God and to all of you for everything and let us all dig a little deeper and consecrate a little more and sacrifice a little greater for Jesus' sake and for the work of God."

Your brother and fellow-servant, —Ostis B. Wilson

o-o-o-o-o-o-o-o-o

Ore.—Dear Bro. Pruitt, all the workers there at the print shop and the saints everywhere, greetings in Jesus' dear name:

I can report victory in my soul. I want to thank the Lord and all the saints that have prayed for my eye and knee. The Lord has touched them and both are better. Since our campmeeting the Lord has healed my back that I injured when I fell from a horse. I had suffered with it for sixty years. This summer two different sisters wrote me and said they were asking the Lord to heal my back. I said, "Lord, I am in agreement with them," and the Lord healed my back. All praise to His dear name. It is a mighty God we are serving. He has healed me so many times. I surely do thank Him for all He has done for me, soul and body. I want to live to please Him and do all I know how to win others to the Lord.

We should all pray for each other. I ask the Lord to be with each one of His saints the world over and tell Him I am in agreement with all of them in behalf of all their requests. So remember, dear ones, I am in agreement with you for all your needs. Pray for me.

Your sister in Christ, —Sister Emma Busch

o-o-o-o-o-o-o-o-o

Kentucky—Dear Bro. Pruitt, I greet you in the name of Jesus, trusting this finds you and all the workers in the best of health and enjoying the good things of God.

I have been thinking on the judgment. We always hear of a judgment to come, but not much on the judgment that has come. The prophets spoke often of a judgment to come. Now do we still look for the judgment to come of which they prophesied? In Isaiah 58:1 the prophet said, "Cry aloud, spare not; lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgression." So it seems they were like a lot of the preachers of today—afraid of hurting someone's feelings.

If only we older ones dress as we should, the young will think it is for older people. I know we must use wisdom in teaching anyone, especially babes in Christ, and yet they need to be taught why our clothing should cover us. I would not even attempt to tell the ministers what to say, but we must always be sure of the leadings of the Spirit. Joel 2:1 says, "Blow ye the trumpet in Zion; sound an alarm in my holy mountain." John 5:22 says, "For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son."

We are in the last day of time in the sight of our Lord, which is the grace dispensation. It is the day when the Word that He has spoken is judging the world. The doom of the wicked is clearly set forth in the Word of God. When Jesus came and began declaring the whole counsel of God, then the judgment started. When the day of judgment (as it is commonly spoken of) comes, it will be over in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye. We truly are being weighed in the balance and found wanting if we are not walking in all the light we have.

The world judged our Saviour as an imposter and killed Him physically. The world also judges us to be imposters and fanatics, but thanks be unto God, they can't kill our soul. Jesus said, "For judgment I am come into this world..." John 9:39. Judgment started on the day Jesus began declaring the whole truth to the

people, that those who loved Him but did not see the way clearly might see the true light and be truly saved from all sin and those who refused the light would be blinded forever to the truth if they would not accept the truth as he taught them. The Word is judging us as we walk in the truth or reject it.

May God help everyone to get their eyes opened to the light before it is too late. The ungodly cannot stand in judgment. May we who are ready to meet our Savior search diligently for the scattered flock, lest we be judged as the false prophet or sluggard and their blood be required at our hands.

As I have been having severe kidney trouble, I ask all the dear saints to agree in prayer for me. There are people I want to reach with the gospel message who probably will never hear it if I am unable to go up the creeks and hollows. I must reach everyone I can or I will fail to pass the test in this great judgment day of Christ our Savior.

With much Christian love, Sister A. F. Baldrige

o-o-o-o-o-o-o-o-o

Texas—Dear Sister Marie and saints, It has been quite a while since I've written. I was meditating on the Lord this morning and decided to write these few lines. I wish to express my appreciation for the little "Faith and Victory" paper. I look forward to getting it every month. Since I am isolated from the saints it is a great help and encouragement to me. I surely do want to see this wonderful work for God go on. There is surely a need for God's true ministers to spread out more over the States. Please help me pray that God will burden some minister to come out here to Dumas or somewhere close. This is a town of about 13,000 people and we have no church here. Yes, there are many sect movements, but God's true church surely needs to be here. Pray for me that His will be done in my life. The Lord has been good to me. I'm so thankful for His presence and His great hand of care upon me and my family. They are all so unconcerned about their souls. I know God is able to convict their hearts and reveal Himself to them.

I hope this finds everyone well there and prospering in the Lord. I send my love to all the dear saints.

—Sister Frances McDonald

o-o-o-o-o-o-o-o-o

Calif.—Dear Sister Anna Marie and family, all the precious workers at the print shop, and all the saints scattered abroad, I send greetings of Christian love to all in His precious Name, the one we love so well. I am so glad to be numbered with the bloodwashed travelers on our way to the place He has gone to prepare for us. (St. John 14:1-4). I am so glad He has saved my soul. I thank Him for the love for the dear saints of God that He has given me. They are very dear to my heart. What hurts them hurts me. I am willing to be less than the least of them. I feel happy when they are honored. I love to pray for them and am happy when they let me share their burdens. I love my prayer life and am enjoying salvation. I am trying to fill my place in God's vineyard, I care not how nor where it may be. I covet your prayers and beg you to pray for me that I keep humble and faithful till my call comes to go home. My faith and trust is in Jesus Christ, my Savior. Seek for the old paths as Jeremiah said and walk therein. That is what I am endeavoring to do with all my heart, knowledge and strength. I love Him enough to follow Him and "follow on to know him." (Hosea 6:3) Yea, enough to suffer for His name's sake. (Rom. 14:19) Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things whereby one may edify another. God forbid that I should sacrifice a principle of truth for peace.

Yours, standing firm for this precious old-time truth even in these modern times, washed in His blood, to sin no more,

—Georgia V. Zinn

o—o—o—o—o—o—o—o

Ga.—Dear Saints: It has been a long time since I put my testimony in to the saints everywhere. I am in this number and saved today. Oh, how wonderful to be in Christ and to know Him. He is so wonderful. He hears and answers our prayers. I love Him. He keeps me from all evil. I am working to please Him.

My hearing has been bad since I moved here in August with my daughter and her two grandsons. I couldn't hear a word anyone said except they shouted. It seemed at all times that a hard wind was blowing. I asked different ones to pray and I didn't fail to pray for my hearing to be restored. The good Lord has truly restored my hearing now. I feel like shouting and praising His holy name for He is worthy. Now I am praying that my daughter's grandsons be saved. Please pray with me for the salvation of my home. "I mean to go right on until the crown is won. I mean to fight the fight of faith till life on earth is done." Then I want to go Home and live with Jesus in eternity.

I was converted when I was 15 years old. I was sanctified wholly when I was 37 years old. Now I am 81 years and 6 months old. I have been on the battlefield a long time. Pray for me to keep the faith.

May God bless each of you. —Elizabeth McNair

o—o—o—o—o—o—o—o

Ohio—Dear Bro. Lawrence: We send our love and greetings in the precious name of Jesus, the One that never fails.

Brother, we were sorry to hear of your illness and have been praying much for you and the work there. We feel the Lord has heard prayer for you and the victory is yours over the affliction, so hold fast to the promise in Psa. 103:1, 2. He said, all of them and no less. Praise His holy name! In Hebrews 10:23 the writer said, "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering, for he is faithful that promised." We will be looking for a letter from you in the near future saying you are healed to the glory of God. Give the saints there our love, and pray much for us as we need your prayers.

We had a good meeting in North Carolina. Souls were saved there and the saints were lifted up by the word and power of God. Our family was with us and we had a number of trials. Our youngest son got sick and had three spasms—one in North Carolina and two on the highway while we were traveling, but the Lord came to his rescue and healed him after about three days or so. The devil tried to keep us from going on to Perkasio, Pa., but we went on, though it took us three days and part of a night to make the trip from North Carolina because of sickness among the children. After much affliction we made it by the help of the good Lord. The Lord blessed and saved five souls during the meeting. We had a baptismal service before leaving there and six followed the Lord in water baptism. This was a precious service which brought joy and weeping among many that were present.

We also had a good meeting at Morehead, Ky., and we feel there was a foundation laid there for the truth. We also visited with some who are taking the paper about 15 miles from Morehead, Ky. and they want a meeting in the future. I wish I could do more work among that kind of people who are hungry to hear the Word preached in its fullness, but we can only do so much at a time.

In Christian love,

—Curtis Williams

R. 3, Box 166, West Alexandria, Ohio

Calif.—Greetings to all the dear saints: I just attended the funeral of our dearly beloved sister, Opal Wilson. With the last glimpse of that still frame I thought of the hands that had anointed me and were laid on my body for my healing. Many times it was instant healing.

I thought of the time that she and Bro. Ostis Wilson went to pray for my daughter, Lucille. She had fallen from a fifteen-foot ladder and bruised her ankle very badly, causing a blood clot. Lucille called for them to come and pray for her, as she was in great pain. They went a distance of 186 miles, round trip. When they arrived, Sister Opal said, "Sister Lucille, we believe that when we anoint you and pray that the Lord will heal you and you will be able to walk." They anointed her, laid hands on her ankle, and she was healed instantly. She got up and walked around and lifted up a box of canned goods for the Mexican missions.

A few years ago I was very sick with a severe pain under my shoulders that almost stopped my breathing. I called Opal and told her how sick I was. She said, "We will come." She brought Sister Vera Forbes with her, 66 miles in a rain, there and back. After I was anointed and prayed for I was instantly healed. I straightened up and took a long breath, and said, "I am healed! Praise the Lord!" We all had a time of rejoicing, praising the Lord for His goodness to His children.

Dear Opal accomplished a great work here. Every time there was a call for Bro. and Sister Wilson to pray for the sick they went at once. Distance didn't make any difference to them.

When they made the trip to Africa I feel that there was much accomplished in that short time they were there. Their appearance meant so much to the native brothers and sisters. Their saintly way of dress and their everyday life were specimens of true holiness. We believe the burden that Sister Opal had for so long for the work in Africa was fully accomplished. She did all the Lord required her to do before He called her Home.

"The day will soon come when we'll all gather Home. As pilgrims no more we shall roam. Oh, whom shall we see? And what joys will it be, To meet with the dear ones at Home!"

—Sister Annie McKinney

o—o—o—o—o—o—o—o

La.—Dear ones at the print shop, greetings in the precious name of Jesus, who gave His life in our stead that we might go free:

Surely He means much to us today. We are still encouraged to press on and work for Him here. We need your prayers as the devil is doing all he can to discourage.

I would like to tell of God's goodness in healing me since I have been here. First He healed a large hernia in 1962 which I had had for fifteen years. Many of you knew about it. It completely disappeared between the Monark Springs and Myrtle, Mo. campmeetings. I failed to realize that God wanted me to take care of my body more carefully. Lifting heavy weights and doing heavy work that I hadn't been able to do for some time caused another small one to come near the old one last March. It has also been healed for some time, but there remains a tender, weak feeling there to remind me now to be careful. I am so glad that God deals gently with His children.

Last January I fell as I was loading some feed where I work. It didn't seem to hurt me except knock the breath out of me. This happened on Saturday and on Sunday I seemed to suffer pain in my left chest about where I had struck the truck as I fell. It continued to get worse for two or three days. I discovered there was only a small sore spot on my ribs where I had fallen. This went completely through my chest and hurt under

my shoulder blade. I realized I had a case of heart trouble. It continued to get worse until I almost had to quit work because of the pain. One night during family worship, while we were having prayer, the Lord gave me a definite touch and today I can say I am healed by the power of God. I still have a little twinge of pain occasionally to warn me, but I can climb a tree and chin myself nine or ten times. I think that is quite a testimony at my age.

I could tell of other wonderful things that God has done and is doing but time and space does not permit.

Please remember the work here at West Monroe, and my wife also as she doesn't have complete healing yet, though we are expecting it.

Your brother in Christ, —Ben Goldsberry

o-o-o-o-o-o-o-o-o

Tenn.—Dear Ones in Christ, greetings in our dear Saviour's name, from whom comes all of the good and perfect gifts:

I'm grateful for what the dear Lord has done for my nine-year-old girl lately. I feel like it's too good to keep. Her eyes bothered her and hurt her. She said she couldn't see the blackboard in her room at school. We looked to our great Physician to heal her eyes. Her eyes started itching very badly day and night. She also had heat on her back very bad. We just kept on praying for her. The heat on her back got much better but she was still bothered with her eyes itching. Then she began to cough. Some thought she might have the whooping cough as she coughed day and night. At times she would lose her food and have fever. We started in fasting and praying for her. Others were agreeing with us. She was sick quite awhile but thanks be unto our God, complete victory is ours through Jesus, our great Healer in Zion. Man doesn't get any praise. The dear Lord did it all.

Keep us on your prayer list.

A blood-bought sister, —Nora Clayton

### "EIS"

This three-letter Greek word "eis" (pronounced "ees" by the modern Greek, and "ice" by our college Greek) is used about 35 times in the New Testament in connection with the word "believe." It is used especially in John's gospel, 32 times, I counted. Its meaning according to Strong's Greek Dictionary, found in Strong's Exhaustive Concordance, is given thus: a primitive preposition, translated: "to" or "into." Liddell and Scott's Greek English Lexicon says: Preposition with accusative only. Radical sense: direction towards, motion to, in or into. This preposition is used in the New Testament about 1800 times and is translated "into" or "in" usually. But in the New Testament it is not translated "into" when used with "believe," that is, in the King James Translation. Invariably it is translated "believed on" rather than "believed INTO."

While reading in the Ben Wilson translation found in the Emphatic Diaglott, (which contains the Greek text with the English word directly underneath) I was enlightened when I read John 3:15, 16, 18, "that everyone believing INTO him may have afonian [eternal, everlasting, age-lasting] life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his Son, the only begotten, that every one believing INTO him may not

perish, but obtain afonian life . . . He believing INTO him is not judged; but he not believing has been judged already, because he has not believed INTO the name of the only-begotten Son of God." As I began searching the Greek text I was delighted to find this much stronger idea is the correct thought of the New Testament. ("Believing INTO Christ" is, to me, a much stronger doctrine than "believing ON Christ"). The Greek word "epi" is usually translated "on" or "upon" and John uses it several times, but never with the word "believe." John 1:33, "Upon [epi] whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining ON [epi] him." John 21:20, ". . . leaned on [epi] his breast at supper." John knew he never leaned INTO (eis) Jesus' breast, but that he leaned ON (epi) His breast. Therefore when John says, "He that believeth ON the Son hath everlasting life:" (John 3:36, King James Translation), he was teaching, "He that believeth INTO [eis] the Son hath everlasting life."

A dear relative of mine, nearing the end of his earthly life, told me he had eternal life because the Bible said, "He that believeth ON the Son hath [at the present time] everlasting life." "Since I believe on Him, I HAVE everlasting life." When I explained that "believeth on" really meant "believing INTO," he sadly said, "I am afraid I have believed the wrong way." He knew he was not living as Christ did—free from sin—and I believe he saw his mistake. I am glad I had the opportunity of praying with and for him after that.

Believing INTO Christ is genuine New Testament doctrine, taught directly. Directly? Yes! John 15:2, "Every branch [individuals] IN ME." 15:4, "Abide IN me, and I IN you . . . except YE abide IN me." Verse 5, "He that abideth [lives on and on] IN ME, and I IN him." Verse 7, "If YE abide IN me." John 17:20, 21, "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on [eis: INTO] me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may BE one IN US." We believe INTO, and are baptized INTO Christ: "Know ye not, that so many of US as were [are: margin] baptized INTO [eis] Jesus Christ were baptized INTO [eis] his death?" Rom. 6:3, "For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones." Eph. 5:30. Why? How? We were baptized INTO Him because we had "believed INTO him."

Since He did not sin we will not sin when we are IN Him. We cannot be a part of Him while sinning. Believing in His shed blood as our cleansing fountain, will cleanse us from sin, and make US like Him, in Him. The Greek word eis (INTO) is translated ON in the following places in connection with the word "believe":

Jno. 1:12; 2:11; 3:15, 16, 18, 36; 4:39; 6:29, 35, 40, 47; 7:31, 38, 39, 48; 8:30, 31; 9:35, 36; 10:42; 11:45, 48; 12:11, 37, 42, 44, 46; 14:12; 16:31; 17:20; 1 John 5:10, 13. Since John used eis (into) so many times I am persuaded he meant that people really believed INTO Christ.

Luke uses eis (into) once, in Acts 19:4 where Paul is telling what John Baptist said, "Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on (eis: INTO) him which should come after him, that is on [eis: INTO] Christ Jesus" Acts 19:4.

Paul uses epi (on or upon) in Romans 4:5, 24; 9:33; 10:11, but he uses eis (into) in Gal. 2:16, where it is translated "We have believed in [eis: into] Jesus Christ," and he uses eis in Phil. 1:29, "For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on [eis: into] him, but also to suffer for his sake."

Believing INTO Christ is more than just a head belief of believing ON Christ. It is more than believing Him as an historical character. It is more than believing He paid the price for our sins. It is an experience that must be experienced by each individual who expects to live with Him in the Glory world. Dear friend, have you believed INTO Him who died for you? —C. C. Carver

### LATEST WORD FROM NIGERIA, AFRICA

As this paper was being printed, a letter dated Oct. 6 was received from Bro. B. U. Etuk, the native Nigerian minister. It reads in part, as follows:

Dear Bro. Pruitt and Saints, Christian greetings:

Long before now, I hope you will have been aware of all our adversities—the sickness of Sister Wilson and her passing away nine days later. Last week Bro. Wilson flew home with the body for burial and I hope he has arrived home safely with it. We have been very much distressed over this, but the Lord knows much better. We did fast and did pray for Sister Wilson's recovery, but the good Lord took an avert course. It is a pity that no amount of prayer and weeping could restore that dear soul for us but we still believe in prayer as the best weapon to fight the devil. The devil knew definitely well that Bro. and Sis. Wilson's presence was going to win more souls to the Lord than we might think; that is why he has brought to us such temptation. The Lord knows better. We must never question His decision or will. He saw fit to do so with Sister Wilson.

Three days ago the Field Secretary [Bro. Friday Ekpo] wrote you a letter apologizing for his inability to produce reports for September. He was Bro. and Sis. Wilson's dearest and most constant companion, and it is natural that he is apt to feel her passing more than most of us. He says he has been too weak, physically and mentally and I hope you will accept his apology.

Pray for us constantly and pray the Lord to take away the stumbling blocks that the devil has placed before us. Two precious, valuable souls have gone for the cause of Gospel truth here in Nigeria, and it is our wish that we continue to thrive and advance the cause for which these dear souls gave their lives.

Please let us hear from you. The work is going on quite well though everybody seems dispirited on account of the last happenings.

Yours in the Master's service,

—B. U. Etuk

SEND IN NOW 10 names and addresses of your friends whom you want to receive this gospel paper for three months at the price of only \$1.00, and receive a premium from list on Page 4. Offer closes Dec. 8.

## BIBLE STUDY

Primary Picture Roll, \$1.75; Lesson cards 12c

November 1, 1964

### STEWARDSHIP OF POSSESSIONS

Printed Portion ..... I Timothy 6:6-12, 17-19

1 Tim. 6:6 But godliness with contentment is great gain.

7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, erred from the faith, and they have pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

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

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

17 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;

18 That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate;

19 Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

Memory Verse: Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy. 1 Tim. 6:17.

Practical Truth: Being a good Spirit-led steward of what God gives us will lead us to heaven, but if we use selfishly what God gives us it will lead us away from God and into sin.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Some might say they have plenty of this world's goods and have godliness, therefore they are content. But our lesson brings out something deeper than that. We have godliness that brings a deep soul rest and peace that the riches of this world cannot give. That is the gain that is great. Paul said in another place, "For I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." (Phil. 4:11). Can we say that?

It isn't money that is evil; it is the "love of money." There are many snares for those who love money. It may not be only the rich who love money, but those who are not rich also love money. They will go at all lengths to get it. The time payment plan is like a big whirlpool. It sucks a person into it and soon there are more payments to be made than the check can pay. This will get a person into confusion, distress of mind and soul. The temptations then arise to cheat, lie, steal, and to cover up wrongs to get money. This will lead a soul to perdition. The rich will do the same when they love money in order to lay up more money and possessions. They also are headed for destruction.

We are warned to "flee these things." Paul tells us what to do that will give us eternal life. We are to have godliness and be rich in good works, ready to distribute what God has given us and therefore we will be laying a good foundation or firm grip on eternal life.



November 8, 1964

## AN UNASHAMED WITNESS

Printed Portion ..... 2 Timothy 1:6-14

2 Tim. 1:6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.

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

8 Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;

9 Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

10 But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:

11 Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.

12 For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

13 Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

14 That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us.

Memory Verse: For God hath not given us the spirit of fear: but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. II Timothy 1:7.

Practical Truth: If we are ashamed of Jesus here He will be ashamed of us in the Judgment Day.

## COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

If you had been there that day when they dragged our precious Saviour up the hill to put Him on the cross, would you have been ashamed of Him? Even in front of the crowd that was going along and in one accord proclaiming that He be killed and done away with, would you have been ashamed to admit that you loved Him and you were one of His disciples? Or would it have been easier for you to say that you loved Jesus when he rode into Jerusalem that time on the donkey and the people were crying, "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed be the King that cometh"? (Matt. 21:9). There is a tendency in men to shirk bearing witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ under certain circumstances. Crowds change their minds. We cannot measure the real value of anything or anyone by what the crowd thinks. But right is right and wrong is wrong. We want to do right regardless of what the crowd or any person might think. Paul was not ashamed that he was in prison because the crowd would not accept his belief in Christ. He also exhorted Timothy to not be ashamed of God's children.

I like the words of Paul when he said, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day. God wants us to have that same confidence in Him. He will take care of all we put in His hands and keep our souls in the Judgment Day."

November 15, 1964

## AN APPROVED WORKMAN

Printed Portion ..... II Timothy 2:8-15; 3:14-17

2 Tim. 2:8 Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel:

9 Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound.

10 Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

11 It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him;

12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us:

13 If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.

14 Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers.

15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

3:14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;

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

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

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

Memory Verse: Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Tim. 2:15.

Practical Truth: We need to spend much time in studying the Word of God.

## COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Who could be a better approved workman than Paul? We think about how he was in prison but through his sufferings he still was a workman for God. His life was an example. Some in this world are free to go as they please but are bound by the Word of God. They are not an approved workman. If we suffer with the Lord here we will reign with him in glory. We are not better than our master and Lord.

A large part of the city of Rome had been destroyed by fire and the Christians were blamed for doing this. Many were killed and brutally mistreated. Paul was seized and put in prison. Paul had the word of God in his heart, mind, and soul.

Today we do not know when God's word might be taken from us. We need to study the Word of God. There is a comfort and blessings from studying the Word of God and storing it up in our mind and soul. What a comfort in the time of trouble the verse in the Bible which says, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." How you will rejoice and feel so good to know that Jesus is right beside you, in you, and all about you!

In prayer we talk to God and God talks to us through the Bible. When we read it we should think of it as God speaking to us. Believe it and live by it.

November 22, 1964

## PAUL'S TESTIMONY

Printed Portion ..... II Timothy 3:10-13; 4:1-8, 17, 18

2 Tim. 3:10 But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, long-suffering, charity, patience,



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

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

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

4:1 I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;

2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

17 Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.

18 And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

**Memory Verse:** I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. 2 Timothy 4:7, 8.

**Practical Truth:** Have a purpose in life and stay with that purpose.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Some might say that they do not have the persecutions, afflictions, and struggles that Paul and others seemed to have. Did you ever realize that the way has been made easier for you because Paul, your pastor, the ministers of the gospel and older faithful warriors for God went through many persecutions and afflictions? Someone made the path through the woods and someone faced the issue squarely through suffering and you just fell in behind them. We should thank God for the faithful warriors of God who have faced the enemy and conquered. Because they conquered, it encourages us to know we can also, through the precious name of Jesus.

Each one of us has the devil to face, a battle to fight, and a victory to win. When we belong to God we never need to look for defeat but victory. Many suffer though because they yield more to self than to God. When evil is spoken of you, do you feel sorry for yourself? Do you feel you should be better treated? Do you try to trace it down? This is yielding to self. This will cause you a lot of trouble. Your mind will become troubled and generally you will spend time that you should be praying or working for God. God knows your heart and you do, too. "He will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Him." "Cast your care upon the Lord for he careth for you."

November 29, 1964

#### THE GOSPEL IN BRIEF

Printed Portion ..... Titus 1:1-3; 2:11-14; 3:4-8a

Titus 1:1 Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness;

2 In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;

3 But hath in due times manifested his word through preaching, which is committed unto me according to the commandment of God our Saviour;

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

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

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

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

3:4 But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,

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

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

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

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

**Memory Verse:** Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost. Titus 3:5.

**Practical Truth:** Only through the blood of Jesus can we be ready to enter heaven.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

How terrible it would be to live in a world of sin where there was no hope of a better life! That hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began is the heart of the gospel. It shows the love and tender mercy of God toward mankind, toward you and me. Jesus was sent to this world to live, die, and arise again that we might have this hope of eternal life. God's great love caused him to give. He gave His Son to bring us back to him after Adam had sinned and plunged the whole human race into sin. Jesus will forgive us of our sins. This is the gospel which means "good news."

This salvation which Jesus brought is made known to all men. No one need to be without it. It is free for everyone who will meet the conditions. It teaches us that we are to deny or turn away from ungodliness and worldly lusts which war against the spirit. The world is clamoring for everyone to follow the fashions, pride, fads, jazzy songs, amusements, and careless ways of sin. We are instructed to live soberly, righteously and godly right here in this present world. Only through God's mercy did he save us and we need to be glad we can be a sacred, peculiar, special people, that He has purified unto Himself. We should be careful to do that which is good and acceptable before God.

—Sister A. Marie Miles