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### *The Judgment Day*



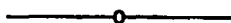
There's an awful day approaching,  
Soon we'll hear the trumpet sound  
That shall wake the slumb'ring nations  
From their beds beneath the ground.  
All the hosts of saints and sinners,  
Will come forth from land and sea;  
What a great and mighty gath'ring  
Of the people that will be!

All the world, both saint and sinner,  
Must, when into judgment brought,  
Give account of all their doings,  
Ev'ry word and ev'ry thought.  
By the books of God's remembrance  
We must then our lives review;  
And when found in condemnation,  
What, poor sinner, will you do?

Then the host will be divided  
To the left and to the right,  
Some go forth to life eternal,  
Some to everlasting night.  
Then will sinners know for certain  
What their foolish sins have cost,  
When upon the left of Jesus,  
They are numbered with the lost.

Sinner, come, make preparation  
For the awful Judgment Day;  
Give thy wickedness to Satan,  
Come to Jesus while you may.  
Wash you in the cleansing fountain  
Of the sin-atonement blood.  
Then your soul will stand acquitted  
At the judgment bar of God.

—W. G. Schell



"And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works." Rev. 20:12

### *Man Needs a Saviour*



"And God said, Let us make man in our image, and after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth." Gen. 1:26-28. "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." Gen. 2:7.

By the foregoing scriptures we see that man is a product of God's creation, made of the dust of the ground, made in God's own image, and instilled with life by the breath of God. Man was not an off-shoot or by-product of any of the other creatures that God had made. He was superior to them all. God gave him jurisdiction over every other creature, fowls of the air, fish of the sea, cattle, all beast and creeping things. Being filled with the breath of God, he became a living soul with the rich blessings of God pronounced upon him. God had provided everything that was necessary for the benefit and happiness of man. God looked upon the whole creation and saw everything that He had made, and behold it was very good, including the man that He had made.

God placed the man in the beautiful garden of Eden, and gave him a charge. He gave him the go-ahead orders. Adam was a good man. He was a proper man. God had given him wisdom and understanding. God brought every beast of the field and fowls of the air for Adam to name, and whatever he called them, God was satisfied, and that was their name.

I would venture further to say that Adam was a righteous man because we read in Eccl. 7:29, "Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright, but they have sought out many inventions."

God made us. We did not make ourselves. We find that man is a human being, vested with will power—a power of choice. He is also a creature that can be influenced to do either right or wrong.

When Eve was deceived by the serpent, or the devil, and gave the forbidden fruit to Adam, and he ate of the same, he did not only lose his righteous relationship with God, but he also lost his goodness, and plunged the entire world of following generations into sin and wickedness. Immorality and sin of every kind entered into the lives and hearts of men. Man is wicked, man is lost, man is separated from God, going farther and farther away, going deeper and deeper in sin, without hope and without God in the world.

But thank God a promise was given. The seed of the woman shall bruise the serpent's head. (Gen. 3:15) "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16. God gave His Son. His Son gave His life on Mt. Calvary on the cross. His side was pierced with the Roman spear. The great fount was opened—the fountain of blood for sin and uncleanness.

The invitation has been extended, and is still in force today: "Come unto me, all ye that labor, and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Man needs a Saviour. He needs to repent of his sins and forsake them. He needs to be made anew, to become a new creature in Christ, that as he has yielded his members to the service of sin, that he should yield them to be the instruments of righteousness to be used to the glory of God, for which purpose he was created.

Jesus came into this world to wipe out and destroy the works of the devil out of every heart and life that is fully yielded to Him. In Adam we lost our righteous estate, but in Christ, thank God, paradise is restored! Not of yourselves, but according to His mercy He saves us through repentance and faith in His name. —Ulysses Phillips

### **"Go, and Sin No More"**

Our heart has been burdened for some time because we hear so much of the modern "sin-you-must" religion. To believe and advocate this teaching is to disbelieve God's Word and His plan of redemption.

God created man (Adam) in His likeness and in His moral image, pure and holy. He placed the man and his wife in the beautiful garden of Eden and gave them one commandment to obey. Gen. 2:17, "Of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." Bear in mind, there is a literal death and also a spiritual death. When they disobeyed God's law, he drove them from the garden, and being separated from God, they then died a spiritual death. "Wherefore, as by one man [Adam] sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." Rom. 5:12. In Gen. 5:3 we read that Adam lived an hundred and

thirty years (before he died a literal death) and begat a son in his own likeness after his image. So all of Adam's posterity were born in his fallen moral image, inheriting his fallen or sinful nature. In other words, they were born with the seed of sin in their hearts.

But listen to the Apostle Paul again: "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously and godly [where?] in this present world." Titus 2: 11-12. Salvation means deliverance from sin. Jesus said, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, you shall be free indeed." John 8:36.

Jesus tells of two men who went into the temple to pray. One was a Pharisee who had a profession of religion. The other was a sinner. The Pharisee stood and prayed with himself, enumerating his self-righteous deeds. "The publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified [saved] rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted." Luke 18:10-13. God did not hear the proud Pharisee's prayer, but when the sinner humbled his heart, acknowledged his condition, asked for mercy, God saved him. He will do the same today for every sinner who does likewise. Praise the Lord! Jesus said again, "Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven." Matt. 5:20. I am so glad salvation is real and we can know when our lives are in harmony with God and His Word.

In Luke 1:73-75 we read, "The oath which he [God] sware to our father Abraham, that he would grant unto us, that we, being delivered out of the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him [just on Sunday or one day? No, but] all the days of our life." Paul tells us how some folks found freedom or deliverance from sin. In Rom. 6:17, 18 we read, "But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness." We are saved from our sins, not in them, by faith in his Son and obedience to his Word.

How sad indeed to see so much unbelief! People claim to be saved (or a Christian) and yet say they can't quit the sin business. Jesus forgave a sinful woman, then said unto her, "Go, and sin no more." John 8:11. He healed a sick man and said unto him, "Sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee." John 5:14. If people don't get rid of sin, the "worse thing" is sure to come unto them.

One came to Jesus saying, "Good Master, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life? And he said unto him, why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is God." Matt. 19: 16-17. Jesus knew this man's heart and how hard

it was for him to believe that he was the Christ. Evidently He was trying to help the man to see him not merely as a man, but as God's Son, and God working in Him. Jesus said to Philip, "The words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself, but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works." John 14:10. We must acknowledge the frailties of man, and his failures in all generations. Jesus once said, "Without me ye can do nothing." Again in Matt. 10:20 we read, "For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you." Jesus was teaching the twelve apostles here.

Oh, dear ones, if the power of God was truly working in every heart that professes to be a Christian, this world would be like Jesus prayed it would be: "That they all may be one as thou Father art in me and I in thee, that they also may be one in us that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." John 17:21.

Dear reader, don't be deceived; time is short. If you are not saved, humble your heart, confess your sins, ask Him for pardon and forgiveness. He will save you, put His Spirit within you, and you can "go, and sin no more!"

Your saved Brother, —Samuel E. Abbott

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## Is "Eternal Security" a Bible Doctrine?

Let us examine this popular belief, "once saved, always saved," in the light of the Scriptures. Many texts bear on this subject, but we will cite just a few.

Though Judas Iscariot was chosen by Jesus as one of His twelve disciples, was ordained and sent out to preach the gospel, heal the sick and cast out devils, yet we read in Acts 1:25 that "Judas by transgression fell." He betrayed innocent blood, committed suicide and was eternally lost. In John 17:12 Jesus said of those whom his Father had given him that "none of them is lost, but the son of perdition."

In John 15:2 Jesus said that "every branch in me [Christ] that beareth not fruit he taketh away."

The Apostle Paul was surely saved, but he recognized the necessity of holy Christian living "lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." 1 Cor. 9:27.

Jesus, in teaching His disciples, said: "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men." Matt. 5:13.

In 1 Tim. 4:1 we read: "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils."

"But Christ as a son over his own house, whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end." Heb. 3:6. "For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end." Heb. 3:14. If these texts teach anything, it is that salvation is conditional, and that it is possible for a Christian to apostatize and fall from grace.

In 2 Peter 2:15, 17 the apostle writes of those who "have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved forever." "For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they had known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them." 2 Peter 2:21.

In Revelation 2 Jesus told the Church at Ephesus that they had left their first love. "Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent." Sin separates man from fellowship with God, but repentance will restore that relationship.

Read Ezekiel 33:13 and 18. When the righteous turn away and commit iniquity, he shall die for his sin. If it is not possible for a Christian to fall of the grace of God, why are there so many texts warning against it? Such a belief would certainly tend to produce carelessness in maintaining holy living. No wonder there is much profession and very little possession of the grace of God.

The doctrine of "eternal security" is not consistent with the God-given freedom of choice to mankind. "Choose you this day whom ye will serve." Joshua 24:15. God sets before man good and evil, life and death, and entreats him to choose life and live forever. Even after he accepts the gracious invitation, he still possesses the power of choice to do otherwise. Man is never forced to serve God. Acceptable service is based on love for God alone. Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments."

Some advocates of "once saved, always saved" affirm that God is married to the backslider, but nothing is farther from the truth and has no basis in the Scriptures. Jer. 3:14 refers only to the "backsliding." Repentance is the call to the backslider, and he must repent before he can be reinstated in favor with God.

Please, dear reader, do not depend upon that false hope of eternal salvation if you are living in sin and disobedience to God's Word, regardless of how many times you have been baptized or how many churches you have joined. Multitudes are deceived and will be sadly disappointed on that reckoning day when they are turned away on the left hand into the lake of fire. If you die in your sins, you cannot go where Jesus is. "Where the tree falleth, there it shall lie." Eccl. 11:3. As death finds you, so will the Judgment. You must be born again from above and live free from sin in order to meet the Lord in peace. Fall upon your knees, repent with godly sorrow for sin, and plead the atoning blood of Christ for the redemption of your soul.

—Lawrence Pruitt

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With this March issue the "Faith and Victory" paper is beginning its 44th year of publication. Needless to say, this gospel printing work and paper has weathered many storms, and stands today as a witness of God's preservation and a verification of His unfailing promises to those who would step out by faith and obey His call. Even as Abraham of old answered God's call and by faith "went out, not knowing whither he went" (Heb. 11:8), so my father, Fred Pruitt, responded to God's call, left his farming occupation on the homestead on the plains of New Mexico in 1918, and devoted his entire life and means to his new and untried field of spreading the gospel by the press in addition to the pulpit. God is still looking for vessels whom He can use. "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him." 2 Chron. 16:9.

As the second one of the family of six children, this writer grew up with the gospel publishing work. Looking back over those early crucial years, he remembers vividly a number of severe trials of faith in keeping the printed page going forth to the people. Many times the family did without sufficient food in order to save money to buy paper, ink and postage. "Give us this day our daily bread" was not a mere formality. Yet those days were good for us, as we witnessed remarkable and definite answers to prayer. We learned the valuable lessons of walking by faith, that "without faith it is impossible to please God," and that "this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." 1 Jno. 5:4. ("God's Gracious Dealings," a 240-page autobiography of the life and labors of the late Fred Pruitt, is available at this office for 50c, postpaid.)

The first seven years the paper was published without a subscription price, sent out freely to all who wanted a copy, but the postage rate then was extremely high on free printed matter. In order to secure the much more reasonable second class postage rates, we were required to set a subscription price and maintain a bonafide paid subscription list. The present price of 35c per year does not pay the cost of producing the paper, but it does place it in reach of all and encourages a wider circulation. Over the years the unmet difference in the cost has been supplied by the Lord through His people who hear His voice and give freely to spread the gospel message of salvation through faith in Christ's atonement.

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The devoted child of God will not only give to the Lord of his increase while in this life, but also he will, if possible, direct by a will or trust that his assets or estate be used to the glory of God after his departure to the Glory world. Unfortunately, in some cases the estates of saints never benefit God's cause. If one dies intestate (not having made a will), then the court divides the estate according to the State statutes and often God's cause receives no benefit. A Christian will is one in which provisions are made for the advancement of the cause of Christ. Indeed you want to know that the pure standard of Bible truth will be held up to the world after you are gone, so do not neglect the important matter of making a Christian will. Any reputable attorney will assist you in writing out your wishes in a legal manner for a nominal fee.

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A popular pastor, whose congregation gives about \$300,000 a year to missions, wrote recently: "I know of no other way by which we can carry out our Lord's command to reach every creature, apart from the printed page. I know of no method to compare with the printed page. It is needed on every field. The Bible says, 'The gospel must first be published among all nations.' Well, then, let us publish it. Let us put out simple salvation messages, filled with Scripture, and let us circulate them far and wide. Why then waste God's money? Why not put it where it will count most? Why not invest it in the printed page?"

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Sister Dorothy Wilson, one of our faithful co-workers here at the office, received the shocking news of the death of her sister, Gertrude Bunting, on Feb. 4, the auto accident occurring that day near Dinuba, Calif. The next day she left by plane for California to be with the family. (My wife, Maybelle Pruitt, ac-

companied her to Los Angeles where she visited relatives and friends in that area.)

The greatest comfort to the family is that Sister Bunting met the Lord in peace, and our loss, though great, is her eternal gain. The righteous have that bright hope of meeting her again, never to part. Let us pray for all the bereaved family, that her Homegoing will beckon the others to prepare and make the circle unbroken up there.

Sister Wilson returned to the office on Feb. 14. We certainly appreciate her and her husband, Clifford Wilson, as well as all the other workers, for their sacrificial labors in helping to get out the gospel by the printed page. May God's sustaining grace be their portion each day, knowing that they "have in heaven a better and an enduring substance." Heb. 10:34.

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Just recently 5,000 tracts in the Efik language have been printed and mailed to the mission in Nigeria, West Africa for free distribution.

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Sister Katherine Key, a minister of many years' service, was quite ill for some weeks at Senath, Mo. She desired to return to Louisiana. Some of the saints at Hammond and Loranger, La. went to Senath and moved her and her husband, Bro. Ray Key, back to Hammond. In answer to prayer the Lord has definitely touched Sister Key at different times. Let us continue to pray for her complete recovery.

Sister Key wishes to thank all the saints for their prayers, cards, letters and gifts of love. Their present address is Bro. and Sister Ray Key, 300 Jackson Rd., Hammond, La. 70401.

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Sixty years ago, on March 14, 1906, the congregation of the Church of God, Sixth and W. Warner, Guthrie, Okla., was issued a charter by the Secretary of Oklahoma Territory. The five members of the board of trustees were as follows: R. L. Glasgow, pastor and chairman, C. N. Jones, J. L. Glasgow, G. W. Winn and Geo. D. Oldham, an uncle to Dale Oldham of the Christian Brotherhood Hour. These original charter members are deceased, but the services of the Church of God have continued over the years at the same location, though the original frame building was replaced in the year of 1952 with a masonry structure.

Since 1906 many members have come and gone from the number to join the family of God in heaven. God has remarkably preserved the congregation, and apparently the compromise of 1910-12 did not seriously affect it. The precious principles of Bible truth which the pioneer ministers of this congregation and the "evening light" reformation taught have been maintained in spite of opposition from many angles. The present pastor is Bro. Ira D. Stover who has spent many years in the gospel work in various fields of labor.

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Forty years ago, in December, 1925, this writer, then a boy of 14 years under deep conviction, was

gloriously saved, along with others of his age, one night during the annual Assembly meeting here at the Guthrie chapel. Bro. Ostis B. Wilson, Sr. had preached a soul-stirring sermon that night. The house was crowded, but we made our way to the altar. That was the turning point in my life. I had come to the crossroads, and Jesus won my heart and affections. Thank the Lord! The burden of sin was rolled away. I counted the cost, paid the price and today God's service is my greatest delight. —L. D. P.

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## Campmeeting Dates for 1966

Following are some of the Church of God campmeeting dates for the coming summer. Dates for others have not been received. Complete notices will appear in later issues:

Jefferson, Oregon—June 24 to July 3.  
 General Southern—Hammond, La.—June 24 to July 3.  
 California State—Pacoima, Calif.—July 8 to 17.  
 Missouri State—Myrtle, Mo.—July 8 to 17.  
 National Campmeeting—Neosho (Monark Springs), Mo.  
 July 22 to 31.  
 Oklahoma State—Guthrie, Okla.—August 5 to 14.

### SPRING MEETING AT WICHITA, KANSAS

The spring meeting at Wichita, Kansas will be held March 25 through April 6, 1966. You are cordially invited to attend these services.

For further information, contact Bro. Lewis Williams, Pastor, 1536 Piatt St., Wichita, Kansas. Phone AMherst 4-8481.  
 —By Gladys Williams

### EASTER MEETING AT JEFFERSON, OREGON

The Easter meeting of the church of God at Jefferson, Oregon will begin April 1 and end Easter Sunday, April 10. This meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan the same as always. Cabins are furnished. If you desire one or two-bed cabins, let us know which. Bedding is furnished. Meals will be served in the dining hall.

We are glad to report that the dear Lord opened the way for the saints here to purchase the Sam Wilson property. This gives the church a five-room cottage with bath, which we will use as a women's dormitory. There is also a large parking area for cars and trailers.

We are inviting you to come and enjoy this meeting. God has blessed in the past Easter meetings. We are praying that God will send Spirit-filled and Holy Ghost-led ministers to be with us to preach the Word. We urge all to come. In these perilous times we need to assemble ourselves together lest we forget. Pray especially for God to stir the saints in the Northwest.

For further information, write or call Sister Hilda Neilsen, P. O. Box 34, Jefferson, Oregon, Telephone 327-2564 or Sister Nedra Watkins, Rt. 1, Box 320, Turner, Oregon, telephone 362-4384. These sisters have cars and can meet those coming by train or bus in Salem or Albany.  
 —Sister Bea Spaur

### NOTICE

A SPECIAL INVITATION is extended to all the residents of the Senath, Mo. area to attend the services at the Church of God chapel in the Nesbitt Community, southeast of Senath, Mo. Signs are on Hwy. N and Y. Sunday school is held each Sunday at 10 a.m. except the first Sunday of the month, and the Sunday night service begins at 7 p.m. Everyone will receive a hearty welcome. For further information, contact Louie Marler, Route 1, Box 180, Senath, Mo. 63876.

Jesus says to you: "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." Will you open your heart's door?

## OBITUARIES



Gertrude Byers Bunting was born November 4, 1919, at Pelican, Louisiana, and departed this life Friday, February 4, 1966, at the age of 46 years and three months.

Gertrude was married to Mr. William D. Bunting on July 6, 1942. To this union five children were born, three sons and two daughters.

Throughout her life Gertrude was interested in the things of God. She was saved while young and devoted her life to the service of the Lord, her family and neighbors. Her greatest desire was for the salvation of her loved ones and she labored and prayed and planned much for that.

Gertrude was a woman of faith who trusted God for the needs of body and soul and had faith to trust God in severe things and conditions of life and God heard her prayers and delivered her. Just on Wednesday night in the prayer meeting before she passed away on Friday night she testified concerning some especially difficult thing she had met with and said she had faith that God had full victory for her over it all. God had delivered her at other times and she was confident He would deliver her again.

Survivors include her husband, W. D. Bunting, Cutler, Calif.; three sons, Dale, Warren, and Johnny; two daughters, Marian and Patricia, all of the home; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Byers, Zwolle, La.; five brothers, Carl, Fred, Homer, and Berton Byers, all of Louisiana, and Elvin Byers of Missouri; three sisters, Mrs. Blanche Speakes, Keithville, La.; Mrs. Dorothy Wilson, Guthrie, Okla., and Mrs. Ruthe Taylor, Cutler, Calif., and a host of nephews, nieces, and other relatives.

Services were conducted by Bro. Ostis Wilson and Bro. C. C. Carver.

Dorothy Genevieve Barton was born October 6, 1906 at Omaha, Nebraska. She died January 23, 1966 at the age of 59 years, 3 months, and 17 days at Tulsa, Okla.

She became a member of the Church of God in her early youth and has lived a consistent Christian life for many years, living a life of devotion and service to others.

She leaves to mourn her passing her father and mother, Bro. and Sister Sam Barton of the home at 2262 North Columbia Place, Tulsa; a brother, Gene Barton and family, also of Tulsa; an aunt, other relatives, many friends and saints.

The funeral services were conducted by Bros. Richard Madden, Ira Stover and Cecil Carver. Text: "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Psalm 116:15.

### Card of Thanks

Dear Saints, one and all: We greet you in Jesus' dear name. We are still on victory's side. We surely have been through a test but our faith is fixed.

We want to thank everyone for the love offerings, cards, and flowers which were sent during Dorothy's sickness and death. Surely God has showered blessings beyond our expectation upon us. It seems we must be overdrawn on what we had in God's bank of love. God has wiped away our tears. Pray for us.

—Bro. and Sister Sam Barton

### A TRIBUTE TO DOROTHY BARTON

Methinks I should write something, but what to say to express the feeling of my heart I know not.

I did not wait until now, but while she was still with us here on earth, I expressed that she lived one of the



most beautiful lives I ever saw lived, and like Elisha of old, who wanted Elijah's mantle to fall on him, I thought if only a double portion of the likeness of Dorothy's life could be upon me for the rest of my journey! Hers was a life of sacrifice, of patience, of love, and of faithfulness. She walked quietly, but bravely. She didn't draw back at the storms of life, at pain, even at death itself. Many times life's winds blew contrary for her, and the rowing was difficult, but she pressed on against the tide. Now her journey is ended, her race is run, her crown is gained.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

Who would stay until all the campmeeting dishes were washed? It was Dorothy, when many times her physical body could hardly stand the strain, and others more able-bodied went leisurely on their way. She was to me a beloved sister, a true pal, and a real saint. I am lonely without her, but I weep not as those who have no hope.

In loving remembrance,

—Ruth Murphey

William Clinton McPherson was born December 20, 1879 in Santa Rosa, Calif. He passed away after a long illness on Jan. 18, 1966 at Sweet Home, Ore.

On December 17, 1928 he was united in marriage to Minnie Fletcher Kliever.

Bro. McPherson attended services at Jefferson, Ore. He loved the church of God. He lived a sweet, humble life, never speaking an unkind or impatient word.

He is survived by his wife, Sister Minnie McPherson, one step-daughter, Mrs. Lillian Strubhar of Sweet Home, Ore., one step-son, Vearl Kliever, Grants Pass, Ore., eight step-grandchildren, ten great grandchildren, other relatives, saints and friends.

The funeral services were conducted by Bro. H. P. Huskey, assisted by Warren Vasey.

Bertha Jane Chambers was born May 22, 1893 at Blackville, West Va. and departed this life at her home in Sandusky, Ohio at the age of 72 years.

In 1916 she was united in marriage to Alexander King. To this union were born four children, three having preceded her in death, also Mr. King.

In 1940 she was united in marriage to John Chambers. She met the saints in Sandusky, Ohio and embraced the truth. Her trust was in God to the last.

She is survived by her husband, John, and one daughter, Harriet Webster, of the home; eight grandchildren, and four great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Henry S. Chaney, assisted by Sister Hazel Clark. Scripture text: Matthew 24:44.

Sister Laura F. Powell departed this life January 27, 1966 at the home of her daughter in Richmond, Va. at the age of 76 years and nine months.

Sister Powell was the wife of Beverly G. Powell who departed this life in 1942.

She is survived by four daughters, Mrs. V. B. Markham (Grace), Mrs. T. C. Vaughan (Zula), of Newport News, Va.; Mrs. O. J. Gibson (Norma) and Mrs. H. R. Hughes (Mable), of Richmond; three sons, Sheldon G., of the home; Robert L., Ivy, Va., and Jessie J., of Richmond; 18 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren, other relatives, saints and friends.

Sister Powell was a loving, kind mother, grandmother, and a true minister of the gospel, having proclaimed this precious truth for the past 40 or more years.

Sister Powell was very firm in the truth of the gospel, ever standing firm on her convictions. She never

wavered, but fully trusted God to the end. She was very patient in all of her suffering. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Psa. 116:15.

The funeral service was conducted by Bro. and Sister Darius Gibson. Texts: Mark 14:3-10, 1 Timothy 5:8. She has provided a great heritage for her children that money cannot buy.

#### IN MEMORY OF SISTER MAUDE CHRIST

(Departed this life on January 4, 1966)

A true and faithful servant  
Of the Lord Jehovah's ranks,  
Whose sacrifice of love and care  
We oft received with thanks.

Her eyes were keen to see the need;  
Her heart was filled with love,  
And early in the morn her prayer  
Went up to God above.

The fellowship was warm and sweet  
That we with her enjoyed;  
The light did shine out in the camp  
Where others were employed.

Her exhortations, too, were strong;  
Her testimony firm.  
Her hopes were shining bright and clear;  
For souls her heart did yearn.

But God has called her hence away;  
Her work has been well done.  
Her spirit dwells in the land of rest  
In the presence of God's Son.

We'll miss her smiles, we'll miss her tears,  
We'll miss her earnest pleas.  
We'll hear her pleading voice no more  
While bowed on bended knees.

We sorrow not without a hope;  
The time will not be long,  
Ere we shall join her in her bliss  
With everlasting song.

O Lord, we pray, help us be true,  
And faithful at our post,  
'Til thou shalt call us hence away.  
To join the heavenly host.

—Ulysses Phillips

#### SCHOOL INSPECTS HEMLINES

A director of a Chicago commercial high school has about 200 girls go through a hemline inspection every morning. He said, "Even if a girl wants to be modest, she can't succeed today. The dress designers won't allow it. Many of the girls are sincere about being modest." The woman who takes care of the inspection also made the statement that the knees are women's most unattractive feature. She didn't understand why girls wanted to show them.

The Apostle Paul also teaches against the ungodly styles by saying, "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness, and sobriety; ... which becometh women professing godliness with good works." 1 Tim. 1:9, 10.

—Sister Marie Miles



## REPORT OF MEXICO MISSION WORK

Patzcuaro, Mexico—Dear Fellow Laborers: As we begin this letter to you, we want to take this opportunity to say that by God's grace we are saved, sanctified and our only desire is to spend and be spent for God. He gave His all for our redemption and we have a great debt to pay.

As this new year came and we have completed one year here, we are more challenged than ever before to be kept in a way that God can use us in His service.

We were privileged to be in the California Assembly meeting in December and feel that we were blessed by having been there, trusting that we will be better equipped to serve God in this place.

We are grateful for your prayers for the work of God here in Patzcuaro. We feel very encouraged this evening. Yesterday in children's meeting there were around 30 children who were attentive to the gospel stories. Today there were more than 50 in service. (At times before there were 9 to 15 people.) Today there were not enough benches and chairs to seat them all. The Lord gave a message about obedience taken mainly from 1st Samuel 15. God's Spirit was felt and He was dealing with souls. When the altar call was given, two came to the altar weeping their way and received the help they sought. We truly feel that God is working in this place, so let's pray on and on.

We have met two very serious and delicate problems since we returned from the meeting and we earnestly ask you to remember these requests to God in prayer and for us that everything will be done by divine inspiration, wisdom, love, and understanding.

Perhaps you remember us writing of Pablo who was so very ill and God in His mercy blessed him and he found the Lord as his Saviour. I am sorry to say that we are afraid for his soul's condition today. Please remember him to God in prayer, for he is a very needy man in his soul and body. Also, pray for a poor woman who has T. B. in the last stages. Today she told us that she is ready to meet God. She has a good testimony and is measuring up to God's Word.

There have been new contacts made and some have been coming to services. But let us pray above all that God's Spirit will deal with these souls and they will be saved and live for God.

As we close this letter, we want to say that we deeply appreciate you and your interest in God's work in this place. Please continue to pray for us that we may serve God acceptably in every way. May God bless you is our prayer.

Your Sisters in Christ, Edith Cole and Carrie Sheppard

## MISSION WORK IN INDIA

In a letter dated Feb. 3, Bro. V., minister in South India, acknowledged receipt of a down payment from the Missionary Fund to start building the new chapel on land which he set apart for that purpose. He expressed appreciation to the saints for their concern and compassion for precious souls in that country. He is kept busy traveling, answering calls for meetings, besides keeping up a heavy correspondence.

The large tract which he translated into the native language will soon be off the press for free distribution.

Bro. V. expresses the urgent need at present for three central cemeteries, as "the poor saints in different places are in a dilemma as to where they will bury their dead." Each cemetery will cost about \$250. The brethren at one

center promised to furnish one-half of the cost if they could get help from abroad for the other half. Accordingly, on Feb. 15 we mailed to Bro. V. \$125 to meet the need at this particular place. Now there remains the need for cemeteries at the other two locations.

The cost of the new chapel will be at least \$1,000, which, added to the cost of these cemeteries and ministers' living and traveling expenses, means that regular giving by the church will be necessary in order to keep the gospel work progressing in that great sub-continent of India with its teeming millions in sin's dark night.

—Lawrence Pruitt

## NIGERIAN MISSIONARY REPORT

Bro. B. U. Etuk, minister of the Nigerian mission in West Africa, wrote under date of February 3, thanking all the contributors to the missionary fund which aids the Nigerian work. He says "the field is widening without measure," and trust that "God who is rich in mercy will supply every need."

Bro. Etuk writes that the Christians and their work have not been affected by the political trouble in Nigeria, for which they are very grateful.

Bro. Jackson Etuk, who lives in another district, wrote on Feb. 4 that he had brought in 18 congregations to the Church of God mission. He and Bro. B. U. Etuk were planning a trip to Ikot Ekpene District to bring in about 14 more congregations. Using these comparative figures, it is easy to see that they have more congregations in Nigeria than we have in this country. Whether the church here can nearly totally support the much larger work there is a question. In fact, we have repeatedly encouraged Bro. Etuk by letter to teach his members and congregations to become self-supporting and that they will not prosper spiritually until they are contributing from what they have to their own maintenance. However, "let us not be weary in well-doing" until they are able to discern their Scriptural duty on this line.

A one-third down payment was sent to Bro. Etuk from the Missionary Fund on Jan. 24 to start a substantial building to be used as a house of prayer or infirmary to care for the sick while they are being prayed for. Bros. Inyang and Sunday Udo itemized eleven cases of individuals who were completely healed recently at the Ukpom congregation in answer to prayer. Seven other cases were there to be prayed for, and they stay until they are healed. They write that the preacher's house and the church building are congested due to the many sick people. God is certainly honoring their simple faith and working miracles.

Bro. Etuk enclosed the typewritten report of the mission activities for the month of January written by Bro. Nse B. Umanah, the secretary. On various Sundays of the month they were in services with several of the new groups who have recently accepted the teachings of the mission. They were favorably impressed with the sincerity of these new people.

Bro. Umanah reports that during this dry season of the year an epidemic of measles is in all the congregations, attacking young and old. He requests special prayer of the church for quick relief from this epidemic.

Let us agree in prayer for the eradication of this disease, and especially for the spiritual needs of Nigeria's 56 million people. Resident missionaries from the church here in the U. S. are desperately needed. Who will hear God's call and dedicate their lives to the cause of Christ and precious souls on the mission field? Pastors, are you challenging your young people with the call of the mission

field, or do you console them in settling down in comfortable homes to the neglect of the Great Commission? Christ's Spirit is a missionary spirit. —Lawrence Pruitt

## Prayer Requests

Okla.—Dear Sister Marie and saints everywhere, greetings to all of you in the name of Jesus: We desire the prayers of the saints everywhere for my husband and my unsaved children. I also desire special prayer for my granddaughter, Judy. She is nearly 16 years old and she has a twisted spine. She is in the hospital now. She had surgery last year and now they are talking about it again. I also desire special prayer for my body.

—Sister L. G. Mason

Okla.—My sister has asthma.—M. Jones

Ky.—Bro. Curtis Williams has had pneumonia. He still needs prayer.

Pa.—High blood pressure.—C. H. Houck, Jr.

Ark.—Colon trouble. —Pearl Steele.

Ark.—Dizzy spells. —A. McMurrin. His mother fell on the ice and hurt the back of her head. His grandmother is not well. His father stepped on a nail a few years ago; his leg stays swollen; the place does not heal. Bro. A. McMurrin has some problems that he is facing.

Ark.—Many ailments past medical help; no one near to pray—Mrs. W. E. Bryan.

Ill.—Growth in colon, 77 years old—Mamie Gunter.

Ohio.—My son has T. B. and needs spiritual help. —Mrs. F. Dewey.

Tex.—I have a heavy burden on my heart.—Carolyn Holland.

Okla.—We have loved ones we are burdened for.—Bro. and Sister L. Wilson.

Minn.—Remember Bro. Kirchner in prayer. He is at home now but not well.

Okla.—Sister L. Droke needs a touch of healing.

Ill.—Bro. Boling's ankle is swollen and he has sugar diabetes. His wife isn't well.

Va.—Stomach trouble—P. Angles

Okla.—Bro. C. Fry's eye is not clear. His sister isn't well.

Mich.—Loves truth, has arthritis.—Sister Farison

Colo.—Eye better, but still swollen—Sis. McEndree

W. Va.—Some hard problems and burdens—Bro. White

Texas.—It seems every time I write and you put a request in the paper for me, the Lord really undertakes, and I am so thankful for all of his goodness to me. The Lord has healed me of indigestion and colon trouble. There is still something that isn't exactly right; at times my skin turns yellow and my head is dizzy. Now the Lord knows what it is. Be agreed with me for my healing and I will appreciate it.—Sister Edith Wall.

Tenn.—Sister Smelcer needs help to her body.

Okla.—Sister Josephine Taylor has cancer.

Okla.—Sister Perkins is some better, but still needs prayer.

Va.—Arthritis—Sister Mary Pecus.

Md.—Nervous trouble, can't sleep.—Mrs. J. Rambe.

Remember Sister Ora Spears, Boley, Okla., who recently lost a loved one. Others are in bereavement among the saints. Sister Dorothy Wilson returned to the office from Calif. after seeing her sister buried, who was killed in an auto accident. Her sister's boy is still unconscious. Remember the family in prayer.

There are several who have written to us lately who are in such deception and confusion. We do feel burdened that their blind eyes be opened and that they will

see the truth. Some have written for prayer for loved ones whose homes are about to be broken up and others are getting into double marriage. Many write for prayer for their unsaved loved ones. Some have loved ones who are in trouble and need the Lord. Space does not permit us to print all. Faith is the key that unlocks the storehouse of God, so pray, believe, and receive. —Sis. M. Miles

## TESTIMONIES

La.—Dear Sister Marie and all the dear Saints, greetings in Jesus' precious name: We have found Him to be a very present help in time of trouble. We are so thankful for the many blessings of the dear Lord and for the prayers of the saints in our behalf.

The Lord has wonderfully healed me two times in the past four months of bad colds and coughs. I took a bad cold and cough while visiting in Dayton, Ohio, but the saints prayed earnestly for me and I got better. Later Bro. Samons anointed me and another agreement of prayer was offered by him and his wife and in a short while I was completely healed. Thank the dear Lord!

After moving to Louisiana I took another cold and cough. I requested prayer at meeting, wrote several of the saints for prayer and the Lord came to my rescue again and healed me. I'm so happy to be serving such a mighty God as our God in heaven. The dear saints are my people and their God is my God. Praise the dear Lord!

I have settled here in La. The Lord has surely comforted my heart and given me victory again and again. He has supplied me with a house trailer to live in and all my needs. I find Him more real to me all the time and feel my need of Him more and more. I want to live to please Him, as He has and is still doing so much for me.

I desire the prayers of the saints that I will be all the Lord would have me to be. The desire of my heart is to be a light, an example, and to make heaven my home and help others to make heaven their home.

I really enjoyed the "Faith and Victory" paper this month. The testimonies were so good and encouraging. Thank the Lord for this good paper and for all the workers at the Lord's print shop. May God bless each one is our prayer. Pray for my unsaved children.

With Christian love,

—Effie Miller

N. Carolina.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: We feel so happy tonight for the love and goodness of God He gives to us.

We just thought we would write to let you now how much we love and appreciate the saints. They have meant so much to us. The Word of God has just been more to us since we found the saints and see it lived out in their lives. At one time it was hard for me to see the visible body of the church until I saw it put into practice. It seems that all of the Word of God fits just like it should. The saints have so much love for each other. When one suffers, they all suffer. They all speak the same thing. They are perfectly joined together with no divisions. They have all things common.

We do thank God for His church that is shining out in the world today as a city that is set on a hill that cannot be hid. It shines above all the confusion and compromise that we find in the world today that is going on under the name, church of God. Many we know have lost their vision of the church because they will not come out of these movements. They seem to think God will set his hand again to make up His church. But I thank God that the church is standing today to never go down. It has made itself ready to go up. Thank God! To me it is just as pure as heaven. It is standing on the sea of

glass (the Word of God), having the harps of God (victory in their souls), singing the songs of Moses (been delivered from all sects and man-made creeds), and mingled with fire (filled with the Holy Spirit).

Many of the saints have been by to be with us and we have been blessed by their coming.

Your Brother and Sister, —E. J. and Violet Biddix

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Virginia—Dear Sister Marie and saints abroad, greetings in Jesus' dear name. I just want to thank the Lord for letting me witness the real experiences of what it means to endure to the end in the life and death of dear Sister Laura Powell. We have just had a great loss. She certainly endured to the end. Not one time in all her suffering did she turn to the aid of anything. She lost her eyesight in July. Bro. and Sister Darius Gibson got here about three days before she passed away. Bro. Gibson gave a wonderful funeral message.

May the Lord bless every saint. I desire to be stronger in the Lord.

—Nannie Conwell

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La.—Dear Saints everywhere: I promised the Lord if He would touch my back I would write my testimony through the little paper. The latter part of last spring I fell and hurt my back and my right side. It caused me much pain for several days. When that began to heal, I got rheumatism in my back which was painful. But thank the good Lord, I haven't had any pains for the last two months and my back is stronger. I have been able to do most all my housework. I cannot thank and praise the good Lord enough for all He has done for me in the past.

In April, 1962 I was real sick. It looked like I might die. I don't know what my trouble was. I lost a lot of weight and had trouble with my nerves. My whole trust was in the Lord. He stepped in and touched my body and has spared me these many years. I am still frail in body but I am looking to the dear Lord each day for my strength. My decision is to trust Him all the way by His help.

The Lord has promised us He would not put more upon us than we were able to bear. I have found it so. I don't want to murmur or complain, for he has suffered for me. He knows how to get us all to heaven if we want to go badly enough. I want to go there.

I want to thank all the dear saints who have prayed for me in the past. I still covet your prayers that I will have more strength, be all the Lord would have me to be and be faithful to the end.

Please pray for my husband. He has a bad affliction on his body. His trust is in the Lord. May God bless all of you.

Christian love, —Mamie Flynn

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Mo.—Dear Saints of God, greetings in the lovely name of our dear Saviour: I am sitting here suffering as I write, but His grace is sufficient. Jesus suffered for us. Some day our dear Saviour will say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant," and take us Home to glory. Time is going fast.

I don't owe anybody anything. I thank God for my little humble home. I owe my life to our dear Savior. I enjoy laying my treasures up in heaven.

There is much to do for our dear Savior. I went to Oregon, Mo. Dear Jesus had work up there for me to do. I rode with a woman that works there. A truck backed up and struck the front of her car. The dear Lord didn't let it hurt us. Oh, praise His holy name!

I told you I was suffering and writing. I just quit writing and got on my knees and prayed. Oh, I thank

God, that hurting is gone. Praise the dear Lord for His healing power!

I received a letter from Sister Murphy Allen requesting prayer for her father, Bro. Burk. He is suffering from cancer.

I am happy, pressing on to Glory. I am sending some money for tracts and two names and their addresses for the paper. Oh, how precious one soul is! It isn't God's will that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. The great tender heart of God will save everyone who will let Him. I am thankful that God did not prepare hell for man. Oh, the horrors of hell and the beauties of heaven! He has prepared heaven for those who love Him. Thank God, we love Him.

I know you pray for me. God tells us to pray one for another. Some nights I wake up and pray and go back to sleep. I stay awake and pray when it is needful. I am thankful that the dear Lord sees every tear. He never tires of us coming to Him for help.

The dear Lord has showed me some souls He has helped me to win for Him. What a mighty God we serve! We win souls with God's love that He gives us.

Your Sister, —Mary Whitmore

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Colo.—Dear Saints: I thank God that He has provided for all of our needs—soul, mind, and body.

After my sickness in December of 1965 I felt that I might be left permanently afflicted, and wrote to the saints for prayer. Today I feel better than I have for a long time, for which I praise the Lord.

Your Brother in Christ, —Fred B. Allen

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Ohio—Dear Saints and Friends, we send greetings in the name of our dear Lord: Although we had our testimony in the January issue, we feel it would be to the glory of God to add a few lines at this time, since it does have to do with God's healing power in behalf of the condition of our baby's head at birth.

About nine days after his birth I became real sick. For four days I suffered, at times worse than others, with a fever. My body would ache all over and I had a headache. This started on Thursday night. On Monday I was real bad and the enemy came in like a flood. I felt that I had to have help, and I knew the Lord wanted to help me. The saints had been called, but Bro. McCoy couldn't be reached at that time. My husband's parents were trying to reach him, so they could all come together. In the meantime he felt burdened of the Lord to come and called the rest of the saints. After they came they had a season of prayer. They anointed me with oil, prayed the prayer of faith according to James 5:13, and I began to mend from that time on. The Lord did a perfect work for which we do praise Him.

We feel that the Lord directed for the saints to be at our home at this particular time. Just shortly after they came, a child welfare lady and a police officer came to the house. They said they had been called and given a report that we were neglecting our baby's medical care. They wanted to see the baby, so my husband let them in, and took them to the bedroom where his mother had the baby. After they asked some questions, the woman checked the baby. She ran her hand across the baby's head where the lump was. The officer asked her what she thought. She said that she didn't see anything wrong with the baby. The Lord over ruled the powers of darkness and delivered us out of all our troubles. We are so thankful He gave us grace and faith to trust and wait on Him. He has done so much for us. We do love His truth and desire to glorify Him with our lives. Pray for us.

In Christian love, —Bro. and Sister Kenneth Abbott

Calif.—Dear Saints: I am glad I can report victory in my soul. I am happy in the Lord. He has been so good to me. In October when I was getting dinner, my iron skillet lid fell from the top of the drainboard on my right foot. It caused severe pain. When I got to the place where I could talk, my husband wanted to know what was the matter. I told him the best I could. I wasn't able to walk. I am sure it was broken. Some years ago I had the task of wearing a cast, so I just said to the Lord, "You can take care of this." I went in earnest prayer to the Lord. He did a wonderful job of healing me. I want to thank those who prayed for me, the ones that brought me food to eat while I couldn't walk and those who called to see how I was getting along. It is so sweet to trust in Jesus.

In August I had the privilege of being in services at Neosho, Mo. Sister Carrie McMillian brought the message. It was encouraging.

My prayer daily is that the Lord will keep me filled with the love of God.

Yours for all the truth, —Alpha Daniels

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Okla.—Dear Sister Marie and prayer band: I wrote you for prayer. I was having trouble with my left eye. Thank the Lord for my healing. Thank you for praying for me. Oh, God is a good God! —Mattie Lee

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Oregon—Dear Sister Marie: To you and all the office workers and saints, peace be unto you in a world of turmoil and distress. I trust this finds you abounding in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. I think of the work there as a lighthouse on a stormy sea, turning your beacon in all directions, sending warnings as well as comfort to those who are being tossed and lashed by a wild sea. I pray for all of you many times. The office is and has been to the isolated ones a strong communication with the truth. The paper is all the Truth I have to look to. I never get to be in a church service unless I can get to some congregation of the saints. I do have a tape recorder that I can listen to and hear messages and songs, which are really an encouragement to me.

In the early part of January we had a heavy wet snow that uprooted power poles in some areas of our town. For a day and a night we had no power and had to get our meals on a little camp stove. Our only heat was from a small kerosene heater. But we thanked God and took courage since we were better off than some others. We had a foot of snow on the level and drifts much higher. I prayed for God to send a snow plow, which He did one night about 11 p. m. It was the second time in twenty years that one came on our street. I was really grateful.

Don, my son, was healed of a serious boil in his nose in answer to prayer. I was unable to get the saints in Jefferson, Oregon, so I called Bro. Ostis Wilson in California and in an hour after I called he began to get better. It was truly a miracle.

My mother, Sister O. K. Myers, needs help from suffering. She is in such agony from her bladder. She will be 86 in February. I wrote her and told her that I was requesting prayer. Do remember her. Remember me, too, as I have had a lot of trouble with my sinus lately. I know God can touch it and I am not worried. My trust is in Him.

I lost a dear old friend last week at the rest home. She was a real saint as far as she knew. I had real fellowship with her. We often prayed together and studied the Sunday School lessons. She was a great comfort to me, like a mother, but she flew away to be with Jesus. I miss her greatly. Pray for me. —Grace Jones

Miss.—Dear Christian Friends: I received the "Faith and Victory" paper you sent and I am enjoying it very much. I appreciate whoever sent my name in. My family and I do need your prayers and I'm praying for you. I hope to be able to subscribe for the paper in the near future. I'm reading it over and over, and enjoy it very much.

Please pray for my success in all walks of life.

—Pearl Gray

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N. Mex.—Dear Saints everywhere, greetings in Jesus' dear name: I want to write a few lines through the "Faith and Victory" paper. I do thank God from the depths of my heart for His plan of salvation and for the many blessed promises we have in trusting Him for both soul and body.

I had my left arm hurt some way, or perhaps it is arthritis. When I use it or turn a certain way it really feels like it is broken. It still bothers me some, but I surely thank the good Lord it is better and I am believing for complete healing. I desire your prayers in behalf of my family. I want them to come to God in repentance before it is too late. May the Lord bless everyone.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

—Ruth Doolittle

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New York—Dear Saints, greetings to all of you in the holy name of Jesus, our Saviour. I thank God that I am saved and trust in Him every day of my life for all of His wonderful blessings.

I have been receiving the "Faith and Victory" paper for some time. When I first started receiving it I was living at another place but I moved. Since I have been here I had not received one before this month. I don't know who subscribed for me. I am sure it was one of my saved friends. I am very pleased and happy they did, because I enjoy reading the "Faith and Victory" paper. I also enjoy the many testimonies. They are so real and true. I get so much joy out of reading them because many of them are my testimony. I grow in faith by knowing there are others who are of one accord, living for Jesus.

Dear saints, I am asking you to please pray for me, and call my name as I haven't been feeling too well for the past few weeks. God is so good to me that He keeps me up and able to keep going. Pray that He will heal me and keep me as one of His humble servants.

I pray that God will bless all of you there, that your good work will continue throughout the world. I wish I could attend some of the good old campmeetings. Though I am so far away in person, I am there in spirit. May God be with you always.

Your Sister in Christ,

—Mrs. Eliza Richardson

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La.—To the dear Saints of God everywhere, greetings in the precious name of Jesus, our Savior, Sanctifier, and Healer: I want to tell of God's love to me and glorify His Name. To Him be all the glory forevermore!

During the more than twenty years while I was supporting my children, I suffered much with migraine headaches. For several years I had them three days a week. Sometimes they were light, but other times the suffering was severe. Those of you who have these know what it is like. With patience, I trusted God for every one. That was a real test of affliction for me. But God heals everything. Lately I have only a light one now and then. God has taken them away from me. All glory and praise goes to my great Physician for helping me all these years.

Weary sufferer, don't hesitate to call upon Jesus for your body's afflictions. He will give you boundless blessings. There is nothing too hard for God to do.

"Himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses." God permits us to be ill to test our faith and love in Him. Every person who has ever experienced the healing touch of God knows what a blessing there is to the soul that comes with the healing.

In every case of sickness we can examine our hearts before God to find out if we have disobeyed God and thereby made it necessary for Him to chastise us in this manner. Then the cause should at once be removed.

Really, God has very little material to work with today! There are so few who will let God's will be done in them. Come, children of the Promise, let us yield ourselves into His hands and become the material for Him to show His power through and glorify Himself in the healing of our bodies. He'll never fail a trusting one. The balm of Gilead has always been sufficient.

Several times the Lord has healed me of erysipelas. Praise God! It broke out real bad when my children were small. The saints stood by me with their prayers. Our trust was in God. I had a high fever and I cannot explain the severe sufferings I had. Fire seemed to be burning my flesh. It is a dreadful disease, but I was not afraid to trust in my Saviour. Some folks said that I would die if I didn't get medical aid but God healed me. Lately the devil wanted to put it back on me, but in prayer meeting God came to my rescue. Lately I was healed of the flu that was taking hold of me. Praise God!

God is good to sinners, too. He sends the rain on the just and unjust. Jesus was kind to sinners and loved them. He is the same today in and through His saints. How will they ever know God's love today and His power if you and I don't tell them and pray for them? Jesus had compassion on the poor woman in the Bible who was bowed down and could in no wise lift up herself. What a sad sight! How the loving heart of Jesus must have been touched with compassion as He beheld this sufferer! He shows here His deep interest in our bodies. How can anyone doubt His willingness to heal! This blessed expression of His love should inspire a deeper faith in the heart of every sufferer. I would to God that every seeker was past all doubts about God's will to heal and could just concentrate every thought into this one desire, "Come down ere my child die," as the nobleman did in the Bible. There was no doubt in his mind about Jesus being able to do this. His deep interest in the sick equally testifies that our infirmities or sicknesses were an important part of His redemptive plan. He never failed to manifest His care for the physical as well as the spiritual man.

When Jesus comes again, physical death shall be utterly destroyed, but until then, it is our blessed privilege to possess all that Jesus bought on Calvary. There's nothing impossible with God. He wants an opportunity to do His own work in His own way in every one of His suffering children. But we must let Him have a chance. We must let go every doubt, superstition, and fear and launch out upon the everlasting promises which alone can bring us the desires of our hearts. Wilt thou be made whole? Oh, come, weary sufferer; Oh, come, sin-sick soul! See the life-stream that is flowing and the cleansing waves that roll. Step into the current and thou shalt be made whole. Praise God!

I pray for all the requests that are in the "Faith and Victory" paper. I thank God for that wonderful paper which is not expensive, but it is full of spiritual gold nuggets which the whole world doesn't have money to buy.

Pray for me. I want to be true and faithful, so I can see face to face the One who did so much for me. I want to meet my Saviour, Sanctifier, and Healer and be with Him in eternity, which is just ahead for us all.

Yours in the gospel, —Sister Rubye (Quave) Signorelli

Ohio—Dear Saints scattered abroad, greetings of love in the precious name of Jesus: The Lord has surely done much for us. He has done more for us than we would ever be able to write about. We surely love Him and appreciate what He is doing.

I told the Lord if He would help us sell our house that I would send in a testimony. We knew if it was sold the Lord would have to do it. There were places for sale all around us, besides model homes right next door to us. Our desire was to be closer to the saints and to the chapel. So we just put it in the hands of the Lord. One day I was reading in the 37th Psalm and the 5th verse just stood out to me. "Commit thy way unto the Lord, trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass." I knew we had our way committed to the Lord. We were trusting in Him. Praise the Lord, He did bring it to pass. Surely we do thank Him.

The Lord has helped us with many problems and burdens that within ourselves we just couldn't have carried. I'm so thankful for the scripture that says, "Casting all your care upon him, for he careth for you." It is hard sometimes to leave our cares and burdens there because we are prone to try to work them out, but we know we are a failure within ourselves. God knows all things and does all things well.

Today we are still encouraged to press on. We have been sick in body this past week but we have obeyed James 5:14 and are looking for complete victory. I'm so glad we are serving one that changes not.

Love and prayers, —Bro. and Sister John Gutwein

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Wisconsin—Dear Saints in Jesus, greetings: I am still saved, sanctified, and living the Bible way, as the Lord taught me to do. Psalm 105 in part says, "Make known his deeds among the people" and "talk ye of all His wondrous works." We should gladly make known His works to those who do not know.

About three months ago I came to the limit of my endurance of suffering of forty-four years with arthritis. I had stayed three weeks with my sister in northern Wisconsin for a rest after looking after my nephew (13 years old) for a year. On returning home (I live alone), I became much worse than I had ever been. I took it all to the Lord in prayer. I believed He heard so I went to sleep and forgot all about the whole matter. The next afternoon after feeding the animals and I was halfway back to the house, I noticed I could walk without stumbling or being careful as before. In the meantime my son arrived with his wife. I called and told him I could walk. How my heart praised the Lord for His wondrous works to unworthy me!

About three weeks ago I began to feel very badly. I didn't know what was wrong, so I just talked to the Lord about it. One day as I was resting it seemed like a lump moved to my right side. All was quiet for three days, then the tumor passed. It was the size of a large hen's egg. But the enemy was not satisfied and the arthritis pains began to bother me again. I prayed again, but had to take a real stand for God before the devil was rebuked. He is so sure he can get people to go the way he directs. I was repaid for all of my suffering when I saw the face of the Lord looking at a dark something and his look told me that the devil was shown his limit of power. I was instantly healed. Praise the Lord for His goodness to me and to everyone who chooses to believe Him and do His will. "I mean to go right on until the crown is won." Pray for my children. They need God. May His blessings rest upon each of you is my prayer.

Your Sister in Jesus,

—Mrs. Florence Knoll

Georgia—Dear Sister Marie, Bro. Pruitt, the workers in the print shop and the saints of God everywhere: greetings to you in the name of Jesus who said, "I am the way." I am pleased to say that I am in the way with a willing mind to stay in the way. I love this holy way. I am striving to please our God. I am more encouraged to press on to my goal than ever before.

I am so grateful to God for how He has blessed and watched over me through 1965 and allowed me to enter into the new year. I thank God for bringing me through the many burdens, crosses, fiery trials, tests and sorrows, I also thank Him for watching over me since my early childhood. I thank God for everything.

I am so happy for the true people of God who denounce all sin. I am hungry for more of the Word. I am thirsting after righteousness.

I am isolated and love to get good letters from the real saints of God. I get real pleasure in reading my Bible and good books about the Bible.

Sister Marie, I received your letter. I thank God we have a Saviour. All of you keep me before the Lord. I do the same for you. God bless you is my prayer in Jesus' name. Thanks for the tracts. —Sis. P. R. Bowers

## The Love of God

The Holy Trinity consists of God the Father, and God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. The Holy Ghost is God and God is love; therefore, when we have the Holy Ghost in us, we have love in us, because the Holy Ghost is love. "And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in the heart by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us" Romans 5:5. "God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him" 1 John 4:16.

This great love of God which is shed abroad in the heart by the Holy Ghost is the greatest of all the fruits of the Spirit. See Gal. 5:22, 23. "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you?" 1 Cor. 6:16. Saved people may receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost and be sanctified and made pure in heart. Our own body is the temple or house that the Holy Ghost dwells in.

The love of God is greater than tongue can tell. The Apostle Paul says, "Now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love." "Though I speak with the tongues of men and angels, and have not love, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal . . . And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not love, it profiteth me nothing" 1 Cor. 13:1, 3.

These texts tell us how great the love of God is and how necessary it is to have the love of God in us. If the love of God is shed abroad in the heart by the Holy Ghost, we can all worship together, and there will be no divisions among us. We will all believe the same thing and teach the same thing. Today the so-called Church of God is divided into several groups or factions, and these groups cannot worship together, and they have no fellowship with one another. The Bible says, "If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another" 1 John 1:7. It is feared that somebody is not walk-

ing in the light; somebody is walking in darkness. Worldliness has gradually made its way into many of these groups and the Holy Spirit has been grieved away. The love of God is a sure cure for all this confusion.

Having the love of God and the Holy Ghost in us, we have heartfelt fellowship one with another, and we can all worship together. The love of God, which is shed abroad in the heart by the Holy Ghost, makes us willing to lay aside immodesty, nakedness, jewelry, paint, hair dye, spike-heeled shoes, beauty-shop kinks and curls, and all other kinds of worldliness. It is better to be popular with the Lord than to be popular with the world. "He that is a friend of the world is the enemy of God." (James 4:4). We cannot be friends of God and friends of the world both at the same time. If we have a desire to be popular with the world, there is something wrong with our heart. We need to be made new creatures in Christ.

"And above all things put on love, which is the bond of perfectness." —Joshua Peavy

"The peace of God which passeth all understanding" is not only our privilege to have while here in this world, but it is an inheritance to be enjoyed in the life to come. Who would not be willing to give up all things else in order to obtain this great treasure?

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March 6, 1966

### MAN'S COMMUNION WITH GOD

Printed Portion ..... Luke 11:1-4, 9-13; 1 John 1:1-3

Luke 11:1 And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.

2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

3 Give us day by day our daily bread.

4 And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive everyone that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

Luke 11:9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

11 If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?

12 Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?

13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

1 John 1:1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which



we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;

2 (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)

3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

Memory Verse: Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. John 15:4.

Practical Truth: We talk to God through prayer and God talks to us through His Spirit and His Word.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Our lesson continues about man. Last Sunday we talked about man being redeemed and brought back to God from sin through the gift of God's Son. God's great love for man is beyond comprehension. Now today we want to talk about the wonderful privileges that man has since his redemption.

We notice that there was perfect fellowship and communion between Jesus and his Father. The disciples longed to have the same communion. No doubt they were deeply touched after hearing Jesus praying to his Father. They asked him to teach them to pray. Jesus wanted them to have the closeness that he enjoyed. He taught them to take the place of a son and look up to God, with utter helplessness, as their father. He then taught them what to ask for according to their needs. If we have sinned we need to ask for forgiveness. If we do not forgive others, God will not forgive us. We do not deliberately seek temptation, but sometimes when we are going God's way, temptations will come, but we can be assured that God will deliver us from evil and make us overcomers.

Our faith should be increased when we know that God will give to us much more than our earthly parents because His compassion is much greater. The disciples witnessed the works of Jesus and had fellowship with Him and so can we.

March 13, 1966

### MAN'S RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHERS

Printed Portion ..... Eph. 4:25-32; James 2:8-10, 14-18

Eph. 4:25 Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor: for we are members one of another.

26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:

27 Neither give place to the devil.

28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

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

James 2:8 If ye fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well:

9 But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convicted of the law as transgressors.

10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.

14 What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?

15 If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,

16 And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?

17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works; shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

Memory Verse: Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another. Romans 12:9, 10.

Practical Truth: We are to give others faith, hope, and love.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

It is very important for each of us to know how to live with others. It is true as the Scriptures say, "For none of us liveth to himself." (Rom. 14:7.) Daily we cross the paths of others. If we love others as we love ourselves we will be very careful how we treat them. We will not want to injure them in any way, whether it would be by action, deed or speech. Sometimes we know things concerning others and because it is true we might feel we can tell it, but if it injures them or reflects upon them we should not tell it. Job has given us a little insight on how to feel or treat others by these precious words: "If your soul were in my soul's stead." (Job 16:4). Let us put ourselves in the other person's place, sit in his seat for awhile, look out his windows and walk down his path. Things would look differently then. One time two wonderful children of God had a deep misunderstanding. It was pointed out to both of them when they were together, how much they had suffered. They began to tell of their sufferings. God melted their hearts together and the misunderstanding was wiped out. They had begun to sit in each other's seat.

We must be tender and listen to the Spirit of God and not grieve Him. He will ever lead us in right paths by being our brother's keeper. We will work with our hands in an honest way and keep a forgiving spirit toward all. We will not give place to the devil.

March 20, 1966

### MAN'S TOTAL COMMITMENT

Printed Portion ..... Luke 9:57-62; Col. 2:20-23; 3:1-4

Luke 9:57 And it came to pass, that, as they went in the way, a certain man said unto him, Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest.

58 And Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.

59 And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.



60 Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God.

61 And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house.

62 And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

Col. 2:20 Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances,

21 (Touch not; taste not; handle not;

22 Which are all to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men?

23 Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body; not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh.

3:1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

2 Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth.

3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

Memory Verse: I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. Romans 12:1.

Practical Truth: We must serve God with all of our heart, mind, soul and strength.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Our souls should be stirred today as we study this lesson. God wants our all. Jesus gave His all. He drank the whole cup, but as the poet has aptly said, we take just one sip. We have been bought with a price. We are not our own. (1 Cor. 6:20) Why then do we act as if we have so many rights and need to be treated with such importance? God resists the proud but He gives grace to the humble. (James 4:6) We need to take the humble place and realize that we must always seek those things above and keep our affections there.

Jesus taught these truths to those who wanted to follow him or whom he called. We must be willing to go where He calls. It might call us away from many comforts of life. I heard Sister Opal Wilson say a number of years ago that she was willing for the Lord to call her away from her good bed. He did just that and she laid down her life in Africa while ministering to others.

Others may have to bury our dead and we might be called to leave them without farewells, but the King's business requires haste. It must be first in our lives, for we are dead to the rudiments and ordinances of this world and our life is hid with Christ in God. When Jesus appears in the clouds of glory, then we shall also appear with Him.

March 27, 1966

#### THE NATURE OF THE CHURCH

1 Cor. 12:12, 13, 27; Col. 1:18-20; 1 Peter 2:4-10

1 Cor. 12:12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.

13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

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

19 For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;

20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

1 Pet. 2:4 To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious,

5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

7 Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner.

8 And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.

9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light:

10 Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

Memory Verse: And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Matt. 16:18.

Practical Truth: The church of God is made up of each soul that is saved.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Our memory verse points out that the basic truth Peter uttered was the rock upon which the church is built. Peter said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." The church has a firm foundation. We each are lively stones in the building, which is a habitation of the Spirit. (Eph. 2:19-22)

The body of Christ, which is the church, (Eph. 1:22, 23) is one, and each of us who are "born again" of the Spirit, are members of the whole unit. Each of us has our place. We need to work and stay in the place the Lord has called us. Each member of our natural body is important and so is each one that is in the body of Christ. When one member suffers, all the members suffer. If you strike your thumb with a hammer the other hand is quick to grab it. The whole body suffers with it. What a beautiful example that is, of the church of God.

The precious stone, which is Christ, was rejected by men. The Jews refused to accept Christ as their Saviour. Jesus became a "stone of stumbling" to them. He told them that their "house was left unto them desolate." They wanted His blood to be upon them and their children.

We have a royal calling and are a separate people. We are kings and priests reigning in this life over all the power of the devil. The Spirit of Christ within us does not blend with the spirit of this world. —Marie Miles